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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE 2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET  
AUTHORIZED AGENCIES  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013  
DAVID H. KNAPP, CHAIRMAN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Ervin, Ms. Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. May, Mr. Holmquist, Mr. Kilmartin

**ALSO PRESENT:** CHAIRMAN McMahon, Mrs. Rapp, Mr. Plochocki, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Shepard; also see attached list

Chairman Knapp reconvened the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**HISCOCK LEGAL AID SOCIETY – pg. 4-3, Lines 658010, 658020: Susan Horn, President and CEO, Richard Engel, Board Chair**

Ms. Horn presented the following:

*The HLAS has been providing legal assistance through our Civil Program to individuals and families in need in our community since 1949 and has been an Authorized Agency of the county since the early 1950s.*

*We provide critically needed services to domestic violence victims, people facing homelessness due to foreclosure an eviction, to cancer patients, the unemployed and others in need. Most of our clients are working poor people with families and they live throughout our community, both in the city, surrounding towns and villages. Last year, we served over 1,900 such clients, well over the 1,400 served in the year before and the 1,600 we projected. 3,300 people were benefitted by our services. During times of economic crisis and unemployment, and we know this has not abated in our community, the need for our services increases. This year, we expect to serve well over 2,000 people in need in our Civil Legal Services Program.*

*In addition, since 2004, the HLAS has been the primary provider of mandated representation to adults in Onondaga County Family Court, providing complete legal representation to approximately 2,000 individuals and families in such matters as custody/visitation, abuse/neglect proceeding, proceedings for orders of protection and termination of parental rights each year. In addition, the Society provides representation to over 600 people in parole violation matters, appeals and extradition cases.*

*In total, the HLAS serves close to 5,000 individuals and families in need in our community each year. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the county for our programs and services and urge your continued support.*

In answer to Chair Knapp, Ms. Horn stated their total staff is about 55 people with approximately 30 fulltime attorneys.

In answer to Chair Knapp, Ms. Horn responded that they have many funding sources, besides the county. For family appeals and parole work, the county is the sole source, per Article 18 of County Law Mandated Services. The Civil Legal Service program has a dozen different funding sources including the City of Syracuse, Community Development Block Grant, the Federal Government for their Domestic Violence Project, the State of NY, the Office of Court Administration and from interest on lawyers' accounts. This is a fund setup by NYS specifically to support Civil Legal Services. We have been a United Way funded agency since the 1950s and continue to be. We also conduct a membership campaign each year, to solicit private donations, to sure up our Civil Legal Services Program.

In answer to Chair Knapp, Ms. Horn stated estimates the county portion of the Civil Legal Services Program to be somewhat over 10%. Chair Knapp noted they have a good organization, very necessary and needed. He has referred individuals to them.

Mr. McMahon asked if we were within our budget parameters of the 2013 budget year. Ms. Horn responded that we are always within are parameters; live within our budget.

Mr. Engel stated he wanted to express his appreciation on behalf of the Board. As many of you may know, we had an appreciation breakfast in June and had presentations by some of our clients who receive the services from the Society. He has always been deeply moved by the way in which the Society has really changed the lives of some of their clients for the better. He has always found this Legislature to be very supportive of HLAS and wanted to take a moment in this body and thank them for that support.

#### **ASSIGNED COUNSEL – pg. 4-3, Lines 695000, 658030: Renee Captor; Executive Director**

Ms. Captor introduced herself and stated Assigned Counsel provides representation for all criminal matters in the County of Onondaga, as well as conflict representation for Family Court, Parole, extradition and appeals. Every year, we provide representation to 14,000-15,000 cases as well as providing representation at arraignments, for everyone in City Court, whether they are income qualified or not.

Chairman McMahon asked where we were within our 2013 budget. Ms. Captor responded that it appears as if we will finish the year within budget. We are currently at or a little ahead in terms of expenses paid.

Chair Knapp questioned if the increase on each line was based on a volume increase. Ms. Captor responded that it was volume but they tend to increase a little each year. When they do not, the next year is twice as much. Chair Knapp added the volume is the number served per year. Ms. Captor agreed.

#### **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF ONONDAGA COUNTY – pg. 5-3, Line 659710: David Skeval, Executive Director**

Mr. Skeval presented the following:

##### **Introduction**

*I appreciate the invitation to present to the Onondaga County Legislature Cornell Cooperative Extension. I am David Skeval, the Executive Director of your Cooperative Extension Association. With me are: Board President – Joan Rogus; Nutrition and my Program Leaders; Kathy Dischner, Jessi Lyons; Kristina Ferrae, Nancy Aubel, and our Finance manager Sue Martinuea.*

##### **Purpose**

*This is our Centennial Year and I want to thank you for your support of our County's Cornell Cooperative Extension Association (CCE Onondaga). Cornell University came into being in 1865 to serve as New York State's Land Grant College. The function of our Land Grant College was to fill the void in agriculture and engineering education and research. The Extension System came into being in 1912 as a system of distributing the knowledge gained through research to the people who can use it. It is a system of non-formal education. Our New York State Extension system is unique in the United States in that each county in the State has its own autonomous Extension Association whose programming reflects the characteristics of its county. The more robust the County Association, the better able it is to take advantage of the resources available at Cornell University. The more robust the County Association, the better able it is to collaborate on research that is beneficial to the County. A good example this benefit comes from your renewed support in our Extension Association's Agriculture Program. Two and half months after hiring a full time agriculture educator, we have reconnected to with Cornell Dairy Program and have brought to this County the Dairy Accelerator Program and the Dairy Executive Program. More on our Programs in a moment. Another example is the participation of several of our elected and appointed officials in the "Decision Making Study of Elect Officials".*

*Onondaga County enjoys a characteristic that is shared by few counties in New York. We have an urban and suburban core surrounded by tremendous resource of rural land that produces vast quantities of diverse food. We are the 8<sup>th</sup> largest dairy county in New York; we are ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in fruit, 10<sup>th</sup> in grains, 13<sup>th</sup> in cattle and 16<sup>th</sup> in vegetables. The market value of this production is \$121 million per year, the economic impact of our agriculture products is, conservatively, \$185 million per year. We are in the top 20% of all counties in the United States in production. The objectives of our Agriculture Program is to support producers and non-producing farmland owners alike with technical support that gives them the ability to withstand the pressures of land development and serve a food system that sustains each and every one of us.*

The combination of rural and urban land is a tremendous benefit because our non-farming citizens have access to a rich diversity of quality food and, our farmers have a market for the food they produce. What could be better? But, with this benefit comes challenges. One challenge is making sure that all of our Onondaga communities have access to wholesome food. Another is maintaining a balance between development and protecting the land that produces the food.

