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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE – 2018 BUDGET REVIEW OF WRITTEN BUDGET SUBMISSIONS (Dept. & Agencies) September 27, 2017 David Knapp, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Shepard, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Jordan

ABSENT: Mr. May, Mr. Kilmartin, Ms. Williams

**ALSO PRESENT: Chairman McMahan, Dr. Chase, Mrs. Tassone, Mr. Plochocki, Mr. Liedka, see also
attached list**

Chairman Knapp called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. He noted that there have always been some departments that have submitted written budget defense/comments. We have expanded it and will have a brief session to answer questions on them.

COUNTY CLERK: Elizabeth Doucette; Accountant 1; Lynn Walker, Deputy County Clerk

Chair Knapp noted that the County Clerk was out of town, and thanked Ms. Doucette and Ms. Walker for attending on short notice.

Chair Knapp:

- Can you give quick update on how the software roll out is going and then there are a couple of questions on the fee structure.

Ms. Doucette:

- System is going pretty good; working on a few glitches internally with COTT; some imaging items still have to come over that they are trying to do
- Customers able to come in and file the items, and able to put things through
- People have been able to get on the system and search; if someone has trouble, they call and we help them through it

Chair Knapp:

- What is available on line is what has been scanned in

Ms. Doucette:

- Yes, and all of the new stuff goes in as it comes in

Chair Knapp:

- Going back chronologically?

Ms. Doucette:

- They pulled everything on the old system, but there was a gap in the 70's and they are working on getting that gap in.

Chair Knapp:

- The older stuff from 1920's, 30's, or 40's, for example – that's all manual?

Ms. Doucette:

- It is part of the scanning that will be done down the road
- Will try to get as much stuff from the basement and in storage into the system as possible

Chair Knapp:

- Once you scan it in, do we still need to keep hard copies; will we be destroying the hard copies?

Ms. Doucette:

- Will double check with the Clerk, but believes that once it's on the Cloud, they can be because they are in more than one spot

Chair Knapp:

- Local Law on fees – how were the fees determined?

Ms. Doucette:

- Had gone to other county websites, pulled up information from about 50 different counties - there are different monthly fees for searching, copy fees, 24 hr. searches
- It came down to Tioga Co. – had a monthly fee, 6 mos. fee, 24 hr. fee, and print fee
- When it came to our budget fees, we took Rockland County for our annual amount to come in with copies; Rockland is smaller than us by about 150,000 people; keeping with them could be conservative – could possibly bring in more revenue
- Some counties don't charge; some charge more than what we put out there

Chair McMahon:

- I'm less concerned with the fee schedule than the users participating – how were revenues figured?

Ms. Doucette:

- It's \$410,250 – I didn't want to go over. With some of the copies, if they are doing it at home, we lose out in the office.
- Took Rockland County for \$230,000 with copies; for the 24 hrs. – looked at how many hits they could get -- – took 10 hits/day for a year; for the 6 mos. my goal was 162, which would mean they would have to buy it for the next 6 mos.
- From July 22 – Sept. 20, we have had 570 hits (PayPal emails coming in with fees), 24 were a 6 mos. subscription, 173 were 24 hr. subscriptions; 373 were related to copies
- Our system didn't actually start until 8/22, but people were getting in ahead of time – really looking at just a month. To multiply that, it comes out close to the projected estimate for the budget.

Mr. Jordan:

- Rockland County is a more expensive cost of living than here; what were the pricings for more comparable counties upstate

Ms. Doucette:

- Monroe has no charge for indexing or image – not sure what they have; Madison County charges \$200 for 30 days of a search; Cayuga charges \$40/month, \$480/year; \$.50/document

Mr. Morgan:

- The Clerk provided a county-by-county list to me.

Chair Knapp asked that Mr. Morgan provide that document to members.

Ms. Doucette:

- I have copies of the list and can pass them out.

Mr. Jordan:

- Estimate of cost to provide this service?

