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## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2025 COLLEEN A. GUNNIP, CHAIR

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. May, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Romeo, \*Mr. Knapp, Mr. Garland, Ms. Hernandez  
**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chairman Burtis, Mr. McCarron, Mr. Bush; also see attached

Chair Gunnip called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. **APPOINTMENTS:** Monica Williams, Chief Diversity Officer
  - a. **Confirming Appointments to the Onondaga County/Syracuse Commission on Human Rights** (Laura Rosenstein, Bishop Dr. Henry Bernard Alex, Liam O'Connor, Agnes McCray, Paul Harvey, Grace Almandrez, Duane L. Reese, II)

### Questions/Comments from the committee:

- The Legislature voted to lower the number of members; how has that been working out?
  - Difficult to get quorum; with new appointments, will meet the numbers and quorum goals

*A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Ms. Abbott, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Knapp);*  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **SHERIFF:** Lisa Dell, Chief, Civil Division; Maureen Murphy, Chief of Administration
  - a. **2024 Transfer Resolution (\$2,251,037)** (Sponsored by Mr. Olson)

**PURPOSE:** *To move money from the Regular Employee Salaries to the Overtime Wages and Contractual Expenses in the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for purpose of meeting year end obligations.*

**OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:** *The two accounts projected to have shortfalls at 2024-year end in the Sheriff's Budget are Overtime Wages and Contractual Expenses. This transfer requires no additional funding, it merely requires moving funds from our regular (101) payroll line to the overtime (102) line, (103) line and contractual expenses (570) line.*

**Overtime Wages deficit** - *Although the Sheriff continues to approve back-to-back hiring academies, and we have been able to hire more staff than had been hired in the recent past, we still find ourselves unable to fill all our vacancies. We are now able to remain even with retirements and resignations, however we have not been able to increase our staff numbers as significantly as we would need to reduce overtime. We also were struck with a serious tragedy early in 2024 which required an unusual increase in overtime used to cover posts. We continue to hire as promised with our next academy being held in May of 2025. Additionally, the Sheriff implemented a work time analysis across the agency. Personnel were then redeployed to maximize efficiency within each division.*

**Contractual Expenses deficit** - *A NYS mandate dictates that the County pays 100% toward the cost of mental health care for incarcerated individuals. Severely impaired mentally ill residents who are in the custody of the Sheriff's Office are evaluated by qualified physicians as ordered by a court of law to determine if inpatient hospitalization is necessary. If hospitalization is determined to be necessary, the individual is then sent to a designated facility operated by either the Office of Mental Health or Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. These offsite costs are highly variable as we do not know how many individuals would be sent to these facilities in any given year or for how long they will stay. The cost of*

OMH hospitalizations alone nearly doubled from April 2023 to June 2023 from \$178,375 to \$343,699 per month and remained at that elevated level for the remainder of 2023. These bills trended downward through the first 8 months of 2024, then rapidly spiked in the last 4 months. December saw a peak of \$814,874.

Below is a summary of where estimated funds will be coming from.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** The funding will come from the Regular Employee Salaries account

**BUDGET:**

<b>Transfer From Account</b>		<b>Amount</b>
641010	Regular Employee Salaries	\$ 2,251,037
<b>Transfer To Account</b>		<b>Amount</b>
641020	Overtime Wages	\$ 1,444,200
695700	Contractual Expenses Non-Govt	\$ 806,837

- Sheriff tasked divisions to look at ways to reduce overtime and increase efficiencies
- Changes were implemented; always looking at departments to keep overtime costs down
- Contractual – Sheriff's office pays 100%, no way to know how many individuals will need mental health services

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Discussion at Public Safety on an efficiency study; please touch on the high points, and how it is being done
  - Last year in a command meeting, the Sheriff asked the Chiefs to look at their divisions on where overtime is utilized, and where they could make changes
  - A study was done in Jamesville, and the schedules were changed
  - Police Division looked at variety of patrol schedules to see what would be better; now have overlapping shifts
  - Civil Division looked at overtime, and changed work hours via legislation, so all administrative staff on same hours
  - Civil Deputies on patrol had some process changes with (i.e.) paperwork
- Please confirm that this study is being done by division with some implementation and some in process
  - It is always in process, because things change
  - Since taking over Civil, have 3 unfunded positions – first quarter reduced overtime, but then personnel has left
  - Continually looking at the Civil Division, can only speak to that; have 13-14 people
  - Sheriff received email from Clerk of the Legislature looking for the study
    - It is complex with what is done; not as simple as handing over a piece of paper and understanding it
    - Sheriff would like the opportunity to show and explain how it is done; maybe have Chiefs there as well
- Where does the request stand for funded vacancies?
  - Sheriff's Office:
    - Police – 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants, 14 deputies (accounted for with new hiring academy)
    - Have more candidates processing than open positions; anticipate police numbers will be fully staffed
    - Custody & Corrections – having difficulty giving numbers
    - Funding lines and information was taken off the roster
    - All Jamesville positions are showing unfunded; impossible to give numbers
  - Finance:
    - Follow up on the comment by Chief Murphy in regard to funding positions
    - The positions were unfunded, but money was in the budget to pay for the positions
    - All had to do with potential closure of the facility
    - Can provide the vacancies
- At the this month's Public Safety meeting, why did the Sheriff not share the efficiency study and review at that time?
- Is that something that can happen for the next month?
  - A question was asked regarding the study of whether it was written or verbal, and Sheriff said both
  - Chief Dell did not do a written study

- The Legislature would not have to worry about a quorum if it were at next month’s committee meeting; it would be good to have the conversation for transparency

***A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Ms. Abbott, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Knapp); MOTION CARRIED.***

Mr. Wixson presented the following bond resolutions for various departments.

**b. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Renovations to the Sheriffs Evidence Storage Area in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$5,475,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,475,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$5,475,000) (Sponsored by Mr. Olson)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff's Office  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Renovations & Upgrades  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Proposed  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Not Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Planning



**SUMMARY**

Work on a new evidence storage facility at the North Area Maintenance Building on Molloy Rd. The existing facility has been determined insufficient in the standards of evidence storage and code compliance. We will utilize vacant space in another area of the facility and implement the components of a modern evidence storage location to comply with mandates and standards.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Borrowing to Authorize	-	5,475	-	-	-	-	-	5,475	5,475
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	5,475	-	-	-	-	-	5,475	5,475

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

For some time now, it has been determined by several entities involved with case evidence storage requirements, Sheriff department, Onondaga County District attorney, Courts, Codes and PESH that the existing facility located in the former basement level UPS sorting facility, now identified as the North Area Maintenance Facility is insufficient and not compliant with standards and codes required of this type of facility.

Facility Management has worked with the Sheriff to develop plans for a renovation of another portion of the NAMF that would deliver a compliant evidence storage facility. Two independent consultant firms have provided program studies, needs assessments, feasibility studies and recommendations. We have incorporated them in our plans for development of this project.

The renovations will include secure storage areas, general storage areas, administrative offices, restrooms, staff break and locker areas, IT infrastructure, access control, surveillance systems, alarm systems, vehicle storage, new roof, new HVAC, plumbing and electric and public access.

In spring 2025 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$5,475,000 in bonds to finance this project.

- Renovations to Sheriff’s evidence facility
- Architecture being done in house; will contract out mechanical engineering
- Work will be publicly bid; latest probable construction costs including engineering is \$5.475M
- Will be developing space currently utilized by Onondaga County Purchasing’s Auction House
  - Will consolidate Purchasing to smaller area, as they do more online auctioning now
  - Do not need the staging area for items to go out for auction
- Looked at various things over the years to rehab and improve the evidence facility

- Chose this path, as the county owns the building, owns the property, and vehicle impound can stay where it is
- Substantial renovation will more than double the space it currently has
- Will be compliant to standards with vehicle and evidence retention

*A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item.*

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Is there a plan for the space the evidence is in now?
  - Determined that unless there is major investment, it is not right for occupation; plan to vacate

A vote was taken on the item. *Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Knapp); MOTION CARRIED.*

Chair Gunnip took the agenda items out of order.