Our Programming reflects the mission of improving our quality of life through non-formal education. Our current general program areas include; Nutrition and Healthy Living, 4H and Youth Development, Environment, Community Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Natural Resources and Energy.

Under these general program areas we will run 35 different programs and research projects in 2013. We will directly touch 9000 of our citizens and 126,000 through indirect contact. More important than the number of contacts is impact of our programs. Some of signature programs in 2013 will be; SNAP Ed, CommuniTree Stewards, Save the Rain, Master Gardeners, Horticulture Hot Line, Emerald Ash Borer Task Force, Urban Agriculture and the Urban Farm Project, Skaneateles Lake Water Quality, Stream Stewards,

4H, Youth Development and Youth Agriculture Education, Incubators in the Classroom, Ag in the Classroom, and Community Tree Buy. Program details and 2014 plans can be found at the end of this report.

### **Volunteers**

We gain a great multiplying effect from County support through our volunteer programs. Volunteer hours equaled the work of six (6) full time staff, a value of \$144,000. Program areas that utilize volunteers are Master Gardeners, CommuniTree Steward, and 4H Leaders. This year Tree Stewards pitched in to help with identifying areas of the County infested with emerald ash borer.

Onondaga County does not directly fund all of these programs but none of these programs would be running without the support that Onondaga County provides it's Cornell Extension Association.

Our support comes from County funding, Cornell University, grants and contracts, New York State, the United States government, volunteers, collaboration other agencies and CCE Associations, and donations.

### **Request**

To make the Onondaga County Extension function, we depend on administrative and benefit services from Cornell University as well as Federal funding, State Funding, donations, grants, and funding from the good people of Onondaga County.

As a strategy for increasing our impact with the appropriation funding we receive from Onondaga County, we utilize this funding to secure our core functions and programs, maintain compliance to be eligible for grants and, to leverage other funding. Cooperative Extension has requested **\$170,076** in appropriation funding and **\$141,979** in WEP funding. Extension expects to leverage an additional **\$543,239**. The gap in the budget is due to a loss in support for system compliance and local logistical support. The support that began 2 years ago is valued at \$40,000. We will decrease the replacement cost for this support through sharing agreements with other Central NY counties.

### **Fiscal Trends**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Projected</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
County Appropriations	\$ 141,979	\$ 141,979	\$ 141,979	\$ 170,076
Total County Derived Funding	\$ 141,979	\$ 283,958	\$ 333,958	\$ 358,958
Total Revenue	\$ 718,246	\$ 800,518	\$ 1,173,130	\$ 1,180,777
Operating (loss) or gain	\$ (27,191)	\$ 2,267	\$ (21,361)	\$ -

### **Goals for 2014**

#### **Expand Agriculture Programming**

Continue to build on gains from 2013, to be of greater service to farms seeking to diversify and people seeking to develop new agriculture businesses. We have begun reconnecting to campus and with our agriculture community. The Dairy Executive and Dairy Accelerator programs will run in Onondaga County in 2014. Programs are being planned to assist non-producing farmland owners to educate them in farm land leasing, Ag land districting and Ag land exemptions. We will continue to build support for farm business planning by guiding the development of expanding farms and new farmers.

#### **4H and Youth Education and Development**

We will continue to build on our success in 2013 by reaching our goal and capacity to operate 10 4H clubs in Onondaga County. We will additionally develop other Youth Educational programming in the areas of agriculture and the environment in order to reach communities that do not have the capacity to sustain 4H Clubs with adult volunteers.

#### **Expand Nutrition**

The Nutrition Program will expand to new audiences, including youth, middle-income and elderly populations. The national emphasis on obesity prevention and nutrition based wellness will be reflected in our programming.

#### **Expanding our Excellence in Natural Resources**

We have a very robust Forestry Program that has attracted State-wide recognition and additional funding. We plan to expand our Invasive Volunteer Program with additional funding from New York State. Our Water Quality programs are equally robust and will add the Master Watershed Steward Program in 2014.

#### **Diversifying Urban Agriculture Program**

This program combines agriculture and community development. The Program will expand from its current base into a more diversified partnership with other community members and partners.

#### **Details for 2013 Cornell Cooperative Extension Programming**

##### **Agriculture**

With the addition of a full-time Ag Educator joining in mid-2013, we have re-connected to the agriculture programs at Cornell and have made additional strides in defining and connecting Onondaga County agriculture. A Dairy Robotics and Alternative Energy Sources workshop was held at a local farm which has led to increased interest in new avenues for farm production. A Hops Summit workshop has resulted in three new hops producers in Onondaga County. A Winter Dairy Management meeting focused on modern dairy practices to increase farm efficiency. A dairy farm is implementing new technology placing LED lighting in a free stall dairy barn as a result of this workshop. Continued collaboration on programs focusing on women in agriculture will promote women in leadership roles on farms in the county. A local producer was awarded a portion of a NYSDAM Cooling Grant to purchase a refrigeration unit that will increase storage capacity to increase potential revenue. Recruitment for the Dairy Acceleration Program to enhance profitability of dairy farms and implementation of a new Agriculture Resource Educator focusing on farm business planning will lead to more profitable agriculture ventures in Onondaga County.

##### **Nutrition and Community Food Security**

Our **Eat Smart New York** nutrition education programs helped over 500 low-income residents extend limited food budget, adopt money management practices and to eat healthier for less. Healthy eating behaviors reduce the incidence of childhood obesity and help reduce chronic disease risk in all age groups. 60% of our program participants reported increased energy; weight, and lowered cholesterol or blood pressure; reduced stress and greater feelings of control related to food, meal planning and food preparation skills, and eating more meals together as a family.