Ms. Doucette:

- So far, we have paid \$300k to put the new system into place, and about \$50k for hardware – money not in our budget
- In our budget we put aside \$83k for the year to cover the system that's in place

Mr. Jordan:

- With the current pricing, you are looking at making back almost the entire cost – acquisition and maintenance in one year

Ms. Doucette:

- Yes

Mr. Shepard:

- With the subscriptions that are in – do you have any way of tracking whether it is law office, title companies, size of law offices

Ms. Doucette:

- Not that she is aware of; the county clerk and deputies may know the size of the companies based on their experience

Ms. Venditti:

- Fees are effective this year

CNY Arts:

No questions

COMPTROLLER: James Maturo, Deputy Comptroller; Matt Beadnell, Chief Gov. Accountant

Mr. Maturo provided the following:

	Total Pos.	Funded Pos.	Amount
2014 Adopted Funding	35	33	\$ 1,716,165
2015 Adopted Funding	35	32	\$ 1,751,294
2016 Adopted Funding	35	32	\$ 1,759,676

2017 Budget:

Requested Funding	35	32	1,807,688	Per GHA26 dated 6/23/16 provided by DMB.
Adopted Funding	30	30	<u>1,472,762</u>	

Difference	5	2	334,926	
			<u>102,475</u>	Actual Salary of the 2 funded positions cut.
			<u><u>232,451</u></u>	Adopted Budgeted Deficit

Reso 184 - Vacants
 Accountant II
 Account Clerk III
 Account Clerk I

Reso 185 - Early
 Retirees
 Accountant II
 Account Clerk II

2018 Budget:

Requested Funding	30	30	1,827,895
Executive Budget	30	30	<u>1,582,851</u>

Difference			245,044
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Currently Vacant Positions that can't be filled
 in 2017 nor in 2018 under the Executive budget:

Account Clerk II (currently union president)	46,275
Systems Accountant	54,714
Auditor I	<u>49,465</u>
2018 Amount still short at 27 filled positions	94,590

We would need at least 2 additional employees to leave
 before we had any hope of hitting this budget, bringing

our head count to 24.

In addition we have increased our revenue by \$78,120 for union reimbursement and get no benefit or consideration in our expense line.

Department	2016 Adopted Budget Regular Salaries	2017 Adopted Budget Regular Salaries	INC(DEC)	% INC(DEC)
County Legislature	\$ 996,697	\$ 1,057,956	\$ 61,259	6.15%
County Executive	1,043,361	1,034,046	(9,315)	(0.89%)
District Attorney	5,851,162	5,434,154	(417,008)	(7.13%)
County Clerk	1,449,558	1,320,220	(129,338)	(8.92%)
County Comptroller	1,759,676	1,472,762	(286,914)	(16.30%)

Department	Regular Salaries 2016 Adopted Budget	Regular Salaries 2017 Adopted Budget	INC(DEC)	INC(DEC) %	
Emergency Management	232,439	41,382	(191,057)	(82.20%)	grants and contingency
County Comptroller	1,759,676	1,472,762	(286,914)	(16.30%)	
Adult & LTC	2,276,518	1,935,400	(341,118)	(14.98%)	grants
County Attorney	2,819,864	2,432,357	(387,507)	(13.74%)	
Purchase Information Technology	1,245,564	1,075,702	(169,862)	(13.64%)	
County Clerk	4,669,558	4,048,450	(621,108)	(13.30%)	After Contingency (10.6)
Finance	1,449,558	1,320,220	(129,338)	(8.92%)	
OCPL	4,835,445	4,429,982	(405,463)	(8.39%)	
District Attorney Children & Family Services	4,345,432	4,020,686	(324,746)	(7.47%)	grants
Board of Elections	5,851,162	5,434,154	(417,008)	(7.13%)	grants
Sheriff	13,795,751	12,913,719	(882,032)	(6.39%)	grants
County Executive	791,975	742,665	(49,310)	(6.23%)	
Environment	31,099,216	30,042,192	(1,057,024)	(3.40%)	grants
Health DSS-Economic Security	1,043,361	1,034,046	(9,315)	(0.89%)	
SOCPA	172,982	173,322	340	0.20%	
CNY Works	9,964,119	9,985,878	21,759	0.22%	grants
Facilities	17,691,768	17,737,632	45,864	0.26%	grants
Human Rights	1,091,937	1,097,050	5,113	0.47%	
Parks & Rec	136,035	138,694	2,659	1.95%	
Transportation WEP-Flood Control	5,882,648	6,043,933	161,285	2.74%	
E-911	138,168	142,000	3,832	2.77%	
	4,287,480	4,414,294	126,814	2.96%	grants
	7,081,835	7,305,132	223,297	3.15%	
	526,461	545,012	18,551	3.52%	
	9,212,765	9,549,598	336,833	3.66%	
	7,309,781	7,579,402	269,621	3.69%	