**4. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Archie Wixson, Commissioner**  
**a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Security Improvements at Various County Facilities in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$2,000,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$2,000,000)**  
*(Sponsored by Ms. Cody)*

**DEPARTMENT:** Facilities Management  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Public Safety  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Proposed  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Not Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Planning



**SUMMARY**

This project is tasked with providing security improvements to various County properties. This will include magnetometers, x-ray scanners, mobile stations, CCTV, duress alarm, access control, PA, intrusion alarm, upgrades to head end software and hardware, and entry reconfigurations. This will be a multi-year plan.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Borrowing to Authorize	-	2,000	400	400	400	400	400	4,000	4,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	2,000	400	400	400	400	400	4,000	4,000

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

The planned improvements to the CCTV system will involve updating both software and hardware, replacing servers, adding cameras to additional locations, upgrading existing cameras, and enhancing monitor setup. Additionally, duress alarms will be installed in various departments with frequent incidents of misbehavior and security breaches.

Further upgrades will include expanding electronic access control to additional locations and enhancing the public address systems for building-wide announcements. Magnetometers and x-ray scanners will also be installed at various entry points. Existing systems will see updates such as replacing outdated equipment, adding extra storage servers and upgrading the cabling infrastructure.

- Primary focus on Civic Center and County Office Building
- Invest in equipment, programing and infrastructure: cameras, surveillance, weapons detection, x-ray scanning
- Construction reconfiguration of employee entrance to move screening operations and security enhancements for staff
- Public now has to go through weapons detection area at entrances – will continue and upgrade with additional equipment
- Looking to enhance surveillance cameras around buildings and add to other buildings
- Improve and upgrade servers that support access control, CCTV and intrusion alarms (newest server 10 years old)

*A motion was made by Mr. May to approve this item.*

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- What is the timeframe?
  - Initial equipment does not have long lead time; about 4-6 weeks out
  - Upgrades to server capacities could take couple months; will not deploy new additional systems until that is in place
  - Reconfiguration of employee entrance could begin early spring; doing schematic design
  - Will be nice to begin operation with better weather
  
- Will there be any hiring or training with the new security upgrades?
  - Systems operated by contract security, Freelance Security (term contractor until bid out for renewal in a year)
  - Operations and entrance managed through contract with security company
  
- Will the cold temperatures in the security spaces at the Montgomery Street side of the Civic Center be looked at?
  - Yes; Facilities purchased 3 space heaters
  - Never been a climate controlled space in vestibule between Civic Center and the theaters
  - Made decision that this summer heat distribution will be provided to get things comfortable before next season
  - Systems put in place for the Civic Center can be used by events manager for the theaters

*Ms. Abbott seconded the motion to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Knapp); MOTION CARRIED.*

**b. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$7,000,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay Costs Related to the Courthouse HVAC Renovations in and for Said County (\$7,000,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Cody)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Facilities Management  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Maintenance & Rehabilitation  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Ongoing  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Partially Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Implementing



**SUMMARY**

This project is designed to address the aging, 50+ year old HVAC systems in this important 106-year-old landmark building. The goal of this project is to extend and improve the mechanical life of the building's infrastructure without the need to displace the critical functions that take place during the renovation process.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Authorized Borrowing	3,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,400
Borrowing to Authorize	-	3,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	7,000	7,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	3,400	3,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	7,000	10,400

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

The County has completed major spatial and functional changes at the Courthouse in response to the NYS Court Facilities Act. Approximately 40% of the building was renovated with the focus on spatial changes, however, those changes did not address the building's infrastructure needs.

Much of the HVAC, electrical switchgear, and electrical distribution systems are in excess of fifty years old. The air handlers and perimeter coil induction units throughout the building are in need of replacement. The pumps and environmental controls are obsolete and also need to be replaced. A comprehensive engineering study of the building's HVAC systems has been completed and will be instrumental in assisting the County to create a plan for the systematic replacement of the HVAC systems without temporarily displacing the functions within the Courthouse.

- On June 6th, 2016 the County Legislature authorized \$400,000 (2016-096) to fund the engineering design phase.
- On December 17th, 2019 the County Legislature authorized \$1,000,000 (2019-217) to fund the construction phase
- On February 6th, 2024, the County Legislature authorized \$2,000,000 (2024-017) for additional construction costs.

This project is currently wrapping up phase 1, and phase 2 will begin by the end of 2024 (larger-unit installations).

- Courthouse renovation for HVAC - project in CIP for several years; 2 years ago began project; in phase II
- Substantially complete with 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor with rehabilitating the perimeter heat with new zoning valves and controls
- Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Will continue rehabilitation throughout the rest of the building with greater replacement of major air handling systems
- All climate control equipment infrastructure is next on list; carry large price tag

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Are there multiple air handers for replacement?
  - Will not get all replaced for this money, but will replace the ones in need of replacement
  - Those in attic and basement spaces, and identified pieces of equipment through surveys by consultant
  - Report done in 2008, and will continue to monitor those
  - Those that need replacement will hopefully gain comfort level in the building while maintaining efficiencies

*A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Knapp); MOTION CARRIED.*

**c. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Improvements to Various County Facilities in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$500,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$500,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Cody)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Facilities Management  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Maintenance & Rehabilitation  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Ongoing  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Partially Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Implementing



**SUMMARY**

This project is an ongoing, multi-phase plan. Onondaga County Department of Facilities Management has embarked on improvements to our downtown complex with the mission of sustainability, energy reduction, ADA improvements, asset protection, preventative maintenance, safety, and security with commitments to our climate action plan and financial stewardship. We request the support and funds to continue our mission. We have a phased approach for the future that will deliver a managed maintenance program that we can count on as consistent, complete and economical.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Authorized Borrowing	11,520	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,520
Borrowing to Authorize	-	500	500	500	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Cash for Capital	880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	880
<b>TOTALS</b>	12,400	500	500	500	-	-	-	1,500	13,900

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

This is an ongoing project.

The following is a list of projects that we intend to address with the remainder of the 2019 funds as well as with the funds that we will request in the future.

## VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN CIVIC CENTER

- The main focus of this project is to continue the renovation efforts in the Civic Center, which include ADA enhancements in restrooms and security provisions for employees related to modifications of front entrances, key access doors and surveillance cameras. We will continue with designing the reconfigurations and modifications required to reduce the potential for contagion spread.
- Renovations on the east side of the 8th floor of the Civic Center needed to accommodate additional personnel in Children and Family Services. The objects of these renovations will be floors, walls, ceiling, lighting, HVAC, workspace furniture and break area (\$1,175,000 in debt in 2022)
- Renovations in floors 3, 4, 5 and 13 of Civic Center, which will be used by social services. The 3rd floor will undergo a full renovation while the other floors will undergo partial renovations. (\$1,820,000 in debt and \$235,000 in cash in 2022 and \$1,000,000 in debt in 2023)
- Space renovations in CC basement to create a BDC office space. (\$235,000 in cash in 2022)

## MULTIPLE BUILDINGS/EXTERIOR COMPLEX:

- Asbestos removals. We will continue removals and cleanups in various buildings and tunnels.
- Sidewalk panel replacement - miscellaneous areas
- Replace and enhance public address systems in compliance with PESH, Codes and Emergency Management reports
- Surveillance system enhancement in various buildings in the downtown complex: This project will consist in some additions and improvements in hardware and software to the existing surveillance system, which will enhance the actual performance of this system as well as expand on the existing camera locations to include street views.

## ARMY RESERVE CENTER RENOVATIONS:

This project will consist in renovation of the physical space, and major technological upgrades to transition a County owned, former Army Reserve Center into a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The new facility would increase the County's ability to respond to incidents by improving workspace and providing a facility that is remote from one of the highest risk areas within the County. The option of moving the EOC out of the primary county office building will help to mitigate the impacts to public safety operations if the primary facility were to become unavailable. The new location would also allow emergency management staff to co-locate with the EOC and all of its response assets. Enhancements to the site would include facility renovations, such as re-configuring the current facility layout, enhance security and intrusion protection systems, the addition of redundant power and internet capabilities and improved HVAC systems.

In spring 2023 we received authorization for \$3,495,000 in bonds and \$470,000 in cash as well as \$1,000,000 in Federal Aid, to fund the work at the army reserve center, on 8th floor at Civic Center and to start the work for social services and BBC clinic. As of summer, 2022 the work in all these objects has started and is in various phases of design and construction.

In spring 2025 we intend to seek authorization for \$500,000 to continue with asset protection, building system replacements, furniture and office environment rehabilitations as additional departments require for efficiency of their operations.

