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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

SANDRA L. BAKER, CHAIR

DECEMBER 11, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Mr. Stanczyk, Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Rapp, Mr. DiBlasi, Mr. Jordan

ALSO PRESENT: see attached list (Attachment 1)

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Jordan to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. SYRACUSE-ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY: Ms. Karen Kitney, Director

a. Reauthorizing annual agreements with the State of New York and the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board relative to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

Ms. Kitney explained that the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) is a federally funded planning organization, a prerequisite for the community in order to get both planning and capital highway and transit funds from the federal government. Onondaga County is technically the host agency, subcontracts with the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for administrative duties regarding SMTC. State DOT reimburses Onondaga County.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Andon-McLane, Admin. Planning & Funding Coordinator.

a. Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the lead-based paint hazard control program and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$3,000,000)

Ms. Andon-McLane said this is their third lead grant (awarded \$2.1 million in 2001 and \$3 million in 2004). Allows for the removal of lead hazards in homes - windows, doors, sidings and painted walls. Will allow \$10,000 per household, plan on doing about 225 houses over a two to three year period; program is available countywide for low income homeowners; renters also qualify (HUD requires that 90% be very low income); focus on homes that have children under the age of six. Ms. Andon-McLane said they match with funds from other HUD grants (Community Development Block Grant or Home Grant); could give a home up to another \$10,000, depending on the condition and what they need to spend to bring it up to HUD's property standards.

Mr. Meyer asked if these funds tend to go to targeted areas by census and income. Ms. Andon-McLane said It tends to, but it is available countywide. Mr. Meyer asked if there is a component requiring community awareness or advertising. Ms Andon-McLane said they get mailing lists from the Lead Division of the Health Department and do lead brochure mailings every time they are in need of cases (do thousands).

Ms. Baker asked if all the money from the last \$3 million grant has been spent. Ms. Andon-McLane said they are about two-thirds the way through it; it is all allocated, but not yet spent.

Regarding renters, Mr. Jordan asked if it is limited to single-family homes. Ms. Andon-McLane said they do two-family and up to four-family homes, as long as the landlord agrees - \$10,000 per unit; there is a tighter requirement - 90% low income, single homes can be low/moderate income.

Ms. Rapp mentioned that they had a problem spending the money, a while ago, because they didn't have enough contractors; asked how that is now. Ms. Andon-McLane said it has gotten better, they budget \$30,000 to \$40,000 every year for contractor training; also a non profit organization in Buffalo will be doing some contractor training in this area.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rapp, seconded by Mr. Jordan to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept a grant from the N.Y.S. Housing Trust Fund for the Community Development Program and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$400,000)

Ms. Andon-McLane said this grant is for homeowner subsidies for twenty houses (\$20,000 each) that reduces the purchase price of the homes to low income first time homebuyers, available countywide. These are all vacant homes that they have purchased and rehabbed to sell.

Mr. Meyer asked how they pick the houses. Ms. Andon-McLane said it has to be vacant, most often they are HUD foreclosures (Community Development is given first option of bidding on them and 10% discount; they get a few through the County (tax delinquent houses). Meyer asked if there is any priority system set up that would target homes in the census areas. Ms. Andon-McLane said they haven't looked at that; when they become aware of a house, they send an inspector to check it out to see if it is good enough to be rehabbed; once they invest money in a home, they have to recoup most of the money.

**Mr. Stanczyk arrived at the meeting.*

Mrs. Rapp asked how many disability homes they have done. **Ms. Andon-McLane replied that she would have to check.** Mrs. Rapp asked if this pool of money is allocated by the lottery system. Ms. Andon-McLane replied yes, they have a large waiting list; they meet with those who submit a purchase offer to make sure they qualify income wise and credit wise.

In answer to Mr. Jordan, Ms. Andon-McLane said the \$20,000 is a second mortgage placed on the house; If they live there at least ten years and then resell it, they don't have to repay; if less than ten years, they have to sell to another low income home buyer (second mortgage is passed on) or it is prorated and they have to pay it back.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept a grant from the N.Y.S. Housing Trust Fund for the Community Development Program and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$200,000)

A new grant called Access to Home, an enhanced ramp program; \$5,000 each to build a ramp or modify a home to make it assessable; available to homeowners and renters countywide with no lien placed on the property. Will be able to do about sixteen homes; goal is to either keep people out of nursing homes or get people who are in nursing homes back home.