Economic Development	449,885	468,348	18,463	4.10%	
WEP	18,103,216	19,002,797	899,581	4.97%	
Probation County	4,099,640	4,332,489	232,849	5.68%	grants
Legislature	996,697	1,057,956	61,259	6.15%	
Personnel	1,630,121	1,743,285	113,164	6.94%	
Community Development	25,216	52,716	27,500	109.06%	grants
	165,016,273		(2,703,018)		
Cut all departments by 16.3%	(26,897,652)		(24,194,634)		added savings

Mr. Maturo:

- 2014, 2015, 2016 – had 35 positions
- Funded positions: 2014 – 33; 2015 - 32; 2016 – 32
- 2017 budget - we requested funding for 32 positions – totaling \$1.8 million, a number that came out of the report issued my Management & Budget)
- After the dust settled last year, all of our vacant positions were eliminated and 2 retiree positions were eliminated.
- We went down from 35 total positions with 33 funded to 30 positions with 30 funded.
- We understand what the issue was with the early retirement; we understand what the issue was with the budget; we are not disagreeing with what we had to do in the 2017 budget.
- We are disagreeing with the amount of money cut out of the Comptroller's office.
- The difference between requested and adopted is \$335,000.
- We had two funded positions that left – total salaries of them was \$102,000
- Leaving us with a budget deficit of \$232,000
- We do not disagree with the theory moving forward from 2017 into 2018, where the only increases in salaries were the contractual increases.
- If you start \$232,000 in the hole going forward in the 2018, we are now \$245,000 in the hole.

Mr. Maturo addressed the 2018 budget deficit:

- Currently the Comptroller's office has 3 positions that are technically funded, but vacant – we do not have sufficient appropriations and cannot fill them (Acct. Clerk II, Systems Accountant, Auditor 1)
- \$245,000 shortfall in 2018 budget, it means that we would not have the ability to fill these positions either, and with everything remaining constant, would still end 2018 with a \$95,000 deficit
- In order to hit that budget, we would need two additional employees to leave county government
- We do not have 30 funded positions, we have 24 funded positions
- That's a 25% decrease from where we were in 2016 – defies anybody to cut their staff by 25%
- What makes the issue more difficult or absurd is that one of the vacant positions, an account clerk II, is currently the union president. We didn't have any control over that – that person won the election and got the job. That person is working for the union, and we will get reimbursement for his position. Our revenue is up \$78,000, and we didn't get a dime of that benefit in the 101 line.
- We are going to pay the union president to be some place else – going to bring the money into the county and the Comptroller gets no benefit from doing that. We will have a vacant position that we will not be able to fill because we don't have the money.
- I have been with the county for about 33 years; never in the history of the Comptroller's office have we blown our budget. We will this year.
- Since 2012, the Comptroller's office has returned over \$400,000 back to general fund balance from the 101 line
- We don't spend money on things we don't need; we have been fiscally conservative in all of my years with the county.
- To come into where we are now, we will not be able to operate in 2018.

- By year end, we may have 2 additional accountants retire, that we will not be able to fill. We eliminated one of the accountants through the early retirement, have a vacant systems accountant that we can't fill. If these 2 people go, our accounting staff will go from 6 to 2.
- I don't know what is going to happen in 2018.

Chair Knapp:

- The Account Clerk II, union president – basically his full-time job is union president now?

Mr. Maturo:

- Yes. The history has been with the last few union presidents that they stay on the payroll, and we are reimbursed for the salaries from the union. Because you get the reimbursement, it is a net \$0. Departments were then allowed additional appropriations to replace that individual on their payroll and go forward with that.
- That position has to remain on the budget and there has to be contingency placed on that because that individual has a right, when he is no longer union president, to come back to his position.

Chair McMahon:

- Does he have a two-year term?

Mr. Maturo:

- 4 years

Chair McMahon:

- If you are asking for the money back for it, then they lose an election, and you have a human being there, then what are you going to do.

Mr. Maturo:

- The position is filled based on the contingency. When the president comes back, the other person that was hired, leaves the county. You don't have an additional person.