- Ongoing project for various capital projects within county buildings
- Every year, Facilities identifies different aspects to address; (i.e.) roofs, workspace for staff, mechanical items
- Ongoing ask of \$500K to keep buildings operational and safe
- Next year may ask for more, as the \$500K has been done since 2015

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Routine maintenance and great job explaining and itemizing the projects

***A motion was made by Mr. May to approve this item.***

- Would like to see a number that is solid for the routine maintenance, not falling behind
  - Facilities will work with Finance Department starting this summer to propose what is in next year's budget
  - Safe at the \$500K level this year
- In terms of revenue, has there been any RFPs on the old Public Safety building?
  - Purchasing Director has dates posted
  - Do not know return date (April 24<sup>th</sup>); at end of addendum period, so the Director will have to answer questions
  - Will then have return of proposals and review of them between the county and city
  - Facilities Commissioner roll is a tour guide versus RFP master

***Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Knapp); MOTION CARRIED.***

**9. CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Archie Wixson, Commissioner of Facilities Management; Megan Rooney, Deputy Commissioner Administrative Services

**a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Construction of the Hillbrook Vocational Building in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$5,500,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,500,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$5,500,000) (Sponsored by Dr. Kelly)**

Mr. Wixson presented the following information

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Children & Family Services (CFS)
<b>PROJECT TYPE:</b>	Renovations & Upgrades
<b>PROJECT STATUS:</b>	Proposed
<b>BUDGET STATUS:</b>	Partially Authorized
<b>PHASE STATUS:</b>	Design/Engineering



**SUMMARY**

Children & Family Services (CFS) intend to construct a vocational instruction building on the Hillbrook Detention Center grounds. This building will expand instructional programs to maintain compliance with mandates. Additional facility improvements will be included in the work.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Borrowing to Authorize	-	5,500	-	-	-	-	-	5,500	5,500
State Aid	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
<b>TOTALS</b>	200	5,500	-	-	-	-	-	5,500	5,700

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

An earlier version of this project was included in last year's CIP, but the project has since refined its scope. This project has since been resubmitted to reflect the changes.

Hillbrook Juvenile Detention Center, under the Department of Children and Family Services has planned to develop and construct a vocational instruction building on land behind the existing facility building. Additional elements will include a covered outdoor exercise structure, a secondary perimeter detention fence line, select upgrades to secure doors and hardware, an expansion of the parking area, additional exterior lighting and CCTV, a staff break area, a sensory room, an various technology upgrades. This new building will house 3-4 classrooms, an administrative/staff office, a break room and restrooms. This proposed building will help the department comply with mandates.

In 2020, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) authorized \$200,000 for the design phase of this project. An Architectural and engineering firm has been selected, funded by a previous authorization. The design is expected to be completed in early 2025 and authorization for the funding of construction will be requested January 2025. This new building will house 3-4 classrooms, an administrative office, a break room and restrooms. This proposed building will help the department comply with Raise the Age mandates. It is intended to be about 3,500 square feet.

In 2025 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$5,500,000 in borrowing to finance the construction phase.

- Various improvements and new Vocational Building at Hillbrook Detention Center
- Worked with CFS Administration to determine elements needed to continue programs according to NYS guidelines and suggested methods of rehabilitation of juveniles (will happen over next 3 years)
- Started with design and delivering a standalone vocational building in rear yard of Hillbrook
- Midstream of design, the state suggested that they could support additional improvement at Hillbrook as part of Raise the Age (RTA) – indicated that this is the time to ask for what is needed for the future
- Developed wish list which included:
  - Making vocational building larger than originally intended
  - Covered pavilion in rear play yard to allow juveniles to be outside on rainy or chilly day (not heated)
  - Desire to create a breakout space and respite space for employees and staff (currently take breaks while in company of juveniles or other operations)



- Rehab former medical suite area to a break room, quiet time and staff development area not within detention unit
- Intending to develop a sensory deprivation room for those that need to calm
- Upgrade door control and hardware to improve function of movement of juveniles
- Intend to include secondary fence line
  - Have perimeter security fence with another in front of it to make it more difficult for juveniles to have potential for escape, or an outside individual to enter the facility
  - Most facilities have secondary fence line
- Intention of furniture and finish improvements to brighten up facility
  - Last time did refresh in facility was 2005-2006
  - Additions put in over last several years are fresher than main core of building
- Improvements to gymnasium

#### **Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Has the county received money for this, and how much?
  - Facilities:
    - Have not received money for this project yet
    - Process that CFS has to go through
      - Starts with the state showing support
      - County then shows the state the design
      - At that time, the state reviews and will make a reimbursable commitment to CFS
    - Has happened in past with RTA, and takes about 1 year to reconcile
- Is the need for a vocational facility a mandate, or is it a sensible direction (strong guidance) for the program?
  - Facilities:
    - Not specific mandate, but is strong suggestion for support of state to include vocational training for juveniles
    - Determined by Omar Osbourne (Director of Hillbrook) and CFS, who worked with programming side of state
    - Intention is to develop life skills, have (i.e.) basic cooking classes
  - Finance:
    - RTA went into effect ~5 years ago
    - Onondaga County is one of the few communities with a Juvenile Detention Facility
    - State knows this and is aware of the capital improvements (for juveniles in the county and outside counties)
    - It has been a collaboration with the state and OCFS with the capital improvements

\*Mr. Knapp arrived at the meeting.

- CFS:
  - At beginning of the process, had an application for new construction
  - Received a letter of commitment from oversight agencies (OCFS and SCOC – Commission of Correction)
  - At every point in process, have to go back to those agencies to say how much it costs, and ask for support for each phase of the project, then the agencies will commit
  - Once it goes through design phase, will go back to state partners to give the cost and ask for support
  - If it is not 100% reimbursable, there will be no local dollars
- Has there been any implications for staffing once this is in place?
  - CFS:
    - That is when SCOC comes in
    - They will make recommendations and regulations for each part of the project
- Great opportunity for the state for RTA, appreciate the mention of security for those inside the facility, and want to ensure continuation of the conversation about the vocational facility as an educational space
  - CFS:
    - Emphasis will be barber services and life skill programming
- Please reiterate what was said if it is not 100% reimbursable
  - CFS:
    - Will be part of partnership with Facilities and the Architect to determine how much it will cost

- Will go back to oversight agencies and revise application for new construction to ensure all allocations and percentages are 100%
- If not 100% reimbursable, will not go through with parts of the project

*A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**b. Concerning Certain Proposed Improvements to the Hillbrook Juvenile Detention Center; Approving the Classification of an Unlisted Action Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); Accepting the Environmental Assessment Form; and Accepting and Adopting the Negative Declaration (Sponsored by Dr. Kelly)**

- Law:
  - Corresponding SEQRA approval of environmental assessment form
  - Combined with all improvements in site in campus; no wetland impacts; physical structure above square footage

*A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Ms. Abbott, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**12. COUNTY CLERK:** Archie Wixson, Commissioner of Facilities Management

**a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Renovations to the County Clerk’s Office in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$500,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$500,000)**

**DEPARTMENT:** County Clerk

**PROJECT TYPE:** Maintenance & Rehabilitation

**PROJECT STATUS:** Proposed

**BUDGET STATUS:** Not Authorized

**PHASE STATUS:** Design/Engineering



**SUMMARY**

Renovations and improvements to the County Clerk area of the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse. These renovations will result in office and furniture reconfigurations, improved public approach areas, employee break area, flooring restorations, new paint, improved data infrastructure and ADA enhancements.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Cash for Capital	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	500
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	500

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

Facilities Management architects have begun the design for improvements at the County Clerk’s office is responsible for the filing, recording, and preservation of critical documents.

The Onondaga County Clerk’s office is utilized by the Supreme Court, real property owners, and the general public, generating millions of dollars in revenue per year. The 29 staff employed by the County Clerk’s office work diligently to serve the public and ensure we are compliant with the law.

Situated in the county courthouse on the second floor, this office has various leaks from the third floor causing damage to the walls and ceiling. The historic marble floor is in poor condition and outdated service counters make public access more difficult.

The current break room cannot accommodate demand and is not properly furnished. The break room is in need of a sink, fridge, and replacement for the existing carpet that has accumulated mold growth. Facilities has suggested utilizing a conference room (with existing water access) to create a more suitable break room. The space is large enough to accommodate both the needs of a conference room and a break room.

The existing furniture layouts will be reconfigured, replaced and added to for a more ergonomic and efficient staff area. The public service counter and surrounding fixtures will be modified. An existing meeting room will be transformed into an employee break area. Flooring will be restored. Data infrastructure will be upgraded and areas leased by abstract vendors will be improved. New paint finishes will be applied. ADA improvements will be implemented as available.