##### **Economic Benefits of CCE Programs:**

- Research conducted by Cornell University indicated that for each dollar expended in nutrition education for residents enrolled in Food Assistance programs, up to \$9.00 is saved in future health care (Jamie Dollahite, PhD, [www.fnec.cornell.edu](http://www.fnec.cornell.edu).)
- SNAP funds provide economic benefits; for every \$1.00 issued in SNAP benefits, \$1.84 is generated in local economic activity ([www.hungenys.org](http://www.hungenys.org)) Over 55,000 Onondaga County residents (14%) receive SNAP benefits; 74,000 are eligible to receive.
- Increased revenue was secured by local farmers at four Farmer's Markets by an increase in produce sales to residents utilizing EBT benefits and Farmer's Market coupons in part by CCE marketing and teaching low-income residents how to utilize their benefits and prepare produce-based recipes
- We trained over 100 community partners, volunteers and students who, in turn, shared our nutrition resources and programs with over 1,200 families, seniors, and youth across the county.

**Our Cornell Smarter Lunchroom Project** helped School food service staff and principals from three school districts to "makeover" their school cafeterias and adopt improvements in school meal nutrition standards & strategies. Over 100,000 youth across six schools participated in a Smarter Lunchroom school project that helped increase sales of white milk, fruits, and vegetable-based entrees just by changing how food is placed and featured in lunchrooms. Student led action committees have also introduced new healthier entrees and have brought "Farmer's Markets" to 3 SCSD schools.

**4-H Youth Development programs** provided over 400 youth across rural, suburban and urban settings with positive youth development opportunities ranging from animal care and natural resource conservation, to skill based nutrition and cooking programs and career exploration in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). 52 youth are currently enrolled in re-energized 4H clubs with agriculture and animal care as the focus of new projects and learning initiatives. Four 4H youth are pursuing college careers in agriculture and veterinary medicine. Adult leaders are able to mentor enrolled youth through new training programs and educational resources that inspire youth through opportunities to master skills, enrich their knowledge and become the next generation of inventors, entrepreneurs and problem solvers. Continued partnerships and funding through Lockheed Martin provided 80 4H youth with expertise and guidance to shine in Agriculturally-focused robotics competitions at the NYS Fair in 2013.

Continued county funding is needed to expand 4H youth development programs and opportunities to reach diverse youth sectors and volunteers to support knowledge and skill development in agriculture sciences and encourage career exploration to help grow our future farmers in Onondaga County.

#### **Urban Agriculture:**

Urban Agriculture continues at the Southwest Community Farm. Cornell devoted resources to develop demonstration beds and vegetable variety trials at the site in order to expand educational opportunities. The farm site expanded to include new community gardens beds for the neighbors to grow produce for their families. Excess produce is donated or sold by Jubilee Homes Urban Delights youth at the Farm and Downtown Farmers' Market.

#### **Invasives**

Emerald Ash Borer was officially found in Onondaga County in July 2013. Cooperative Extension's efforts facilitating the Emerald Ash Borer Task Forces have paid off. The County, the City of Syracuse and multiple municipalities are now prepared to manage EAB to reduce costs and avoid crisis management from large quantities of dead trees. Detection efforts were expanded because of the Task Force, which has helped to quickly delimit the extent of the infestation and direct management efforts appropriately. The DEC and Ag and Markets are both looking to CCE and the Task Force to continue the outreach and monitoring work related to EAB and the Asian long-horned beetle. CCE's outreach efforts to prepare residents and limit consumer fraud from unqualified or dishonest tree care companies are ongoing.

#### **Forestry**

CCE Onondaga has continued its CommuniTree Steward Program provided maintenance to over 300 trees in Onondaga County. The Community Tree Buy program provides municipalities and non-profits discounts up to 40% for bare root trees, which are planted with help from CCE volunteers. The diversity of trees offered through this program has helped protect municipalities from the devastation of insects like Emerald Ash Borer. Participating municipalities are seeing their investment pay-off as they have fewer trees that will require removal or treatment. CCE educators are also assisting the Save the Rain program by assessing the suitability of properties throughout Syracuse to have a tree planted. Educators then seek home-owner approval for qualified sites. This year they have sought approval for over 1800 sites. 1400 trees will be planted in 2013 through these efforts.

#### **Water Quality Program**

The Stream Stewards Youth Program have brought in-stream and classroom water quality education to over 400 youth and trained 80+ adults in Onondaga County. Our CCE educator brings the teacher and class to a different Onondaga Urban, Sub-urban and Rural streams to conduct EPA certified water quality tests – incorporating STEM education goals, exposing kids and adults to our regional natural resources, providing valuable water quality data, and fostering stewardship of our water bodies.

#### **Master Gardener Volunteers**

The Master Gardener program trained 18 new volunteers to bring high quality horticulture information to the public, joining 53 existing volunteers. Through presentations, workshops, the horticulture hotline and tabling events, these volunteers help residents to resolve gardening questions, saving them the expense of purchasing inappropriate products or hiring unnecessary professional help. Their volunteer time equates to nearly 2 full-time staff.

- CCE coordinated all farm work and education at the Southwest Community Farm, including recruitment of 10 regular neighbors as volunteers, 50 additional volunteers to plant, maintain and harvest, and 40 youth using the farm for summer education programs. The site will be further developed this fall to include formal community garden and learning spaces.
- Through garden workshops and on-farm training, CCE has increased the awareness of locally-grown products and the connection between rural producers and urban consumers.