Mr. Morgan:

- The process of the 2017 budget – we were facing over an \$8 million budget gap, so executive team came up with the idea of a retirement incentive
- \$8.2 million gap that we closed was based on those eligible and likely to retire; that is how that money was allocated; we protected public safety, Corrections, and Sheriff's Dept.
- No department was treated any different than the Comptroller's office
- After the budget was adopted, and they knew how much money they had to spend, they filled 4 positions that they knew they didn't have any money for. That is why they are in the position that they are in now.

Chair McMahon:

- In 2017 that did happen. The budget was here; there was a proposal to move employees, and we didn't allow that. Then there was a bit of a hiring spree, which created the 2017 problem.

Mr. Maturo:

- The chief accountant position was already in the works
- I understand exactly what you are saying, but the Comptroller's office still has to run the Comptroller's office
- What you did was take away 2 funded positions, but funding for 5 positions
- Mr. Morgan is wrong because not everybody shared equally.
- We had 2 retirees, and our budget was cut \$334,000; the County Executive had one retiree and their budget didn't go down at all, and they moved the money to the 103.
- If you want to say everybody was equal, they were not.

Chair McMahon:

- I'm not saying everybody was equal, I'm just saying that after this happened, it was a challenge to deal with it.
- There was one position that we didn't take away the position, but took away some funding as part of trying to meet our budget goals, and that position was immediately hired. I know that was maybe not your decision.

Mr. Maturo:

- We were never informed by anybody that that position went unfunded. We saw it in January. No one ever reached out to the Comptrollers' office saying here is what we are doing and we are unfunding that position.

Chair McMahon:

- It was a resolution.

Mr. Maturo:

- The resolution put 6 people back in the payroll; it never mentioned unfunding. We only had one funded position in payroll. When the 6 positions went back, we never thought that you would unfund the position that was already in the budget.
- Had we had better communication and known that, we could have taken a different stance maybe.

Chair McMahon:

- What is the number going to come in for 2017?

Mr. Maturo:

- In the last forecast, I believe it was \$150,000 down.

Mr. Morgan:

- It's in that range.

Mr. Maturo:

- We have made up about \$100,000 of the shortfall.

Chair McMahon:

- In regard to the union increases – are you saying that it doesn't give the provision for salary and wage increases for existing employees.

Mr. Morgan:

- There are only a couple of outliers, but for the most part, we only allowed departments the ability to raise their 101 line by the value of the contractual wages and steps
- There are other departments that that is not the case for, but only a handful. Most departments were held to that line.
- We said we can't hold the value of the 2017 and 2018 raise against you, but are not going to allow you to claw back anything from the retirement incentive, because that completely defeats the purpose of having one.

Chair McMahon:

- I agree.

Mr. Maturo:

- If you formulated the 2017 budget on those individuals likely to retire, and then those individuals don't retire, and you don't put money back into the budget, then in essence what you have done is that you have just cut our office by those additional positions.
- I understand the concept of what happened in the 2017 budget and what we were faced with; but when you assume 5 people are going to leave and only 2 leave, you've got to put money back in to fund those positions. If you don't do that, you end up in the situation you are in now.

Chair McMahon:

- In 2018 we are saying the difference is \$245,044; a vacant position that can't be filled--account clerk, and then there is a \$54k and a \$49k number – showing \$94k. Isn't that worth more?

Mr. Maturo:

- Showing \$245,000 short; have 3 currently vacant positions that we can't fill

Chair McMahon:

- I know the \$94,000 is the salary line, but with benefits, don't you have more flexibility there

Mr. Maturo:

- We have zero flexibility; the only position that we have are the 30 funded positions; the rest of our budget, the lion's share, are the amounts for the audit fee. We have discretionary money of maybe \$10,000 in the Comptroller's office budget.
- That's the way it's always been – we have never padded the budget – it is what it is. It would be the equivalent of the legislature trying to find \$100,000 within its budget.
- You can talk about a lot of these other departments taking the cuts, but a lot of them have grants, have larger budgets that maybe can save money out of supplies, or all other expenses, but 98% of our budget is committed. There is not fat; there is no way to fund this.