- Various rehabilitations at County Clerk:
  - Conference area including transitioning an underutilized conference room to a break area
  - Flooring finishes aged beyond maintenance
  - Upgrade data infrastructure – signal cables
  - Better finishes for public
  - Comfortable areas for staff
- Can do all for \$500K
- Intention not to relocate staff elsewhere, but move within the Clerk’s office and move back when renovation done

*A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Romeo, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**3. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (E911): Julie Corn, Commissioner; Dana Smith, Deputy Commissioner**  
**a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Computer Aided Dispatch System Updates in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$750,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$750,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$750,000) (Sponsored by Mr. Olson)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Emergency Communications (E-911)  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Communications & Technology  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Proposed  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Not Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Planning



**SUMMARY**

Necessary periodic refresh of Intergraph computer aid dispatch (CAD) system software to keep pace with advances in functionality, technology/operating systems, and Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) implementation. Cost includes software and Intergraph services.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Borrowing to Authorize	-	750	750	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	750	750	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

The Intergraph Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system undergoes continuous updates to incorporate enhancements and fixes based on customer requests and Next Generation 911 requirements. This project aims to upgrade the current software to the latest release, facilitating gradual and timely improvements to the system.

The project will encompass implementation services for the Intergraph CAD system and all related interfaces, including:

- A mobile component for police, fire, and EMS vehicles.
- Fire and police records management systems (RMS).
- An automatic vehicle locator (AVL) system.
- A paging/notification system.
- Fire station printing capabilities.
- Integration with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice System.
- The Rural Metro Computer Aided Dispatch interface.

Additionally, comprehensive training will be provided to ensure all personnel are familiar with the new system and its changes. This project will also include upgrades to the furniture and equipment used in the operations center to improve efficiency.

In spring 2025, we plan to seek authorization for \$750,000 in debt to fund this project, ensuring the necessary resources are available for its successful implementation.

- Newest deputy in charge of administration and technology (from Dutchess County with career in 911)
- Updates to E911 CAD, which includes operating system and hardware
- CAD lifeblood of 911 – how E911 processes calls and gets information dispatched to first responders
- Also available to all uniform services to see updates regarding an incident

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Is this an upgrade, or are they changing the software?
  - This is the latest version
  - Primary reason to do this is because the operating system is Windows 10, which is reaching end of life for security updates; this new version is on Windows 11, which has a longer lifespan
  - Everything regarding technology has 3-5 year timing for updates
  - This will have no negative impacts or changes

***A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**5. PARKS & RECREATION: Brian Kelley, Commissioner**

- a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Improvements to Oneida Shores Facilities in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$2,252,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,252,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$2,252,000)**  
*(Sponsored by Ms. Cody)*

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Maintenance & Rehabilitation  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Ongoing  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Partially Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Implementing



**SUMMARY**

Many of the Oneida Shores facilities are old and in need of upgrades and improvement. Portions of the shoreline are eroding, posing a potential risk.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Borrowing to Authorize	-	540	1,712	-	-	-	-	2,252	2,252
Cash for Capital	570	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	570
<b>TOTALS</b>	570	540	1,712	-	-	-	-	2,252	2,822

**SCOPE & DETAILS**

Resolution 2023-036 from March 2023 authorized \$570,000 cash to be used for the following:

1. Install a sewer system in the RV campground that will replace existing tanks, improving campgrounds desirability and reducing WEP service needs (\$90,000).
2. Perform a shoreline stabilization project at Muskrat Bay to eliminate the loss of land and shoreline due to erosion (\$240,000).
3. Install a pay gate for users of the boar launch (\$120,000).
4. Install a fish weigh station to be used for tournaments (\$120,000).

In 2025 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$540,000 in bonds to complete the following:

1. Hire an Architect/Engineering firm to design a new combination restroom/changing room/office building (\$90,000).
2. Floor resurfacing at the Arrowhead Lodge (\$50,000).
3. Paving of the campgrounds (400,000).

In 2026 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$1,712,000 in bonds to complete the following:

1. Construction for a new facility to house offices, restrooms and storage (\$1,500,000).
2. Design for a campground restroom/shower facility (\$40,000).
3. Arrowhead Lodge paving (\$20,000).
4. Main entryway paving (\$152,000).

- Shore and facility rehabilitation – every item discussed at County Facilities Committee onsite
- Arrowhead Lodge floors get buffed and sanded every year, but need replacement
- Made investment in boat launch, will make investment in campground area and changing area
- Positions Parks for out of town guests (i.e. large fishing tournaments) and enhances experience for locals

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- When continuing with these projects, want to make sure it is ADA compliant and available to the elderly
  - Yes
- Is this the last investment for that area?
  - Yes; packaging the projects together may be the footprint going forward

***A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**b. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Improvements to Various Parks in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$2,205,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,205,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$2,205,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Cody)**

**SUMMARY**

Much of the Parks Infrastructure is decades old and is need of replacement. Some equipment is obsolete and spare parts are unavailable. Buildings need renovations and updates to meet current standards. Playgrounds are aging and need new equipment and resurfacing. Park roads, parking areas and trails need continuing repair and repaving. This project will take a systematic approach to replacing old and obsolete equipment, systems and surfaces at various facilities in the Parks Department.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Authorized Borrowing	6,691	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,691
Borrowing to Authorize	-	2,205	6,369	5,535	5,540	440	1,130	21,219	21,219
<b>TOTALS</b>	6,691	2,205	6,369	5,535	5,540	440	1,130	21,219	27,910

**SCOPE & DETAILS****Bond Resolution 2021-015 authorized Parks department to spend \$2,160,000 to complete the following:**

- 1) Beaver Lake Nature Center
  - Replace windows and sliding doors which are leaking (\$30,000) – COMPLETE
  - Replace paneling and floor tile in the Beaver Lake Community Room (\$50,000) – PARTIALLY COMPLETE
  - Replace well and chlorine pumps (\$15,000) – REVIEWING OPTIONS
  - Hire an Architect/Engineer to provide a conceptual design for Lake House (\$30,000) – DISCUSSING OPTIONS
- 2) Highland Forest
  - Repair various buildings which are decaying and have missing windows. (\$200,000) – COMPLETE
  - Replace 20+ year old propane boilers (\$100,000) – COMPLETE
- 3) Onondaga Lake Park
  - Replace windows, doors and renovate restrooms at Griffin Visitors Center (\$200,000) – COMPLETE
  - Perform an engineering assessment of the docks, electricity, lighting, and retaining wall (\$50,000) – COMPLETE
  - Replace various corroded electrical panel boxes (\$20,000) – COMPLETE
- 4) Veterans Cemeteries
  - Build a flag monument consisting of 6 flags (one for each branch of the military service and one US flag) (\$60,000) – COMPLETE
  - Put stone dust on Loomis Cemetery interior roads (\$15,000) – INCLUDED IN CEMETERY MASTER PLAN
- 5) Zoo
  - Make necessary repairs to water system as determined by engineering study (\$125,000 est.) – LOOKING AT ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS
  - Replace mechanical, electrical and HVAC equipment, which have had emergency repairs (\$150,000) – WORK BEGAN SUMMER 2024
  - Make repairs to concrete in Penguin Exhibit Pool and Beach to reduce water leakage (\$50,000) – REVIEWING OPTIONS
  - Eliminate safety hazards in existing Elephant Overlook Railing/Fence (\$10,000) – COMPLETE
  - Replace the existing alarm system that covers critical zoo functions (fire alarms, chillers, various animal life support systems, etc.) (\$100,000) – COMPLETE
  - Replace window panels with UV Glass. UV light is necessary for the health of the animals. This includes the windows next to the airlock (\$100,000) – SPRING 2024
  - Repair main building flat roof and skylights which are leaking and need a comprehensive inspection (\$80,000) – COMPLETE
  - Thorough inspection and repair to A-Building roof that is leaking (\$50,000) – COMPLETE
  - Repair the perimeter fence near the tiger exhibit. The current fence has some damaged sections including tree damage (\$25,000) – COMPLETE
  - Install safety and security lighting at all Perimeter Gates (\$50,000) – RECEIVING QUOTES
  - Takin/Markhor/Camel/Grey Wolf Exhibit Fencing replacement. This fencing needs to be reinforced and replaced, including overhangs to meet AZA standards (\$175,000) – COMPLETE
  - Snow Leopard Exhibit Improvements: renovations to existing exhibit built in 1984. The original timbers are becoming a safety issue. Items include an expanded footprint with elevated walkway, replacement of the existing outdated mesh and replacement of off exhibit holdings. This project would allow for us to be in compliance with the AZA snow leopard SSP (\$250,000) – PLANNING PHASE
  - Tropical River Exhibit: Existing pool filtration does not function well and needs to be overhauled for better filtration, circulation to ultimately save money on water usage (\$25,000) – RECEIVING QUOTES
  - Zoo Security: Addition of cameras throughout the property to monitor access during all hours and document events. This will reduce liability and deter illegal activity. This project includes Wi-Fi throughout the zoo (\$200,000) – COMPLETE