Mrs. Baker asked if there is a minimum income requirement for eligibility. Ms. Andon-McLane replied yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

d. Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept a grant from the N.Y.S. Housing Finance Agency for the Community Development Program and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$300,000)

Ms. Andon-McLane said this item is for discussion. Community Development has not had final approval for this grant; board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, December 13; they hope to get confirmation of approval on Thursday so that it can go to Ways and Means (have received a grant for most of the past twenty years). Targeted to thirteen designated low-income areas; will fund fifty cases up to \$9,000 per case, available to low income people (up to \$6,000 from Affordable Home Ownership, up to 3,000 in Community Development funds and a homeowner share). Homeowner contributes 10% to 20% of rehab cost, depending on income level.

Mr. Meyer asked what the thirteen target areas are. Ms. Andon-McLane replied Villages of Baldwinsville, Camillus, E. Syracuse, Jordan, N. Syracuse and Solvay, and hamlets in Towns of Camillus (Fairmount and Warners), Cicero (Bridgeport), Onondaga (Nedrow), Salina (Mattydale and Lyncourt), Skaneateles (Skaneateles Falls) and Van Buren (Memphis and Warners). Mr. Meyer

asked what a typical case would be. Ms. Andon-McLane said it would be in a target area, might total \$10,000 for anything to bring it up to HUD's property standards and with no lead involved; would be able to do about 50 houses.

3. Hotel Update - Don Western

Mr. Western said they presumed that the \$15 million Assembly money for the hotel would have been on the agenda for the Public Authority's Control Board (PACB) meeting that was scheduled for the middle of November, but meeting was cancelled. Mr. Western said it had nothing to do with the hotel, but with some other very large projects; until it is resolved concerning how they want to go forward with those projects he does not think the PACB will meet. Mr. Western added that the State Legislature is meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2006; after that, the PACB may be able to concentrate on a voting quorum and get its business done. Mr. Western added that they are through the Dormitory Staff review level for the Senate \$5 million (just a matter of getting the final letter out of the Senate) and have the draft contract for the Governor's money; and Westin will be the flag hotel. Mr. Western noted that the City approved using up to \$29 million of green bonds to provide tax exemption financing for the private part of the project - to use that financing, 35% of employees have to come from the defined census tracts (all within the City of Syracuse); difficult to meet that legislative requirement; there is a push at the federal level to change that legislation to a lower level; probably would have to happen for this project to make use of the funds.

4. ONCENTER:

a. Second and Third Quarterly Reports of 2006 - David Marnell

Mr. Marnell distributed the Oncenter Complex 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2006 report (on file with Clerk). Mr. Marnell reviewed the President's Report:

Crunch:

- 2nd quarter - 9 games (3 were playoff games, average drop count 3,072, per cap of \$4.96.
- 3rd Quarter - 2 games, average drop count 1,677, per cap \$2.62 (exhibition games).

Scanning Device: implemented an electronic scanning device for all ticketed events. Allows ticket taker to scan ticket for authenticity and to help expedite the attendance in the facility; at any time can go to a laptop to find out actual attendance (War Memorial and Civic Center); will enable a consumer to print a ticket at home; will eliminate a lot of manual work and forfeitures of ticket, etc.

Event Highlights:

- 2nd Quarter: Gaither Tour (5,390 attendees), World Wrestling Entertainment "Raw" (4,614 attendees)
- 3rd Quarter: Barney Live Shows (2,400 attendees), American Idol (6,188 attendees - record novelty sales), have asked for a contract for next year.

Mr. Marnell reviewed some of the financial data:

- Revenues thru June 30th - \$4,094,085 versus \$3,914,491 in 2005;
- Expenses thru June 30th - \$4,963,146 versus \$4,850,007 in 2005 (a lot of that due to increased utilities);
- Deficiencies from operations was less during this period compared to last year;
- Room occupancy tax that was used was much less - \$586,423 versus \$804,523;
- Excess of Revenues - \$137,101 loss (utility factor plus loss coming in from the beginning of the year);
- Ended up the second quarter with a \$245,620 loss versus a \$56,638 profit in 2005. \$296,249 profit was posted in the next quarter.