Mr. Fisher:

- Elected departments are different -- as long as the legislature authorizes the roster positions, they can be filled regardless of budget. Have seen it in past years with respect to the Sheriff.
- Co. Executive office sees it, as its responsibility after the legislature adopts a budget, to work with elected officials as to what their plan is for next year.
- I sent a letter to the Comptroller in Dec. asking what the revised work plan is given what was appropriated, and we never got a response. I followed up twice and never got a response.
- To Mr. Maturo's point about communication, that is kind of important – we haven't had any communication – i.e. here's where we could move resources around
- A few years ago there was a request for CSI that an auditor be added to go off and do stuff for towns and villages. Maybe we don't need that any more. We don't know. An information aide position that had never been filled in recent years got filled after the budget was adopted. We are not quite sure why they needed that.
- It is a little different because they are an elected office and they don't have to tell us why they are doing things, but a type of dialogue might be useful.
- There may be things that we can take and move over to Finance. There are a couple of things in Comptroller's office that you could argue should be in Finance.
- There may be some things there that we can be helpful in getting them to their number, but there hasn't been much conversation along those lines. We are certainly open to it, if the Comptroller's office is.

Chair McMahon:

- This is a hot mess; there is a lot of communication that should have happened.
- 2017 – I'm disappointed that the hiring spree happened; I believe it was done intentionally.
- 2018 – why wouldn't we give consideration for the union position – the revenue is coming back – I assume that's how it is done in other departments

Mr. Morgan:

- I can't remember. When I was in DSS years ago, one of the employees was a union president. I know we got reimbursement for it, I don't know if we were given the luxury of getting another position or not
- To be honest, it wasn't even an issue; he got elected after the budget was in process.

Mr. Maturo:

- He was elected in June, it was before the budget process, and we put the numbers in. I don't believe he took office until July 1st.

Mr. Morgan:

- Chairman, from a goal perspective, you see the budget in front of you – you see what we had to do to bring you a balanced budget; it was not an easy task to bring this budget to you.
- We sent goals to departments with 5% local dollar reduction, some 10% - mine being one of them – and came close to meeting it
- I understand what Mr. Maturo is saying, but everyone is in the same position. Everyone has to do the same of what they are doing with less. That's where we are. We can sit here and debate it all day, but you are going to have to figure out how to do it.
- Maybe you will have to use some of your auditors in accounting – you are going to have to shift the resources around.

Mr. Maturo:

- Can the Clerk please get that on the record – that now the CFO is saying that the accountants and auditors can work on the same project, because about a year ago, they had a big issue with that.

Mr. Maturo:

- All that being said – the CSI money has not been spent because we know we are not going to hit our budget
- We have 103 money that is not spent – anything that we can withhold, we have withheld; in 2017 we have done the best the we could

Mr. Morgan:

- Let me correct my statement – they can become accountants and not do auditing work. That's what I meant. Auditing is not a mandatory function of that office.

Mr. Fisher:

- I don't understand the math. Think about Corrections; Ms. Zabinski used to be there, when she was given administrative leave, money was freed up. When she was no longer paid the payroll, they got revenue in to take care of it, but there was still money freed up, so they filled it because they had funding behind it.
- The Comptroller's just doesn't have enough. There is no salary savings; they have filled more positions than then had money for. It has nothing to do with Mr. Vadala becoming the president. There is an opportunity for them to figure out if they can live without him, and if they can't, then they have to figure out how to fill that position.
- It's kind of an opportunity to maybe not fill that thing; maybe there is someone down in payroll operations that can do some of the work that Mr. Vadala used to do. We are already starting to staff up...

Mr. Maturo:

- This is my case in point – it is the administration's plan to take over the activities and duties of the Comptroller's office. This is just a step further.

Mr. Fisher:

- It's absolutely not – the auditing function, the preaudit function, the audit and certify payroll will always be in the Comptroller's office. That is where it is supposed to be. The payroll operations, payroll processing, got moved down – Mrs. Donohue got moved to payroll (Personnel).

Chair McMahon:

- That was the position we didn't fund – I get that and have exception with that.
- I've let it be known for the record, they shouldn't have done that; they should have to eat that

Mr. Fisher:

- If they are expected to do exactly the same work, and Mrs. Donohue is doing different work, then they can't eat that. But, there could be some cooperation where some of the stuff they do, and have done in the past, could go somewhere else. Then, maybe they don't need to backfill that one position.