<i>Three County Comparisons with NY State Rank</i>			
	Cayuga	Onondaga	Oswego
Total Market Value of all Agricultural Production	214,403,000 (3)	137,372,000 (11)	39,342,000 (40)
Cattle and Calves (includes beef)	73,000 (2)	41,979 (13)	9,985 (38)
Value of Milk Sold	140,238,000 (2)	80,417,000 (9)	9,386,000 (40)
Value of grains and oilseeds	30,575,000 (1)	9,571,000 (10)	2,570,000 (28)
Market Value of Vegetables	7,730,000 (15)	7,225,000 (16)	16,565,000 (6)
Market Value of Fruit	1,452,000 (24)	12,574,000 (10)	2,457,000 (20)
<i>Descriptive Farm Statistics with Percent Change from 2002</i>			
Number of Farms	936 (+6)	692 (-5)	639 (-6)
Land in Farms	249,476 (+5)	156,284 (-4)	103,156 (-4)
<i>National Rankings (out of ~3,070 counties)</i>			
Market Value of all Agricultural Crops	285, Top 10%	607, Top 20%	1,780 Top 60%
Market Value of Crops (including nursery)	872, Top 30%	1,089, Top 40%	1,307 Top 50%
Market Value of Livestock, Poultry, and their Products	170, Top 5%	387, Top 12%	1,846, Top 60%
Market Value of Milk	40, Top 1%	81, Top 4%	497, Top 20%

Chair Knapp questioned their role with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Mr. Skeval responded:

- Ms. Lyons leads the EAB Taskforce; First and foremost must delineating the infestation itself, everyone has limited resources need to know where to apply those
- Map on their website shows current locations of the EAB, need to determine where we haven't found it yet
- Notify towns, county and highway system of critical trees to be removed before causing damage or harm

Chair Knapp stated from discussions, it sounds like Cornell is pulling back some of its support and asked that they expand on this and the fact that their original budget submitted to the County Executive asked for a little more. Mr. Skeval responded:

- Requested an additional \$28,197 on the appropriations line, necessary to insure compliance and continued federal and state funding
- In danger of losing some funding because what happens in Cattaraugus County affects the whole system; administration is the first thing cut when money is tight, different counties were pulling back on compliance obligations
- As a system, Cornell thought it necessary to form groups of counties for oversight in critical areas of labor, diversity, finance, and other things governments audit; formed a Shared Business Network (SBN) experiment started 3 year ago - all about sharing resources, joined Oswego and Cayuga County; Cornell fully funded the program at \$75k and was providing transactional work, which provided leftover funds shifted to programming
- Support and experiment now complete, reviewed and determined value to be \$40k
- Now gathered into 8-County SBN, negotiated to make up shortfall of \$40k bringing it down to just over \$28,000; compulsory – don't have choice as we are part of the system; how this is handled moving forward is the challenge

In answer to Chair Knapp, Mr. Skeval stated we are looking for synergies with surrounding counties on both programming and administration. Ms. Dischner is one of the most recognized nutritionist in the state and to save money on her salary, we split her talents with Cayuga County. There are similar transactions taking place with IT work and he can see doing more in the future.

**ONONDAGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – pg. 5-3, Line 659720: Mark Burger, Executive Director; F. Spencer Givens, III, Board of Directors Chair**

Mr. Burger provided information packets (*On file with the Clerk*) and presented the following:

It is our pleasure to share with you some of the specialty work we do in Onondaga County in pollution prevention and environmental protection on rural, urban, and municipal lands.

We have performed these services in the County since our creation by the County Board of Supervisors in 1944. Soil and Water Districts are a unique setup. By NYS law, we are the only “municipal” agency allowed to apply conservation projects on private lands. That is why many other agencies rely on Districts to toggle their programming with ours.

Our Mission is to “Promote Excellence in the Wise Use of our Natural Resources”. Our Vision is to “live in a society in which future generations will have natural resources necessary to sustain and enrich their quality of life”.

We accomplish the goals of our Mission and Vision in the following way.

- 1) As farming can be a soiled, hazardous industry with extensive regulations, we plan, survey, design, and oversee the construction of “sustainable” conservation projects to prevent pollution and comply with government regulations on the 250 farms that we work with. (For instance, the farms in the Onondaga Lake TMDL watershed).
- 2) We author grants to pay for these conservation projects; we implemented \$1.7 million dollars of conservation projects with grant funding in 2012. **So, for every dollar you invest in the District, we return \$23 worth of actual projects, on the ground, that reduce pollution and protect the environment.** (These grant funds hired 50-plus businesses to provide service and support for these conservation projects).
- 3) We maintain **STRONG** partnerships with Cornell Cooperative Extension; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Water Environment Protection; and County Offices of Environment, Parks, and DOT. Please note that we do NOT duplicate their efforts.
- 4) We utilize, as much as possible, the services of volunteers from the community and many interns from the local colleges to accomplish our goals.
- 5) We accomplish all of this with a consistent staff size of 11 full-time employees; we do not have any educators on staff as that is the role of CCE.

And, we are assisting the County with the Ash Tree Inventory and management planning for Emerald Ash Borer. We are also working with the County, although no funding has been appropriated, to assist with the implementation of the County’s Stormwater Management Program.

Please know that although we have had many successes with the delivery of conservation projects in the County and the grant writing to pay for these projects, we struggle as an organization to pay operating expenses such as fuel, rent, and supplies (to name a few). Most of the grants that are available to us do not pay for these costs.

Therefore, we are asking for your assistance, by increasing our appropriation by \$45,000. These funds will enable us to continue to provide the pollution prevention/ environmental protection projects that we accomplish annually for the benefit of Onondaga County.

SWCD County Appropriations			
County	2012	County	2012
1 Cayuga	\$ 723,358.00	29	
2 Columbia	\$ 370,025.00	30 Schoharie	\$ 126,950.00
3 Seneca	\$ 306,506.00	31 Cattaraugus	\$ 118,932.00
4 Suffolk	\$ 305,935.00	32 Oneida	\$ 115,000.00
5 Warren	\$ 284,000.00	33 Saratoga	\$ 110,700.00
6 Cortland	\$ 274,000.00	34 Delaware	\$ 110,000.00
7 Greene	\$ 254,538.00	35 Otsego	\$ 110,000.00
8 Dutchess	\$ 235,000.00	36 Herkimer	\$ 109,046.00
9 Genesee	\$ 209,038.00	37 Hamilton	\$ 106,074.00
10 Sullivan	\$ 198,535.00	38 Tompkins	\$ 104,266.00
11 Rockland	\$ 197,997.56	39 Essex	\$ 100,109.00
12 Jefferson	\$ 192,000.00	40 Chautauque	\$ 100,000.00
13 Ontario	\$ 190,991.00	41 Montgomery	\$ 98,200.00
14 Erie	\$ 190,000.00	42 Yates	\$ 94,975.00
15 Tioga	\$ 189,235.00	43 Clinton	\$ 77,000.00
16 Wayne	\$ 184,475.00	44 Ulster	\$ 76,500.00
17 Schenectady	\$ 182,443.00	45 Broome	\$ 73,500.00
18 Putnam	\$ 161,957.00	46 Onondaga	\$ 72,356.00
19 Steuben	\$ 159,676.00	47 Franklin	\$ 60,750.00
20 Rensselaer	\$ 157,225.00	48 Albany	\$ 60,000.00
21 Madison	\$ 154,500.00	49 Lewis	\$ 60,000.00
22 Wyoming	\$ 152,823.96	50 Orleans	\$ 57,750.00
23 Chemung	\$ 150,000.00	51 Niagara	\$ 51,005.00
24 Chenango	\$ 148,690.00	52 Monroe	\$ 50,000.00
25 Schuyler	\$ 145,000.00	53 Livingston	\$ 40,000.00
26 Washington	\$ 140,000.00	54 Fulton	\$ 39,020.00
27 Orange	\$ 137,917.00	55 St. Lawrence	\$ 33,244.00
28 Oswego	\$ 136,520.00	56 Nassau	\$ 12,600.00
		57 NYC	\$ -
		58 Westchester	\$ -
		TOTAL:	\$8,430,362.00