Mr. Marnell said during the third quarter they ended up to date about \$35,000 ahead of the game in total revenue, expenses around \$20,000, room occupancy tax was greater - \$1.6 million versus \$1.475 million (increase in appropriation that was given). Had a loss coming into the year of \$108,00 with a positive fund balance of \$149,000 - positive of \$40,000 versus \$51,000. Where they are coming in for the fourth quarter will probably show a surplus, or a positive fund balance, of \$150,000 (taking into consideration the loss coming into the year). Next year seems relatively strong for the first two quarters (probably 50% greater in concerts and family shows in 07).

Mrs. Rapp asked about any changes since new leadership for both CVB and Oncenter. Mr. Marnell said they have been meeting on a weekly basis with the downtown hoteliers to combine efforts and come up with more packages of attractive benefits to lure conventions in during two-year hiatus while hotel is being built.

Mr. Jordan asked about any plans for updating or improving the War Memorial. Mr. Marnell said there are some concerns with seating issues, lighting issues; will be looking at making changes and how to go about it financially.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna H. Robb

Deputy Clerk

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2006

JAMES DIBLASI, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Corbett, Mr. Holmquist, Mrs. Winslow

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Farrell and see attached list (Attachment 1)

Chairman DiBlasi called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Holmquist to waive the reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Winslow to approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous committee meeting. MOTIONS CARRIED.

1. OCPL - Ms. Joyce Latham, Executive Director; Ms. Sally Jensen, Dir. of Administrative Services

a. Transfer of funds from Regular Employee Salaries Account 101 to All Other Expenses Account 410 (\$35,000)

Ms. Jensen explained that the security guard contract increased at the same time as budget was being prepared, didn't budget enough to cover increase (NYS Labor Board increased minimum wage for guard service for government facilities from \$5.15 to \$11.00 an hour). They also reduced their postage account in anticipation of having the ILS automated phone notification for holds notices up and running, now have to cover additional postage.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Holmquist to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Authorizing upgrades to the Onondaga County Public Library's automated circulation system at a maximum estimated cost of \$662,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$662,000 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof

Ms. Latham noted that representatives from central, member and branch libraries, trustees and vendors were present for this important initiative for the libraries of Onondaga County. Ms. Latham presented a Power Point regarding the Plan for the 21st Century Library in Onondaga County (Attachment 2).

Mr. Holmquist asked how and why Polaris was selected, asked if there was a formal selection committee. Ms. Latham said multiple committees looked at the various modules, a yearlong process. Ms. Latham said three vendors were identified during the selection process, came down to two vendors, Polaris and CARL. Polaris came in at a much lower cost; it is a local company and more immediately assessable to them.

Mr. Corbett mentioned the addition of ninety outlets, asked about the hard wiring and if it is going out to bid. Mr. Simmonds said there is money built in to expand and put in more locations, does not want to go wireless. Ms. Latham said they are expanding the local area network; they have a county contract that they use.

Mr. DiBlasi asked if the data pull services contract has gone out to bid. Ms. Latham said it is a recommended subcontract through Polaris. Mr. DiBlasi asked about the PC contract, if there is an opportunity to use a local vendor. Ms. Latham said they have talked about using Seneca Data as a likely vendor. Mr. DiBlasi asked if there is an opportunity to use Seneca Data for the server contract. A representative from Polaris said they have had more positive experience with Dell for servers, have used Seneca Data for workstations, they will explore this.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Winslow to approve this item. A vote was taken and passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Latham referred to the Summer Reading Program for 2006, doubled in terms of attendance and programming. As a result, they are doubling their allocation from the State for the program to \$11,500. Ms. Latham passed out a brochure entitled Summer

Mr. Corbett asked if OCPL is involved with the Hamilton Boys and Girls Club and their library. Ms. Latham said outreach is part of the library administration's agenda; the Polaris product supports consortium strategies.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna H. Robb

Deputy Clerk

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 12, 2006

CHAIRMAN JAMES CORBETT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Farrell, Mr. Kraft, Mrs. Winslow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Chaplin

ALSO PRESENT: *see attached list*

Chairman Corbett called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He apologized to department heads and others attending for the delay; intends to send a letter to members to get better attendance and to be on time.