Chair McMahon:

- It's a weaker argument; we know the status of how things are going – we have to get over some other bridges.
- The decision is: what do we do with their budget – it's a stronger argument about their savings than how you guys can help them meet their goals

COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

No questions

STOP DWI PROGRAM:

Chair Knapp:

- This was down some money.

Mr. Morgan:

- It's revenue driven--whatever they think they will to get in revenue, they balance it off the expenses

ONONDAGA COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

No questions

COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

No questions

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Chair McMahon:

- There was a position last year, thinks it was a Senior Deputy County Attorney, that was vacant – is it still vacant?

Mr. Morgan:

- Will have to check

Mrs. Stanczyk:

- There is one unfunded vacant in family court.

Chair McMahon:

- Professional services line – can you explain that

Mr. Morgan:

- There is probably quite a bit of carryover in the modified budget.
- Can see in 2016 that it was an unusual this year because of certain lawsuits that came about
- See the adopted in 2017 – actually asking for less in 2018

Chair McMahon:

- You had carryover 2016 fees that went into 2017
- 2018 number is more similar to what we have had in 2017

Mr. Morgan:

- Yes – in the 2018 budget, you may see some funds flow over from 2017; not sure, but don't think so because they are pretty strapped this year

CNY WORKS:

No questions

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

Mrs. Ervin:

- Received something from Human Rights showing that their staffing is 2 people.
- I don't think the office can handle the work that is being put on them for Human Rights as well as Jail Oversight
- Years ago they had a full-time person, then they had a part-time person. At this point, I can't imagine working with just interns.
- Some consideration should be given to, if not a full-time person, at least a part time person in that office.
- Ms. Gewanter had sent something to justify that. She is working crazy hours to get this job done -- that is not the way we want things to happen.
- I think we want something more efficient than 2 people struggling to keep the office going. If there is any way we can put something back, I would like to see that happen.

Chair McMahon:

- Admin. Interns, graduate students – I don't know if they are already deployed, but maybe that's a place

Mr. Morgan:

- There is always some available; the issue is paying for them. Right now that department doesn't have money to pay for them.
- They sit in Personnel and the department they work for pays for them.

Chair McMahon:

- Who is paying for them now – somebody has to be?
- These are management trainee positions

Mr. Morgan:

- Yes, that is how I hire everyone in my office
- The position itself sits in Personnel, but the money sits in the department where they work

Chair McMahon:

- Are they all assigned currently?

Mr. Morgan:

- I would have to find out.

Chair McMahon:

- Maybe there is a way we can hodgepodge a way to help Human Rights with this
- I know you are saying there is no money over there, but there is money somewhere because they exist.

Mr. Morgan:

- No. The positions exist on Personnel's roster without any money behind them; a department has to request, through the budget process, for money to fill one of those in the ensuing year
- In my office, I request a certain amount if I know I'm going to have some turnover and I'm going to bring some interns in. If you don't do that, then there is no money anywhere to hire one.

Chair McMahon:

- They aren't hired right now?

Mr. Morgan:

- I don't know which departments are in the process of hiring any admin. interns now. None that I'm aware of.

Chair McMahon:

- Don't they get 2-year contracts when hired?

Mr. Morgan:

- 18 months – it's not a contract, they are employees; you can terminate them whenever you want

Chair Knapp:

- They have no benefits; just straight full time salary?

Mr. Morgan:

- No. They are full-time jobs; they have benefits.

OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

Mr. Shepard;

- The Director of Energy and Sustainability position is being cut, but is currently filled – what is the plan with that?

Mr. Morgan:

- The plan is to relocate the employee to another position before the end of the year, if it stays in the budget the way it is as abolished.

Mr. Shepard:

- There is an addition of \$25,000 for an environmental consultant. How is that money different than what is in the Facilities budget for that same purpose?

Mr. Morgan:

- The energy consultant is to hire a 3rd party contractor to assist with direct energy purchasing
- Can purchase energy directly through NYISO now. That is what that consultant has been helping us with.
- The \$25,000 is for energy related support that the position that is being abolished would offer. We do not need that full position, but need a piece of it. That is why a position is being created.
- That position, along with the \$25,000, is still less than the amount of the position that is leaving that department

CENTRO:

Chair Knapp:

- That is directly mortgage tax for their funding?

Mr. Morgan:

- Part of it is; part of it is a pass through through Planning

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBORAH L. MATURO, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

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