HISTORY OF COUNTY LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATIONS TO SWCD		
2014	\$60,000	Funds to pay Operating Costs
	\$60,000	Funds for WEP project
2013	\$37,500	Funds to pay Operating Costs
	\$37,500	Funds for WEP project
2012	\$36,178	Funds to pay Operating Costs
	\$36,178	Funds for WEP project
2011	\$26,178	Funds to pay Operating Costs
	\$26,178	Funds for WEP project
2010	\$52,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2009	\$62,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2008	\$62,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2007	\$62,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2006	\$62,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2005	\$62,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2004	\$62,356	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2003	\$66,336	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2002	\$66,336 (est.)	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2001	\$66,276	Funds to pay Operating Costs
2000	\$41,276	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1999	\$41,276 (est.)	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1998	\$41,276	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1997	\$41,276	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1996	\$42,600	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1995	\$42,600	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1994	\$42,600	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1993	\$37,265	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1992	\$42,890	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1991	\$52,516	Funds to pay Operating Costs
1990	\$53,000	Funds to pay Operating Costs

You will see from slide 1 that we are the lowest funded District in all of Central NY, and 13th from the bottom in terms of funding (out of 58 Districts) in all of NYS. In addition, on slide 2, you will see that the cash amount of our County appropriation, to pay operating expenses, is almost the same amount we received 20 years ago in 1993 to pay operating expenses.

In your packets, you will see before and after photos of projects, we wanted to highlight for 2013.

**Some interesting District facts for 2013:**

- 200 folks from across NYS visited the SWCD office at Ska nonh Center for 20 environmental meetings

- *Distributed 420 mosquito larvicide kits to residents of Onondaga County to help protect the public from mosquito-borne illnesses such as EEE and West Nile Virus*
- *Technical assistance to 80 community members totaling 115 hours of staff time*
- *Revegetated 45 miles/acres of County road-ditches that were excavated for maintenance purposes*
- *200 Agricultural assessments completed to assist farmers with reducing the cost of taxation*
- *150 attended "Conservation Day On The Farm" at Luchsinger's Dairy Farm, Onondaga Hill*
- *230 students from 10 local schools competed in Enviro-Thon environmental education competition*
- *6,000 tree seedlings sold to 200 customers to help re-forest the County*
- *Administer 34 grants in 2013*

*We appreciate anything that you can do to assist our cause. We thank you for your time and are happy to answer any questions that you may have.*

Chair Knapp stated they have done a lot of work on the EAB up to this point and asked him to expand on what he is projecting for 2014. Mr. Burger responded:

- We are a member of the EAB Taskforce, hosted by CCE
- Responsible for Ash tree inventory on County Property; targeting trees on County Property and within the 800 miles of County Highway right-of ways that could fall and hit targets
- RFP draft for private contractors to cut targeted Ash trees in review amongst five or six different County departments
- Working on Onondaga Lake Park Management Plan for Ash trees; obtaining public input
- Bulk of 2014 will be putting out contracted tree work to continue cutting high-risk trees and inoculation- if the public so chooses; inoculating Ash trees with pesticides to kill the larva and the EAB insect itself

Chair Knapp stated he is aware that the quality of the wood is different for forest-grown trees and those grown in parks, along roadways and other areas. It is tragic enough that these trees won't exist but to cut them all down and put them in a landfill would be terrible. He questioned if they would be talking to people that handle firewood or any other business, as far as reuse of those trees. Mr. Burger responded:

- One focuses of the EAB Taskforce is determining the alternative best uses for this wood
- NYSDEC determined wood treated with a pesticide can be ground into mulch for beneficial reuse
- CCE working with CNY businesses to put material into other uses such as decorative lumber, firewood and a host of other mechanisms
- 25k trees currently identified - once inventory completed could be more than 50k; will need to be dealt with in some way within the next 5-10 years

Mr. Plochocki stated as a layman, one of the things that was very difficult for him to understand was that not all Ash has good value. It kills him to have to cut down even 1,000 trees but if we are forced into it, he assumed we would be sitting on a cash cow. Even though he has been informed that the wood doesn't have the value he had hoped for, he is happy we have someone from the industry on our side. Mr. Coburn advised him that Mr. Burger is an expert in this area and asked him for his thoughts on cutting more the trees earlier rather than later, thinking the wood may have more value. Mr. Burger responded:

- EAB Taskforce talented group of people from private sector and public all working together
- Inoculation could save trees for a long time, allow time for plant now and time to gain size on the regeneration; even trees with a 40% defect in the crown or the stem can take up this pesticide
- Prefer a multifaceted approach, cutting the worst trees now, inoculation to keep as many Ash trees as possible in our ecosystem because of benefits they provide in terms of cooling and stormwater management; one Midwest municipality saw a 30% increase in utility expenses once trees were cut
- This strategy minimizes the amount of wood being converted to waste or secondary product

Mr. Plochocki stressed that he is asking devil's advocate questions. He understands energy conservation and might agree with what was said, but when he discussed this with fellow legislator's there were many concerns that this may not be the most cost effective way to manage this.