**Bond Resolution 2022-019 authorized the Parks department to spend \$2,685,000 to complete the following:**

- 1) Beaver Lake Nature Center
  - Replace A/C system (50,000) – RE-EVALUTING
- 2) Oneida Shores
  - Replace fence at playground (\$75,000) – COMPLETE
  - Add solar-powered lighting on roads and trails near Arrowhead lodge (55,000) – COMPLETE
- 3) Onondaga Lake Park
  - Repair, replace and upgrade docks, electrical system, lighting and retaining wall (\$1,000,000) – DESIGN COMPLETE
  - Parks Administration Building – Replace office windows with more energy efficient options (\$360,000) – DISCUSSING OPTIONS
  - Mill and repave 1.9 mile shoreline walking trail (\$440,000) – COMPLETE
- 4) Playgrounds
  - Replace playground structures and surfaces at Oneida Shores (\$250,000) – IN PROCESS

- 5) Zoo
- Lighting of the main parking lot. The addition of efficient permanent lights would reduce the need for renting temporary solutions (\$200,000) – MONEY REALLOCATED FOR EMERGENCY FENCE REPAIR.
  - Expand Zoo PA system to reach all areas of the zoo: The existing PA system is limited to the main building and courtyard areas (\$50,000) – DESIGN PHASE
  - Crane Yard Fencing Improvements: The existing mesh fence currently is not tall enough for containment of the exhibits inhabitants on windy days (\$50,000). – COMPLETE
  - Enclose Otter Holdings: Improvements for both animal and staff safety. In the winter, conditions create thick layers of ice hazards for both keepers and animals. This includes repair to the concrete floor and drains (\$75,000). – PLANNING PHASE
  - Floor in Cave/Adaptation: The current tile and linoleum is failing, causing potential trip hazards and allowing water into the building (\$30,000). – REVIEWING OPTIONS
    - Mesh in Primate Holdings: Includes vertical mesh and the angled mesh in the Siamang, GLT, Komodo, Colobus, Patas, and Amur exhibits (\$50,000). – BID APRIL 2024

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**Bond Resolution 2023-013 authorized the Parks department to spend \$2,961,000 to complete the following:**

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- 1) Pratt's Falls
- Engineering/Design Camp Brockway Area. (\$100,000) – BID SUMMER 2024
- 2) Beaver Lake Nature Center
- Evaluate relocating concession building and provide water, drainage and electric – RE-EVALUATING
  - Security Camera and new alarm system in building - (\$50,000) - RE-EVALUATING
- 3) Highland Forest
- Replace chlorination systems at Pratt's Falls and Highland Forest with UV disinfectant system (\$24,000) - RE-EVALUATING
  - Skyline Lodge
  - New Composite Decking (\$75,000) - RECEIVING QUOTES
  - 3 Gates - (\$75,000) – COMPLETE
  - Community Shelter Roof (\$75,000) – COMPLETE
- 4) Onondaga Lake Park
- Perform Comprehensive tree risk assessment (\$100,000) – IN PROCESS
- 5) Paving
- Pave Griffin visitor center (\$810,000) – COMPLETE
- 6) Oneida Shores
- Pave Oneida Shores office and maintenance compound (\$120,000) – IN PROCESS
- 7) Playgrounds
- Add playground at Highland Forest and continue to replace structures and surfaces to various parks (\$300,000) – REVIEWING PLANS
  - Architecture/Engineering for garage at Veterans Cemetery, Highland and the Zoo (\$100,000) – BID 2024
- 8) Zoo
- Bear Exhibit Improvements: Convert into an eagle exhibit in the future. The design will be like Primate Park with the current viewing windows being kept, footers being placed inside the exhibit, steel poles erected, and the entire exhibit meshed over. This is also due to the fact that this exhibit is now outdated for bears in a modern zoo setting. (\$60,000) – MONEY USED FOR AZA PROJECTS
  - Takin Exhibit Improvements: Improvements to the existing Takin exhibit for a new chute and weighing system that is capable of holding a male Takin. (\$60,000) – MONEY USED FOR AZA PROJECTS
  - Markhor Exhibit Improvements: Improvements to the existing Markhor exhibit for animal containment and a viewing window in the fence for the public. Re-landscaping the project would reduce the risk of containment issues, provide a better habitat for the Markhor, and a more viewing friendly exhibit for the public. (\$60,000) – MONEY USED FOR AZA PROJECTS
  - Panda Building: Design and construction of a new breeding panda facility that is isolated from public view and noise. The old facility is no longer in use and the current animals do not have an adequate space for birthing. (\$240,000) – MONEY USED FOR AZA PROJECTS
  - Update perimeter fencing to meet AZA standards. (\$700,000) – IN PROCESS

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**Bond Resolution 2024-020 authorized the Parks department to spend \$1,935,000 for the following:**

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- 1) Beaver Lake Nature Center
- Replace septic tank (\$126,000) - RE-EVALUATING
  - Replace parking lot lights in paved lots and around building (\$52,500) - RE-EVALUATING
- 2) Jamesville Beach
- Replace Sandpiper Shelter and Overlook decks (\$273,000)
- 3) Oneida Shores
- Engineering of Campground Restroom Replacement (\$25,000) – SUMMER 2024
- 4) Playgrounds
- Continue to replace and add playground structures and surfaces to various parks (\$250,000)

- 5) Zoo
  - Hoof stock Barn and Management Area: Construct a new weatherproof, heated, multi-species hoof stock management barn in the “Core” area of the Zoo. Also construct new chain-link containment yards and chutes. (\$450,000). – PLANNING PROCESS
  - Perimeter Fence Project Continuation (\$505,000) – SUMMER 2024
  - Elephant Barn Windows: The addition of clerestory windows would increase the level of natural light in the barn and reduce the current energy usage due to running air exchange systems on an almost constant basis (\$252,000). – PLANNING PROCESS

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**In 2025 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$2,205,000 to complete the following:**

- 1) Onondaga Lake Park
  - Engineering for Willow Bay Parking Lot Redesign (\$60,000)
  - Griffins Visitor Center Maintenance Compound Stone Privacy Wall Repointing – (\$125,000)
  - Griffin Visitor Center HVAC Replacement – Remove and replace current units that were installed in 2003 (\$50,000)
- 2) Beaver Lake Nature Center
  - Facility Building Plan – (\$100,000)
  - Gate Payment System – Upgrade existing pay gate. (\$60,000)
  - Shade Structure – Install a permanent shade structure in the hardscape area in front of the Visitor Center. (\$50,000)
- 3) NBT Stadium
  - Concrete Repair and Replace – Repair numerous concrete cracks, breaks and missing sections - Two Year Job
  - Mini Bid for Engineering – (\$75,000)
- 4) Cemetery Paving:
  - Veterans Cemetery (\$125,000)
- 5) Zoo
  - Parking Lot Lighting (\$300,000)
  - Pave Zoo Interior (\$960,000)
  - Zoo Infrastructure (\$200,000)
  - Condition Assessment study (\$100,000)

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**In 2026 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$6,369,000 to complete the following:**