Motion by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to waive the reading and approve the minutes of proceedings of previous committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. LAKE IMPROVEMENT: ACJ Update: Mrs. Sue Miller

Midland Phase II

- 144" pipe - 187' in ground at this time, 1200 ft.
- Putting in the concrete blocks on the exterior and interior walls - 80% complete with exterior, 50% complete with interior
- 67% complete on the 4 prime contracts
- 83% of total concrete to be poured is completed

Biosolids Handling-Metro

- 95% complete with new building for the sludge blend tank
- In December began demolition of some equipment that was previously used in the dewatering facility that will be replacing

Other

- 35,000 bags were distributed during leaf bag campaign. Had good response from City DPW to pick them up. There were no overflows/bypasses do to leaves at Metro; last year had one; prior to this effort, the average was 5 or 6
- 100's of educational rain gages distributed--majority of individuals have been grandparents, school teachers, scout troops
- Last day of skimmer boat operation was Nov. 2nd - collected more tonnage, 1.47 tons over last year
- Annual ambient monitoring program was sent to DEC and they approved it.

*Mrs. Winslow arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Rhinehart questioned what adds to the additional 1.47 tons of floatables and if medical waste is found. Mrs. Miller explained it was the volume of rain, which brings down more debris. Syringes are common. Mr. Elander said their obligation is to pick up the floatables in the CSO's, but they get all floatables in the creek. It is a small percentage that is really generated from the CSO's; most is catch basin stuff, from the banks and street litter. He feels they provide a service that will have to be done forever, or else the inner harbor will go back to looking they way it used to.

Mr. Farrell asked about the construction completion for Phase II, Midland; Mr. Elander said Jan. 2008.

There was discussion regarding alternative sites for Clinton and Mr. Elander said that there are none; talks are going on with the City--doesn't think the County can do any more than they are right now; working very hard to resolve the issue.

2. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: David Coburn, Director, Office of Environment

a. Amending the 2007 County Budget to provide for ongoing county participation in Honeywell/Onondaga Lake Remediation issues (\$500,000)

For several years the County has maintained \$500,000 contingency account for litigation related to the CERCLA related to the Onondaga Lake Superfund site. The account was created with the idea that eventually those funds will be needed to deal with additional litigation. If no action is taken the funds will be returned the WEP fund balance at the end of the year. There are a number of pertinent issues that suggest these funds will be needed in the foreseeable future:

- The State of New York advised the County and other parties that they may pursue cost recovery for Superfund related costs not related to the Honeywell side of the equation - \$8 - \$10 million.
- The Onondaga Nation has served the County with written notice of intent to pursue claims under natural resources damages
- The anticipated signing by the court of consent agreement between Honeywell and the State to implement the record of decisions--proposed clean up for Honeywell; very soon the development of a comprehensive monitoring program to establish a baseline and process to measure the impact their remedies are having on the cleanup process. Important for the county to be very engaged in that process.

Access to the contingency fund can only be granted by the legislature; before they would ask for access that they would use up the balance of funds that remain in the contract that they now have, approx. \$54,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve this item. AYES: 5 (Kraft, Farrell, Jordan, Winslow, Corbett) NOES: 1 (Rhinehart); MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Elander distributed a 2 page hand out - projects that received payment in November, funds received to date from federal and state governments, and the projection for the future (**attachment #1**). The committee reviewed and discussed the 2nd page of the handout. Mr. Kraft stated he had concerns about the \$75 or \$85 million not received from the governor; the governor is leaving and is the promise going with him. Mr. Elander said that the administration of the county is working hard on it. Also there are contracts that they applied for and have not received word from the State for 2 years--\$10 million ea--\$20 million that isn't here because they have formally signed the contract. They have asked DEC to so that. The federal dollars listed already exits, but can't get the dollars-they are a reimbursement. The federal share reflects all federal monies including Army Corp of Engineers. The last 2 years there has been no EPA money available. They are continuing to pursue federal dollars.