Mr. Plochocki questioned what Mr. Burger he would say to those that suggest using the money that would be spent on inoculation, to plant new trees. Mr. Burger responded:

- He would take them back to the three-pronged approach, cut the worst trees, inoculate trees we have a hope of saving, and immediately replanting to the best amount possible

- Inoculation will stretch our window of opportunity, won't hit the taxpayers all at once; astronomical cost, \$4.7 million dollars cut cost just for the 25k trees inventoried so far; using in-house crews for inoculation reduces cost to under \$1 million
- Cost benefit to inoculating, practical and sustainable approach; SUNY Maxwell students inventory 35 Midwest municipalities recommended this three-pronged approach
- Taskforce stands committed, 3-pronged approach is the best thing to do

Mr. Plochocki questioned if the cutting cost for the 25,000 trees would be reduced to \$1 million, including inoculation or if there would be inoculation costs on top of this. It seems that the inoculation of a tree would be more expensive than cutting down a tree; questioned how big the number was. Mr. Burger responded:

- Using funds to inoculate instead of cutting would carry us 10-20 years into the future, preserving trees and the benefits
- Only 2% of the trees need immediately cut; \$90k to cut immediate hazard trees
- Inoculate recommended trees, doing the first 50% this year and remaining 50% next year; cost would be \$400k per year for inoculation – good for 2 yrs.; additional money would go into replanting
- Money will go a lot further and keep our community vibrant by keeping these trees standing for canopy conservation

Mr. Plochocki stated he would need more detail on the total number, if they wanted him to go to bat for them with canopy conservation. He may be willing to do this but has many colleagues to convince on inoculation. He questioned how much will we spending by year six and year ten, if we need to keep inoculating every two years. He would imagine, there comes a point when we could end up spending \$4.7 million just on inoculation costs, it may be 50 years out but that number will be very helpful. If this number is reached in 5 years his colleagues are going to say it isn't worth it but, if we are talking a substantial amount of time then that opens the door to policy arguments, canopy conservation and secondary arguments of utility savings and that type of thing. Mr. Burger responded that everything runs through Mr. Coburn's office as their recommendation. However, they are working on those numbers and graphing that data as we speak. The EBA Taskforce would be interested in meeting with your constituency to share this information, bring the appreciate graphs and other data to support our position on the three-pronged approach and canopy conservation.

Chair Knapp noted that we would see Mr. Coburn tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM and could discuss this further. Mr. Burger added these are great questions and this is what we are looking for from the public as well. We hope to receive their position at our meetings this Thursday and again next Wednesday.

Chair Knapp stated he realizes that a lot of federal funding has gone away and asked that he expand upon the original ask of an additional \$45,000, not reflected here. Mr. Burger responded:

- Congressman Walsh was a tremendous supporter of conservation region wide and finances were great at the state level; never had to worry about how to pay for fuel, employee retirement, or office supplies
- Economy took a downturn and we had a leadership change at the congressional level; have had no resources to help with those expenses
- Original request was a little higher, worked it through the budget process in 2 different ways and determined \$45K was the number; can be supported on paper to show where needs are
- Writing grants pays the project costs and for employees to be on the ground doing that work; getting employees to the job site is where we struggle - most of grants don't provide any level of funding for those costs; 34 active grants in our organization this year

Mrs. Ervin questioned if there was any effect on the environment, if they decide to inoculate the trees. Mr. Burger responded:

- The technology being looked at is a systemic injection into the tree - pesticide is held in the woody tissue of the tree, don't have to worry about injecting it into your soil or having the rain wash it off
- Pesticide is locked inside the tree for 2 yrs. killing the larva under the bark, as well as the insect, very safe technology,
- Primary treatment used by the Midwest for combating the EAB

Mrs. Rapp asked what happens if the administrative costs requested were not funded; requested \$72,356 and the County Executive is recommending \$37,500. Mr. Burger responded that it would probably be layoffs. They are already doing more with less.

**ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – pg. 3-44: Gregg Tripoli, Executive Director**

Mr. Tripoli stated before beginning, he would like to draw their attention to the new exhibit OHA has placed in the chambers, on the history of Onondaga Lake and proceeded to present the following:

*AS OHA begins the last quarter of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, I am happy to report that the organization is continuing its upward trend of increased membership, attendance, audience, outreach educational programming, and off-site, as well as on-site, exhibit production. As reported in our 2014 appropriation request, our museum attendance has increased 67% in the past 12 months and our outreach audience has grown by over 460% in the same time period.*

*A consistently changing array of temporary museum exhibits (averaging 10 per year) and educational programs (averaging over 140 per year), combined with the draw of our museum store and the history-themed restaurant that we helped establish have brought more visitors to our Montgomery Street museum than ever before. Our off-site exhibits, publications, and film productions (including our "History Minutes" productions for PBS, which reach over 128,000 television viewing households per week) have helped us bring the great stories of Onondaga County's history to many hundreds of thousands of people per year.*

*OHA's commitment to economic development is evidenced by our retail product development strategy. "Mary Elizabeth's Candy" is just one example that perfectly characterizes our approach to both product and community economic development. Inspired by the particularly compelling story, from our local history, of Mary Elizabeth Evans – a 14 year-old Syracuse girl who, in the early 1900's, turned her hobby of making candy into a multi-million dollar business to lift her family of widows and children from homelessness into a legacy of fortune, fame, and philanthropy - OHA secured the copyright to her secret candy recipes from her direct heirs. We then contracted with a local (Manlius-based) woman-owned candy manufacturer to re-create Mary Elizabeth's Candy (for the first time in over 80 years), from the original recipes, with the requirement that local ingredients be used whenever possible. From this one local story, we helped a local entrepreneur add a new, and very popular, product line to her growing business, added a new product for OHA's stores, developed an entrepreneurial educational program (that motivates and teaches people about starting a business), produced a "History Minutes" television segment (using local production facilities and actors), contributed feature articles to 3 local magazines, and increased orders for a number of local industries involving everything from milk to maple sugar. We also reached hundreds of thousands of people with a great inspirational story from our local history and, because OHA receives a portion of the proceeds from every sale of Mary Elizabeth's candy, we also added a new revenue stream to support our mission and educational programming. This is just one example of the process we employ in the continual development of new products.*