- 1) Storage Garages
  - Highland Forest, Veterans Cemetery and Zoo locations - (\$2,270,000)
- 2) Beaver Lake Nature Center
  - Pave two rows of overflow lot to improve accessibility (\$100,000)
  - Hire engineer/architect to design a reconfiguration and/or extension of Visitor Center restrooms and classrooms (\$100,000)
- 3) Highland Forest
  - Replace Sawmill Roof (\$180,000)
- 4) Jamesville Beach
  - Installation of Splash Pad. - (\$410,000)
  - Build a new reserve shelter to mitigate capacity constraints (\$188,000)
  - Relocation of Volleyball Courts - (\$75,000)
  - Install colored concrete pads to accommodate a picnic area w/ tables & grills. (\$138,000)
  - Installation of two pickle ball courts. - (\$188,000)
- 5) NBT Stadium
  - Stadium Tunnel (\$200,000)
  - Suite Level Window Replacement – Replace all windows on the suite levels of the stadium. (\$200,000)
  - Door & Lock Repair/Replacement – Replace/repair various doors throughout the stadium. (\$300,000)
  - Concrete Repair and Replace – Repair numerous concrete cracks, breaks and missing sections. Construction – (\$300,000)
- 6) Onondaga Lake Park
  - Construction of Willow Bay Parking Lot (\$1,200,000)
- 7) Cemetery Paving
  - Loomis Hill Cemetery (\$400,000)
- 8) Zoo
  - Pave driveway to Animal Health Center (\$120,000)

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**In 2027 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$5,535,000 to complete the following:**

- 1) Highland Forest
  - Skyline Lodge Expansion (\$120,000)
  - Public Camping Area (\$120,000)



- 2) Jamesville Beach
  - Installation of three new shelters - (\$920,000)
- 3) Oneida Shores
  - Campground Restroom Replacement (\$600,000)
  - Various Paving Projects: Maples Shelter – (\$600,000); McKinley Parking Areas – (\$290,000); Boat Launch Parking Area and Launch – (\$530,000)
  - Playground Updates – Update/upgrade the playground on the beachside of the property including new musical area, additional shade structures, seating and surfacing. Install a new playground area (age 3-9) for the campground area. (\$515,000)
  - Replace Maple Tent with a permanent structure. - (\$600,000)
- 4) Onondaga Lake Park
  - Renovate Hiawatha Point Comfort Station which is outdated (\$250,000)
  - Park wide Lock Improvements (Cyber Locks) - (\$630,000)
- 5) Playgrounds
  - Continue to replace and add playground structures and surfaces to various parks (\$360,000)

**In 2028 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$5,540,000 to complete the following:**

- 1) Onondaga Lake Park
  - Convert former Onondaga Lake Park Concession building that is now empty to a reserved shelter space (\$1,135,000)

- Yearly ask; by far the most important project account
- Focus on infrastructure, safety and user experience
- Key is that it gives ability to pivot in emergency (i.e. AZA inspection at Zoo) – can fix in real time
- Better infrastructure and safer at the park, will increase number of people visiting and having a positive experience

***A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Ms. Abbott, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**6. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT: Elizabeth Bough Martin, Director**  
**a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Ash Tree Management in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$750,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$750,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$750,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the Environment  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Environment & Sustainability  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Ongoing  
**BUDGET STATUS:** Partially Authorized  
**PHASE STATUS:** Implementing



**SUMMARY**

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive species of beetle that kills ash trees, arrived in the U.S. around 2002 and is spreading across the Country. The beetle is already infesting ash trees in Onondaga County. One in nine trees in Onondaga County is an ash tree.

**FUNDING BY SOURCE (000's)**

SOURCE	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	6-Year	Total
Authorized Borrowing	4,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,050
Borrowing to Authorize	-	750	750	750	750	-	-	3,000	3,000
Cash for Capital	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>7,300</b>

## **SCOPE & DETAILS**

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Onondaga County has developed and is implementing an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management strategy in order to minimize the hazard risk to the community, the impact of EAB on County operations and to plan for and minimize EAB costs (tree removal/inoculation, manpower and equipment, disposal and tree replacement). All County-owned ash trees with potential targets in the drop zone (people or physical assets) will need to be removed or inoculated to protect the public, protect assets and reduce liability.

The County owns approximately 300 parcels of land covering roughly 8,000 acres (including parkland, water supply and wastewater treatment plants, drainage districts, pumping stations, radio towers and institutional campuses for uses including administration, correctional facilities, emergency response operations and more) and nearly 800 miles of highway rights-of-way. These properties are home to tens of thousands of ash trees. Steps must be taken by the County to ensure that the threat of harm to humans and/or damage to County-owned property is minimized, that the public cost of managing affected trees on County-owned property is minimized and that overall disruption in the community is minimized (including tree replacement needs). To this end the County has taken the following steps:

- 1) Conducted an inventory of ash trees on County-owned property
- 2) Managing ash trees on county owned properties (treating or removing)
- 3) Helping organize a community-wide task force to coordinate a Community EAB Management Strategy.

The inventory of ash trees (location, size, health, nearby targets) was initiated in 2012 and was completed in 2014. Early management efforts have been aimed at removing priority hazard trees, and damaged trees that are likely to become priority hazard trees in critical areas.

Onondaga County will implement a balanced or "selective" ash tree management strategy. The benefit of this balanced approach is that management of ash trees can be optimized at each location, preserving tree functions where they provide the greatest value, restoring lost canopy over time in other locations, and preemptively removing less valuable trees before they become a safety hazard. Since the program's inception the following has been accomplished (as of December 2023):

- 1) Preemptive removal of approximately 25,590 ash trees over a period of 10 years.
- 2) Replacement of approximately 3,270 non-ash trees in 59 different species
- 3) Preservation of 393 ash trees through injection treatment.

To carry out the County's Ash Tree Management Strategy, the County Office of Environment has continued to renew its agreement with the Onondaga County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) to prepare bid documents, administer contracts with vendors and to oversee tree removal and replacement. The SWCD has also assist the County with other EAB associated activities such as monitoring for infestations, and held 16 community outreach and engagement events.

When this project started the projected cost to carry out the County's ash tree management strategy over 25 years was \$15.8 million. At this point, due to more competitive bidding as well as saving due to the fact that we are not hiring outside contractors for inoculating the trees, we have reduced the total cost of the project to about \$8 million.

Total Cost of project for tree removal, tree replacement, tree inoculation, and administrative/oversight costs (over 10 years): \$3.51 million

Annual tree removal, tree replacement, tree inoculation, and administrative/oversight costs: \$0.75 million  
Estimated total cost (over 25 years): \$10 million.

In spring 2025 we intend to seek legislative authorization for \$750,000.

- Continue ash tree management for 1 more year
- Program involves removing trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer, planting trees, treating trees, and it includes outreach that SWCD does for other communities
- Due to the proactive approach the county has taken with Ash Tree Management, the county is getting to point that trees that were saplings are now grown trees and entered into treatment program; seeing new Ash trees
- Hope that by the time the invasive wasp is here to control the Emerald Ash Borer, the county will have trees survive
- Capital Plan shows 2028 – due to break in COVID, it was extended to a 15 year plan; believe it will be done by 2029

***A motion was made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**7. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:** Shannon Harty, Commissioner**a. 2024 Transfer Resolution (\$35,000)** (*Sponsored by Ms. Abbott*)

**Purpose:** WEP is seeking to transfer funds from Regular Salaries to All Other Expenses for the supplementary costs associated with unpredicted sludge/biosolid disposal. Sludge/biosolid disposal costs have increased due to delays in getting the Metro WWTP sludge dryer fully operational which has resulted in unbudgeted expenses. A transfer of funds is requested in the amount of \$35,000.

**Summary:** The 2024 410 – All Other Expenses budget assumed that the Metro Sludge Dryer would be fully functional by the end of Q1 2024. The dryer, when operational, will remove significant amounts of water from the waste biosolids reducing the tonnage of material to be disposed at a landfill. Unforeseen delays in getting the sludge dryer fully functional has regrettably increased the removal costs for sludge/biosolids resulting in costs exceeding the 2024 Supplies and Materials Budget. To cover costs already incurred, as well as costs projected through the end of this year, a transfer of \$35,000 is being requested for the 410 – All Other Expenses account from 101 – Regular Salaries.