Originally, when it was \$380 million, the plan was for the feds, state, and county to each contribute one-third, \$125 million ea. That was in 1997 dollars. Mr. Kraft said that \$120 million was publicized and now the county is at \$220 million give or take. Mr. Elander said that when the court order was originally discussed and agreed to, it was all local money. A tremendous amount of thought and effort went into getting this much. Mr. Kraft said he is worried about the state's commitment.

b. Authorizing the acquisition of real property to enable the Co. of Onon. to comply with requirements set forth in the Onondaga Lake Amended Consent Judgment (ACJ) for the construction, operation and maintenance of Midland Ave. Sewer Improvement Proj. (\$18,500) - Mr. Richard Elander, Commissioner

Asking for authorization to purchase property for Midland Phase III, Mr. John Clare showed the location on a map and visually explained the area. The front properties were purchased and not the back properties. It has been appraised for \$18,500 and they can provide the contractor a larger construction/lay down area for pipe and materials. The 144" pipe is used in this area.

Mr. Rhinehart asked if the City should just give the County the property; the property is vacant and not being used. Mr. Elander said that the intention is that when they are done with this, they will turn it over to the City for maintenance. Mr. Rhinehart questioned if the City was approached and asked if they would give the County the property. Mr. Elander indicated that they have not. Everyone is aware of the appraised value of the various properties. Mr. Rhinehart said the County is spending millions of dollars on a project that no doubt benefits the city residents immediately and the county resident more long term. Government cooperation would be for the City to give the property to the County. Mr. Elander said there are 25 pieces of property needed from the City overall on all 3 projects. He said they are asking today for authorization to purchase it; but will commit that they will try to get the City to give it to them.

Mr. Farrell said that a half acre is needed for a temporary easement; he asked why a temporary easement isn't pursued, if the intention is to give it back to the city afterward; questioned why we'd go through the process of purchasing. Mr. Elander replied that in discussion with City; the City has asked the County to consider purchasing. Mr. Farrell said based upon information in front of him, this is \$18,500 of County money which practically he cannot see expending. Mr. Elander said that it would benefit the project to have that property to work. Mr. Farrell said the issue is that in virtually all other cases, it is done as a temporary

easement, and the cooperation from the City for something that will benefit everyone. The County is going to extraordinary lengths to provide and complete this project; and minor cooperation would be on the part of the city.

Mrs. Winslow said that the big picture is lake cleanup and the city is in Onondaga County. She said that it is not "them or we", we are not giving the city anything. The money is coming from federal, state and the county paying a share into a pot where all 3 contribute. Other sources of income - Niagara Mohawk, City of Syracuse Pepsi, and NYSERDA are also putting money into the pot. Keep in mind this project is for the clean up of Onondaga Lake, and will not benefit just the City of Syracuse. Mr. Farrell said that there is a cost to another entity that we want to cooperate with, then he would agree it should be looked at in the manner suggested by Mrs. Winslow. However, there is no cost to the other entity and there is a benefit, and it should come out of cooperation. The property is just needed for a period of time.

Mr. Kraft said that he wants to be careful in purchasing something they we may really not need and taxing the people of Onondaga County.

Chairman Corbett said that the concerns of the members are valid. He said that the Commissioner has given his word that the City will be asked to give the County the land. Mr. Kraft said that he desires only a temporary easement. Chairman Corbett asked Mr. Elander if he would present either one of the of those scenarios. Mr. Elander said a temporary easement has some value; it has not been appraised as such, but it can be done.

Mr. Kraft said he is asking for a temporary easement from the City, with no cost as a partner and asked if Mr. Elander can hold this one month to pursue that the legislature has requested that the County not take ownership of this and request a temporary easement and promise to return the site to its original condition. **Mr. Elander agreed to pull the item, and pursue the committee's request.**

c. Authorizing the acquisition of property for the Clinton Street Sewer Improvement Project and Amending Resolution No. 143-2006 (\$73,000)

One property authorize to purchase for the Clinton project, the Potamianos property - the authorization was to purchase the first piece of property and get a permanent easement there on the next 2 pieces, approved for \$53,000. The purchase offer was sent to the purchase owner; the owner then asked that all 3 pieces be purchased. This resolution is a revision of the previous authorization; this for purchasing all 3 pieces.