*OHA's management of the former Ste. Marie Among the Iroquios facility in Liverpool's Onondaga Lake Park is progressing nicely. Our application for funding the architectural and engineering plans to develop the new Skä-noñh – Great Law of Peace Center, through the Regional Economic Development Council, has resulted in a "High Priority" rating (the highest rating possible) from the local council and is now in the hands of the state funding agencies.*

*OHA's strategy of collaboration with our art, culture, and heritage industry partners involves using historic perspective to add value to their products and services at **no charge** to them – OHA takes the responsibility of finding the funding for these projects. In the past year alone, OHA has used this strategy to add value to: the Everson, Syracuse Stage, Erie Canal Museum, Onondaga County Public Library, WCNY, Syracuse Opera, Community Folk Art Gallery, Artrage Gallery, Matilda Joslyn Gage Center, Lightworks Gallery, and Symphoria*

Mr. Tripoli stated in collaboration with Syracuse University and the City of Syracuse we will soon be rolling out historic signage for the Creek Walk and have added a mobile application video. In addition, we will be adding a mobile application to our award winning Downtown Historic Walking Tour. In November, we will be adding value to the Veteran's Day festivities at the NYS Fair as we host a revolutionary exhibit that features the George Washington inaugural bible, here for the first time in New York. Also distributed to you is a copy of our magazine (**On file with the Clerk**). This is a member benefit, received twice per year; contains great stories of local history - full story of Mary Elizabeth Evans, Jimmy Van Heusen and Onondaga County's role at Gettysburg.

In answer to Mrs. Rapp, Mr. Tripoli stated the Haudenosaunee Wood Stick Lacrosse Expo is coming along great. We are as funded as we had hoped to be at this point and expect to make some money during the two-day event. This major game happens annually and is being held for the first time outside of native territory, playing only Native American players, nation against nation, must use a wood stick, old leather balls and the old rules. We have 35-40 vendors for food. There will be music, dancing, and famous lacrosse players from around the country will have clinics for children. Suggested they come out and see one of the fastest growing sports in American History, played by the people who invented the game.

Mr. Jordan stated he was happy to see the requested budget decrease and wanted to thank Mr. Tripoli for his passion and everything he is doing.

### **CNY ARTS – pg. 3-3: Stephen Butler, Executive Director; Carol Sweet, President of the Arts and Culture Leadership Alliance**

Mr. Butler presented the following:

*Thank you for providing this time for CNY Arts, formerly known as the Cultural Resources Council, to speak about our budget request of \$1,152,666 in support of arts and culture organizations throughout Onondaga County. Carol Sweet, President of the Arts and Culture Leadership Alliance is also able to answer any questions you may have concerning the request from the Alliance to continue funding for arts and culture through CNY Arts (see attached ACLA letter). (On file with the Clerk)*

*CNY Arts' mission is to promote, support and celebrate arts and culture by providing services and programs to benefit individuals, organizations and the general public. To that end, CNY Arts offers substantial re-granting programs through contracts with government and private agencies. With our current contracts, by the year end, we will have distributed over \$1,031,905 in Onondaga County including the County's funding for arts. This year's budget request is a portion of the same percentage that has been recommended by the County Executive for the past several years for art, culture and heritage groups, 22% of Room Occupancy Tax revenue, which is projected to have increased over last year. CNY Arts believes this modest increase will exponentially contribute to Onondaga County's economic development efforts and respectfully asks for your support.*

*Last year, we brought Dr. Ron Wright from Le Moyne College to speak about the economic impact and jobs created through arts, culture and heritage organizations. His Economic Impact of the Arts Study concluded that local arts and culture organizations (included in the data in 2010) put direct expenditures of over \$33,875,000 back into the economy while generating an additional \$99,000,000 in patron spending additional to ticket purchases – these are important dollars that help to promote the County's agenda including generating room occupancy tax, sales tax and creating jobs. The arts and culture industry creates over 1800 jobs and helps to support an additional 3,300 jobs through audience spending. Local taxes generated through this activity were determined to be approximately \$12 million dollars in that year. As we determined last year, with the help of the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau, zip code analysis of the arts and culture groups funded with county dollars demonstrates that 28% of attendees are from out of town. The out of town guests spend new dollars in our local economy on food, gas and parking – sales tax generators – and on average includes 12% of visitors that are overnight guests, many of whom are occupying our hotels and motels which generate sales AND room tax revenues. Again, these figures are in keeping with the Economic Impact study that shows 26.8% of our overnight guests visit, in part, for arts and culture events.*

*Our arts and culture organizations are more than an important economic driver for the County and provide crucial community services to children and families and quality arts experiences. From the funded arts groups' two quarterly reports submitted to CNY Arts to date, we know that these organizations have already provided over 1505 events and shows, served over 69,279 youth and children, provided over 47,756 free admissions to ensure access for the arts including the general public as well as underserved populations. Some highlights include:*

- The MOST's opening traveling exhibit "Robots" in which they also partnered with Crouse Hospital. The MOST continues to maintain robust attendance with a significant increase in the second quarter, and they received an Award of Merit in Engaging Communities by the Museum Association of New York.*
- Symphoria's completed winter season with growing attendance and announcement of a new full season. Symphoria also hired a professional marketing firm as well as a new Executive Director, Catherine Underhill, former Executive Director of the Colorado Music Festival & Center for Musical Arts in Lafayette, a suburb of Boulder.*
- Syracuse Stage's productions of Good People and An Iliad drawing almost 12,000 patrons, more than 5,200 of those from out of Onondaga County.*

*Additionally through the creation by the County Legislature of the Economic Development Fund we have already learned that Arts Week increased attendance by over 10,000 through heavy regional advertising and the reinstated Open Hand Puppet Theater Festival brought 2500 to North Salina Street for this family celebration.*

*These are examples of the organizations that CNY Arts has taken on the responsibility of funding for the County at the request of the local arts and culture organizations and in partnership with the County. Carol Sweet is here to answer any questions you may have about the ACLA proposal. We have worked successfully with the arts community to create appropriate guidelines, applications, funding formulas, and a panel process. Together these policies and procedures meet the critical review standards necessary to safeguard county dollars while providing a transparent system of grants-making*

and delivery to funded organizations. In this new system, CNY Arts joins the over 2,500 local arts agencies across the country that deliver municipal arts funding to nonprofits.