**Fiscal Impact:** This will have no impact on the budget – net \$0

- Final closeout transfer to cleanup 2024 operating budget for department
- Came to Legislature towards end of 2024, due to getting sludge dryer on line and took best guess; fell short \$35K
- Need authorization to move surplus from salary line to the account to cover sludge disposal expenses

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Is the sludge dryer up and running now?
  - No, it is not; going through commissioning issues with it
  - Have ventilation issues with the size of the ventilation associated with it – have internal building ambient
  - Making modifications
  - Brought it up online towards end of last year, ran health and safety testing, and identified improvements needed
  - Contractors working on those since January into February
  - Pressing contractor to get up and running as soon as possible
  - Expect unbudgeted expenses in 2025, but do not know the magnitude yet

**A motion was made by Mr. Knapp to approve this item.**

- Has WEP come to the Legislature once or twice for adjustments?
  - Believe just once; did come in for 2023 budget
  - Back in 2023 had mid-year contract change due to landfill closing down
  - Thought was to have dryer to significantly reduce tonnage in 2024
  - Doing the best to push things as hard as they can
- With the stalling of projects that can help the county be more efficient, is there a need in (i.e.) employee salaries to move those forward? Is funding for the project appropriate to get it across the line?
  - 2 separate issues
  - It is not an issue of capital costs, as the project is fully funded through bond resolutions
  - This capital project was supposed to result in performance savings of sludge disposal out of the operating budget
  - Have money needed, but need to get the project itself up and running; it is a contractor issue
  - Not staff, personnel, or operational issue; it is a capital project issue

**Ms. Abbott seconded the motion to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Bob Petrovich, Deputy County Executive Economic Development & Planning**a. 2024 Transfer Resolution (\$1,500,000)** (*Sponsored by Mr. Knapp*)

**PURPOSE:** Transfer \$1,500,000 to a grant project account to support workforce development initiatives regarding advanced manufacturing/semiconductor manufacturing.

**OBJECTIVE/WORK PLAN:** *The Onondaga County Office of Economic Development is partnering with the economic development ecosystem to support workforce development. A key area of focus is the advanced manufacturing semiconductor manufacturing industry.*

*This funding will support transformational opportunities for residents of Onondaga County. The goals of these programs is to provide pathways to prosperity for residents of Onondaga County.*

*The Office of Economic Development is engaged with local organizations such as MACNY, OCC and Syracuse University to expand partnerships regarding workforce development. OCIDA routinely partners with organizations such as MACNY to address the critical workforce needs of local companies, particularly in the advanced manufacturing sector.*

*This investment will work in concert with ongoing efforts such as the Micron Cleanroom Simulation Lab at Onondaga Community College and provide career opportunities to residents of Onondaga County. An example of this would be development of training programs for technicians in the semiconductor and microelectronic manufacturing industries.*

**FUNDING SOURCE:** *Funding approved in 2024 Budget.*

**BUDGET:** *Transfer from contingent account to grant project account.*

- For workforce training, attraction and retention for advance manufacturing and semiconductor industry
- The competitive nature of trying to win projects requires the county to facilitate private/public partnerships with these companies looking to attract employees

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- How does the county coordinate the workforce development happening across the county, and how does the county measure capacity on both ends?
  - Can only speak for what the office of Economic Development (ED) is doing
  - Working closely with companies to offer incentive packages to attract them here and execute on those packages
  - Have been working with MACNY, CenterState and others to manage this, so the activities have a grounded concentric focus on companies being able to retain employees
  - Reports provided annually to ED that are recorded and reported to Albany
    - Reports include information on retention, attraction and employment metrics needed to keep in place so the benefit packages continue to move forward over the prescribed time of the project
- Is this the retention and employment of the companies, or those graduating from the program?
  - There is not a program; looking to have this money to establish a program
  - Part of this is to work with companies to create a scope they must adhere to for attracting and retaining employees
  - When the companies meet certain metrics/milestones, they would potentially have access to this funding
  - Working with the companies in terms of reporting and metrics
  - Working with Syracuse University (SU), Onondaga Community College (OCC) – providing information on curriculum with feedback from companies in terms of what the companies need (i.e. technicians, 4 year degrees)
- How would the county measure the success?
- How does the county time the training with the need of specific jobs?
- What would the county view as successful in terms of the number of graduates from the program or job retention?
  - Once it happens, can provide that information
  - MACNY has codified apprenticeship programs to become a technician (numbers more readily available)
  - Can get feed out from OCC with who is going through their programs, and where they are placed
- How many people does ED expect to go through for this dollar amount?
  - Do not have an answer; part of programming this and understanding where the county needs emphasis
  - Will come with the scoping process
- Had good discussion at the Planning Committee, and talked about the need for training, but also the need for people to build the buildings the companies will be in – (i.e.) welders, steamfitters, etc.

- Is this Phase I of many to come? See potential of additional funds needed down the road
  - Do not think that is an unreasonable statement
  - 20 year time

***A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Ms. Abbott, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**b. A Local Law Authorizing the Sale of County Property Located in the Town of Clay (\$1,300,000)**  
(Sponsored by Mr. Knapp)

- Law:
  - County purchased the land for county purposes, but was not the most feasible property for intended purposes
  - VIP reached out with reasonable offer
  - 2 parcels at ~27 acres that forms an L shape at corner of Morgan and Buckley
  - Holding onto a \$125K deposit, which will be subtracted from purchase price
  - Closing scheduled at the end of March this year
  - \$1.3M – above appraisal received in August 2024
  - If approved, will consummate the sale and get property off county books
- Economic Development:
  - Original idea was DOT consolidating north area and Camillus facilities into one location
  - Feasibility study determined the parcel would not meet the needs, and cost of new construction would be excessive
  - Pivoted and provided rehabilitation of Camillus and north area for considerably less money
  - Land has been vacant for over decade

**10. HEALTH:** Rebecca Shultz, Director of Community Health

**a. 2025 Transfer Resolution (\$100,000)** (Sponsored by Dr. Kelly)

**PURPOSE:** *To transfer funds in the Contingent Account in the Health Department's 2025 Budget to support tick surveillance and tick education.*

**BACKGROUND:** *Funds were set aside in the contingency account with the intent of providing services to Onondaga County residents to better understand the prevalence and manage Lyme and tick-borne diseases. The funds are proposed to be distributed as:*

**Tick Surveillance (SUNY Upstate): \$75,000**

*Tickborne diseases have become increasingly prevalent across the nation and NYS and constitute a growing public health concern. Efforts to prevent and diagnose tickborne disease is significantly aided by access to current and accurate information on the prevalence and type of pathogens found at the local level.*

*Dr. Saravanan Thangamani at SUNY Upstate has been conducting tick surveillance using a Citizen Science approach (residents mail in ticks found on themselves or their pets), where the ticks are identified and tested for any diseases. Since 2019, they have received over 3,000 ticks from Onondaga County, of which 36% carried a pathogen that could cause human disease. We know from his data that Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases are increasing in our area, representing a significant public health threat to Onondaga County. The only other testing source, NYSDOH, performs collection and testing of only 50 ticks per year in Onondaga County, which is insufficient to have our finger on the pulse of these emerging pathogens. Beyond surveillance, the program provides direct benefit to our residents by generating individualized information about exposure to infected ticks, which can inform the measures they take to protect themselves and their families. OCHD seeks continued local support in 2025 to maintain this irreplaceable public service. In exchange for this support, Onondaga County residents will continue to receive a 50% discount on testing costs.*

*Further details on the program can be found here: [Upstate Tick Testing Laboratory \(nyticks.org\)](https://nyticks.org)*

**Tick Education (CNY Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Alliance): \$25,000**

*The CNY Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Alliance is a collaborative of providers, scientists and community members who support research, drive education and promote awareness to combat tick-borne diseases. Continued funding is requested to support the Alliance's education and outreach activities related to this important local public health threat.*

Further details on the Alliance can be found here: <https://cnylymealliance.org/>

- Upstate Tick Testing Lab
  - Has a citizen science program where citizens can submit ticks found on themselves, or on their pet(s), to have tested for identification of the type of tick, as well as potential pathogens it may be carrying
  - In 2024, over 220 ticks were received from Onondaga County residents and ~36% carried a pathogen
  - Program helps county to understand what is happening in the community
  - Main concern is Lyme Disease, but there are other tick-borne disease pathogens starting to see more of
  - With extended tick season (earlier spring/late fall), the ticks are out and in contact with humans more frequently
  - This is an important public service for residents to get more information about their risks, their families risks, and their pets risks about what is happening in their geographic area – can also talk with their physician on next steps
- CNY Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Alliance
  - Having more detailed information and providing support to the Alliance helps with robust education program
  - Collaborative team that provides adult tick education workshops and youth oriented version as well

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Program at Upstate is tremendous and a lot of people have taken advantage of the program
  - Due to support from county, the lab offers a discount of 50% off normal cost for testing ticks to county residents
- Did the Legislature receive the CNY Lyme annual report for 2024? (*Clerk will request it*)
- Price of \$35 for the testing increases accessibility for more people to get ticks tested
- Lot of community members may not have that amount of money; is there a way to have a sliding scale?
  - Lab offers a \$10 option for tick identification and testing only for Lyme