Mr. Kraft asked if when the project this all done, can it be sold with a permanent easement. Mr. Elander said that it is conceivable. Right now it is being used for a commercial parking lot.

A motion was made by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Jordan to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. OCRR:

a. Confirming reappointment of Mr. Ravi Ramen

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed unanimously. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH L. MATURO, Clerk

Onondaga County Legislature

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

JAMES W. FARRELL, CHAIRMAN

December 14, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Kraft, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Laguzza

ALSO PRESENT: *see attached list*

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Jordan to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Mr. Rex Giardine, Dir. of Construction and Office Planning

a. Transfer of funds from Maintenance, Utilities & Rent Account 413 to Provision for Capital Projects Account 960 (\$51,247)

Mr. Giardine said the transfer would be to augment a federal grant obtained by the Canal Museum to renovate the County owned Lamanna Building (storage facility). Spent about \$13,000 this year on asbestos abatement to get the building ready for renovation, balance will be used to augment the grant. Project is going out to bid in early 2007 to get better pricing (originally went out to bid in August); hopefully will have a finished project by May of 2007.

Mr. Rhinehart asked who the consultant was for the original bid. Mr. Giardine replied Crawford and Stearns; bid was slightly over the established budget, hopefully there would be more competition this coming winter. In answer to Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Giardine said the museum has never had a place to suitably store and maintain artifacts. Ms. Keib said they are one of only five percent of the museums in the country that is accredited (one of only two in Syracuse); the way they store archives and collections came up during the last accreditation; this would move them into a more controlled environment. In answer to Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Giardine said this money is in the operating budget for 2006, would be rolled over until construction begins.

Mr. Laguzza asked what the value is in being accredited. Ms. Keib said it helps them in their grant writing purposes, shows they hold a certain standard for collections and management and the way museum is run.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. TRANSPORTATION:

a. Pulled

Chairman Farrell took the agenda out of order.

e. Advancing 100% of the state and federal aid eligible costs for the Erie Canal Museum Interpretive Center Project at a maximum cost of \$1,700,480

Mr. Lynch said the museum has been awarded a \$1.2 million reimbursable grant from the federal government that will be administered by the State; money has to be spent before federal government will reimburse. Project is to purchase the Water Street Gym building for \$499,000 plus closing costs, remainder of money would be used to renovate the building. Ms. Keib said this would expand the space for the Erie Canal Museum - would have a new façade, would be handicap assessable, sheetrock walls would be rearranged to make it more conducive to exhibits. Overall, it is a five-year project (DOT requires substantial completion in five years, allows for a five year extension if not completed). Funding in place: \$1.2 million Federal DOT grant, and \$225,000 Canal Corporation grant, \$275,000 to be raised within the five-year time.

In answer to Mr. Laguzza, Mr. Mareane said the County would advance the money. Mr. Laguzza expressed concern that money could be moved in and out of the grant without coming to the Legislature. Mr. Laguzza asked about the additional money that the museum needed to raise. Ms. Keib said they have a list of sources where they will be looking for additional money; to beef up their budget in the future, they have ten grant applications going out this year for \$10,000 each, hired a consultant to help with capital campaigns to get sustainable money for the future. Mr. Laguzza expressed concern that some of the bids to renovate the building would come in over the estimates; Ms. Keib said that money would be obligated by the museum, not the County.

Mr. Jordan mentioned having agreements in place obligating the appropriate level of government to reimburse the County before passing any money. Ms. Keib said they would not do anything until they are notified that the funds are in place; it is a transportation grant and the County and State DOT are working with them to make sure that expenditures meet the guidelines and are 100% reimbursable. Mr. Lynch said they would have meetings with State DOT throughout the project to make sure everything they do is according to requirements; a master agreement would be signed between the State and the County before they move forward with the \$1.2 million. Mr. Coley said the \$1,425,000 million for both grants would be authorized in its entirety before they spend money.