In addition to re-granting, CNY Arts provides joint marketing, education, and opportunities to increase audiences through our partnership with the local funders and the SCVB in the Initiative to Develop and Engage Audience Services – our new calendar and directory is now generating 2,309 hits monthly and 66% of those coming to it are new visitors. Data from the calendar will feed kiosks managed by the CVB at Hancock Airport, Destiny USA and throughout the county encouraging local residents and out of town guests to partake in a variety of offerings including arts and culture.

Additionally, CNY Arts offers community based programs such as the annual On My Own Time exhibit in partnership with the business community and the Everson Museum which received a Private Sector Initiative Commendation in recognition of Exemplary Community Service from President Ronald Reagan, and this year celebrated its 40th year with a proclamation from the County just last week. This also includes the annual production of *The Adventures of Rudolph*, presented at the Civic Center to over 6,500 children and their families; and the annual high school theater competition and day of workshops, the Michael Harms Festival that is attended by over 200 students annually and also provides scholarships. These programs represent just some of CNY Arts' ongoing services to our County's residents.

In 2014, CNY Arts will continue to work with the SCVB, a collaborative of local funders, and the arts community on Phase II of a free social marketing system including a mobile web app for use by Smartphone users to identify events happening each day and/or within a 25 mile radius. We've implemented an online grants management system to provide better access to our grants programs and data collection and continue to provide workshops, technical assistance and fiscal management to smaller arts organizations and individual artists. CNY Arts will also continue to host public forums and workshops to engage constituents and stakeholders, while meeting their needs to develop best practices and enhance the state of the arts. In its role as a regional leader CNY Arts has begun a regional assessment that will help the region develop as an arts destination while providing key data towards important cultural planning and tourism. CNY Arts and CVB have been nominated by the local Funders for a national marketing award for our unique collaboration in these efforts.

CNY Arts is grateful for Onondaga County's past support, the work of the County Legislature, and looks forward to continuing our long-term relationship. County support helps leverage supplemental resources from individuals, foundations, and corporations and helps ensure that our programs can continue and grow. Again, my thanks to the Chair, the Ways and Means Committee, and the Legislature for giving us this opportunity to speak.

Chairman McMahon thanked Mr. Butler and stated we had a very good year last year. The Legislature stood by the CNY Arts organization and their support of the symphony. Without some of the legislative members support, including the hard work of all the other stakeholders, we probably would not have the current sympathy.

Chairman McMahon stated the County Executive's proposal increases funding and asked how those funds would be spent; would they increase general legacy support and/or are there new organizations to fund. The Economic Development Fund created last year was a great concept and the diligence provided by the CNY Arts team was superb; likes the idea of doing this again and opening it up to everyone on a yearly basis. Mr. Butler responded:

- Legacy support would increase by formula requested by the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance; Alliance made up of both those that receive legacy support and those that do not
- If County increase is over 2.5% a portion goes to new groups for funding
- Economic Development Fund got people thinking in different ways, were able to fund organizations not traditionally receiving County support
- Probably be a modest increase of 5% for the legacy groups, remainder would go toward Tier 3 agencies and if the Economic Development Fund is determined to be a priority, whatever that amount is also

In response to Chairman McMahon, Mr. Butler stated Tier 3 agencies are agencies that have not previously received county funding; might be something like Society for New Music, Matilda Gage, Art Rage, even Open Hand Theater, in a way. The ones named are actually some that received funding this year. **Chairman McMahon requested a list of all potential Tier 3 agencies.**

In answer to Chairman McMahon, Mr. Butler stated we have received two quarterly reports from Symphoria and the third quarter should be coming in next month. He is in regular communication with them and understands that their subscription series is selling well. He will be meeting with the new executive director tomorrow, in offices provided to them by a board member from SU.

Mrs. Rapp commented that this is the most comprehensive number report she has ever seen from the arts and questioned if this was translating done to the arts organizations in terms of their requests and the running of their businesses. Mr. Butler responded in short yes, but there has been a seed change. A few years ago, even the idea of looking at programing through the prism of attracting out of town guests was not something that was thought about regularly; saw themselves as not for profits with a mission to serve the community, which indeed they are. One way to look at quality program, is how willing are people to travel to see it; seeing more of this kind of thinking, dialogue and partnerships. In the past, he has spoken about the unique partnerships with Symphoria and the Landmark to bring a video game concert to collaborate with the Everson, which is doing a video games exhibit. However, there are many partnerships out there like the puppet festival that works with all the community engagement groups on the Northside or the MOST partnering with Crouse Hospital on their robots exhibit. There are many partnerships and collaborations forming as people look at their attendance numbers in very different ways, which we know because it is required in their contract that they provide us with zip code analysis. Mr. Holder has advised that they received so much more information; it is being compiled in the annual report.

Mrs. Rapp stated this is exiting. As we come more dependent on sales tax to run our government, we become partners. If people are going to come here, they will need a reason to be here and a reason to return. The arts and culture becomes a strong draw and attraction. Mr. Butler agreed adding it was also good for those working in arts and culture to realize that as part of the community, it is their role to work in partnership with other agendas to increase sales tax, ROT and to help hospitals and universities to recruit the best by being a vibrant place. It is their duty as citizens to do these things.

Mrs. Rapp noted it has been fun to watch the transformation. She appreciates their work.

Chair Knapp asked if there was any change to the current support for Symphoria; \$75,000 per quarter. Mr. Butler responded that they weren't asking for a change; perhaps a modest increase based on ROT. Part of the agreement was that Symphoria would match those dollars through private donations and others. We will want to make sure that those dollars are matched because even with the short season, they generated 80% of what they needed.

Chair Knapp asked if the same quarterly payment structure would apply. Mr. Butler responded that he would like to look at quarterly payments for organizations that are stable, and their quarterly reports reflect this. With other organizations, which we will know when we delve into their data, we may pay them monthly and/or require business plans. Everyone has done very well, but our role is safeguarding these dollars. We have had conversations with the board and the community about how to best safeguard these funds. Therefore, people shouldn't have an expectation that they are going to get all their funding at once or even quarterly.

In answer to Chair Knapp, Mr. Butler confirmed that Symphoria funding would remain in quarterly payments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Onondaga County Legislature