***A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**11. PERSONNEL: Carl Hummel, Commissioner; Sarah Merrick, DSS-ES Commissioner****a. Personnel Resolution (HELP)**

Mr. Hummel presented the following information:

- HELP Program
  - started in 2023 and got rolling in 2024
  - To date, able to get 150 titles approved by state for HELP
  - 350 appointments have been made under HELP
    - Noncompetitive appointments – the appointees will be competitive after 1 year without taking the exam
  - This resolution adds another 100 titles; up to 250 in HELP, which equates to about 1/3 of all county titles
  - Governor has extended HELP again (into 2026)
  - Civil Service making changes to modernize it, but with extension of HELP, will not get changes until next year
  - County does not have to submit as much paperwork for the titles
  - State took all vetting from state level down to local level; state will only approve, which speeds up process
- One advance step for DSS-ES – sought by department during budget process, but was not addressed

**Questions/Comments from the committee:**

- Does Personnel see this as the beginning of the end of the traditional constraints on Civil Service?
  - Not the end, but hopefully revisions and modifications to make traditional civil service less cumbersome and easier to administer

- State looking at how Civil Service is administered in other states that are not as cumbersome as NYS, and what good pieces can be used here
- State hopes to do this without major legislative changes to Civil Service Law; only regulatory changes
- It will take the better part of the year to figure this out
- HELP extended through end of June 2026; do not expect an announcement until next year's State of the State
- Confirm that under HELP, there is one year of probation
  - Person appointed noncompetitively instead of competitively for a year
  - At end of year, assuming the person passed their probationary period consecutive to it, moved to competitive position
- Is the rate high for finishing the first year and becoming permanent?
  - Yes; do not have retention of first year, but not seeing many probationary fails; some people leave within that year
- If Personnel has an actual list, are department heads using the people on the list?
  - With the extension, the state changed that open competitive lists do not have to be used first
  - Still have to use preferred eligible lists first
  - If there are 3 or more people in promotional line interested in a position, have to go that route before HELP
  - Open competitive can go straight to the HELP program – makes it easier to administer and helps with recruiting

Ms. Merrick presented the following information:

- Hired 80 people last year, and 95% was using HELP titles
- People scared of Civil Service tests; able to do active recruiting by saying they did not have to take a test
- Advanced step position:
  - Recruited highly talented individual from outside agency to come onboard
  - Person took significant pay cut
  - Want to address an issue that should have been in the 2025 budget documents
  - Individual has created quality dashboards helping DSS dive into case management
    - Who are the superstars, and who needs more training to do average workloads
  - Technology and data this individual is helping develop for it is helping on quality and management side
  - Thinking of succession planning – this individual has potential for higher management in department

*A motion was made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. May, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**13. FINANCE:** Don Weber, Real Property Tax Director; Brian Donnelly, Deputy County Executive  
**a. Approving and Directing the Correction of Certain Errors on Tax Bills**

- Bills corrected from January tax bills sent out

*A motion was made by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**b. A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3-1996 to Authorize Onondaga County to Accept and Appropriate Gifts, Contributions and Donations for the Aquarium** (*Sponsored by Ms. Cody*)

Mr. Donnelly presented the following information:

- Allow county to accept and appropriate gifts, contributions and donations for the Aquarium
- Amending Local Law No. 3-1996 that determined contributions above \$1,500 needed to be accepted via resolution
- This would allow the county to accept contributions at any level
- The administration is required to report to the Legislature quarterly, as to the level of donations
- As contributions are made, the Comptroller will amend the budget, so the funds can be spent

**Questions/comments from the committee:**

- Want to make sure the county is being transparent and able to get the information on the donations coming in
  - Executive’s Office:
    - Certainly, as it states in the local law there will be reports quarterly to the Legislature
- Will the report have names attached?
  - Executive’s Office:
    - It will have amounts attached, and will be based on the individual making the donation whether they want their name released; if they do, the name will be released; if not, it will say the amount only
- Would it be anonymous to the public only, or internally as well?
  - Executive’s Office:
    - Will refer to Law Department
- Believe that every donation will amount to a contract; quantify is on there so the Legislature will know how much is coming in; not necessarily who is giving what
  - Executive’s Office:
    - Not familiar with the Friends of the Zoo process, but there are individuals that request their donations to the Friends group are anonymous; the amount is disclosed, but the name remains anonymous
- The local law says the Legislature appropriated the \$85M, so should the \$6.6M from ARPA be included as well?
  - Executive’s Office:
    - ARPA funds were appropriated; the law denotes the specific project funds appropriated for the Aquarium
    - ARPA funds utilized were deemed appropriate for the expenditure and were in excess of the project needs at the time; they are now being used for the Aquarium
- Did the Legislature approve the flexibility used to appropriate ARPA?
  - Executive’s Office:
    - The Legislature appropriated ARPA funds initially
    - These are funds at the end of the ARPA process that were no longer needed
    - Reviewed with Law Department and feel it was appropriate for the administration to use them due to the way the ARPA laws are written (a general accepted county purpose)
- No action was taken to allow ARPA to be used towards this project?
  - Executive’s Office:
    - No
- Clarify the “does not intend” language included in Section 3
  - Law:
    - It is acknowledging the fact that this body, as a whole, could come back
    - They cannot bind a future Legislature
    - A future Legislature could appropriate future monies
    - This body’s intent is that as of now, there will be no more legislative appropriations for the Aquarium
    - The amount is not all-in; it was an indication of the last action to set stage for no more legislative appropriations
    - This is to drive home the point of no more appropriations
- It can be longer, with more language and more details that are not necessary
- It was a lot of advocating and appreciate coming to an agreement that the Legislature does not want to loan more money
- If the Executive needs more money, it will be through donations, and the Legislature will know the amount (not names) coming through to ensure the project gets done
- If the project does not get done, it is a waste of all taxpayer’s money
- Want to make sure the money and funding is coming in and not have the project sitting there not getting done
- Glad to come to agreement that this legislative body does not want to give more for the Aquarium



- Legislator Abbott is the representative on the foundation board and has worked on foundations
- It would be a concern if someone was not able to donate anonymously; people in a certain bracket want to donate anonymously and choose who to donate to, versus their name being seen for (i.e.) half a million dollars
- It would hurt the fundraising capacity
- Is there a confidential versus anonymous option, where it would not be public knowledge, but those in county government would know?
  - Law:
    - Once it is out, it is out; word of mouth
    - Legally it would run into FOIL issues
    - What a person provides in a document is releasable
    - There is not a confidential donation exception under FOIL, and it would not be available via executive session under Open Meetings Law
- Why is there a need to know the names?
- Transparency of government; especially due to the amount of funding
- No different than donations to the Zoo or Beaver Lake
- Will not see slew of anonymous donations, larger donations will be with naming rights or sponsoring an exhibit
- Like campaign money, some people will not give if they have to give their name
- (i.e.) If someone gave money, and something immorally or controversial happened with that individual or company, would that come back on the county? If it were anonymous, it would not; if it were not anonymous, it would
- Would like to avoid contractors or developers donating money anonymously and winning a bid or contract; is anyone looking at this other than the foundation?
  - Law:
    - Bound by the Ethics Law, RFP process and anonymity is up to the donor
    - (i.e.) Private/Public combination with plaques on the wall will say anonymous
    - Not doing anything outside the box; standard operating procedure
    - Everyone bound by the processes in place
- The County Executive will know who is donating due to the relationships
  - Law:
    - Depending on how the donation came in
    - If it came in and participating in it, yes; but if it came in through Friends, would not have access
- Is the foundation the only organization accepting this?
  - At this point in time yes; Foundation has a board and legal counsel, and can review anything coming in
  - If there were a concern, they can address it

#### **14. LAW DEPARTMENT:**

- a. Settlement of Actions: Michelle Arazoza v. Onondaga County, Tobias Shelley, Patrick Mast, Heidi Armstrong-Merle - Case No. 9:24-CV-437 (NDNY)**
- b. Settlement of Actions: Kamilla S. Peck v. the County of Onondaga, Et. Al. - Case No. 21-CV-651 (NDNY)**

Mr. Yaus asked that the body move to go into executive session to discuss two pending litigation settlement resolutions as set forth on the agenda.

***Mr. May made a motion, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Michelle Arazoza v. Onondaga County, and Kamilla S. Peck v. Onondaga County. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

**Mr. May made a motion, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to leave executive session. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Gunnip stated for the record that no motions or actions were taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

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