Mr. Kinne asked about the physical structure of the Weighlock building and the money to maintain it over the new thirty to forty years. **Mr. Farrell suggested that Facilities address these issues with a one-pager regarding the shape of the building.** Mr. Mareane said there is an ongoing process of capital maintenance; in 2007 budget, money was put aside to do roof work on the Weighlock Building. Ms. Keib said the National Heritage Corridor would be a tenant in the new building (rent will pay all the utilities needed to sustain that building).

Mr. Kraft asked if the Canal Museum could assume ownership and maintenance of the buildings long term. Ms. Keib said it is not in any of the plans that she has seen; noted that an agreement was made between State and County in 1964, would have to go back to the State because State appropriated the land to the County. Mr. Farrell said perhaps that is a goal for the future, since more square footage between the buildings will be owned by the museum.

Mr. Farrell noted that there is a revised resolution addressing the securitization of the monies as well as the interest. Mr. Laguzza said he is not comfortable with the control of the monies. Mr. Mareane said it is like every other grant they receive; when expend money, will send the grantor a bill for that; resolution says County will be compensated for lost interest; required local dollar match will be covered by the museum and not by the County. Mr. Laguzza asked if the buildings are connected; Ms Keib replied no. Mr. Laguzza expressed concern about people wanting to walk from one building to the other in the winter. Ms. Keib said they are working on the exhibit features to make it enticing, make the sidewalk itself an exhibit, working on lighting.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Jordan to approve this item. Ayes: Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Farrell; Noes: Mr. Kraft; Abstained: Mr. Laguzza; MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kinne asked how much money is spent each year on the Erie Canal Museum. Mr. Mareane said the County assists the museum as an authorized agency (\$68,600), have to do capital repairs, operating costs of about \$30,000 in repairs, \$31,000 in utilities, incidental costs, taxes (Downtown Special Assessment) and insurance.

b. Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept additional revenue from a recent county heavy equipment auction to provide funding for replacement of current Department of Transportation fleet equipment (\$94,501)

Mr. Lynch said that \$119,501 was realized from an auction of county surplus equipment in October of 2006, exceeded the budgeted 2006 amount of \$25,000 by \$94,501; would like to buy two pieces of equipment; one, a stake rack truck to be used for the striping. Mr. Gottstein noted that there is a change to the resolution to buy a gang truck rather than a trailer.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Laguzza to approve this item.

Mr. Rhinehart asked why the striping is not outsourced. Mr. Lynch said they have and continue to investigate outsourcing of striping of highways, problem is the availability when needed; they do bid it annually in case equipment breaks down. Mr. Rhinehart stated that he thinks it is important to continue to look at it, not only striping operation, but also leasing of heavy equipment. Mr. Lynch said they lease their paving machine and heavy equipment used on a limited basis.

Mr. Kinne noted that for safety issues, it is important to get roads striped as soon as possible; Mr. Laguzza said the County should control safety issues, not by the schedule of an outside firm. Mr. Jordan said there has been indication that the striping machine is reaching the end of its useful life, asked why purchase a truck to assist in process. Mr. Lynch said the truck could be used for many other purposes other than striping.

A vote was taken on this item and passed unanimously.

c. Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept funds for the Traffic Safety Grant for the Department of Transportation and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$100,000)

f. Create Administrative Analyst II, Grade 11 @ \$43,151 - \$47,758 effective January 6, 2007

Mr. Lynch requested to discuss items c. and f. together, as they relate to one another. Mr. Leo said the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board applied for this grant (has been asked for and received for the last 25 years, formerly administered by the Health Dept.). Requesting to hire a Traffic Safety Advisor, individual to be housed in the Transportation Department. Position was filled 12 -15 years ago, individual retired and position never reinstated; looking to reinstate now. Grant of \$100,000 is higher than previous ten years (around \$65,000 per year).

In answer to Mr. Jordan, Mr. Leo said the salary for the position would be paid out of the grant money; position would go away if grant not renewed.

Mr. Farrell asked for a rundown of the numbers.

- Job - Administrative Analyst II - salary \$43,151
- Public Health Educator in the Health Department - \$20,600
- Fringe benefits - \$23,800
- Commodities - \$5,700
- In-State travel - \$1,500
- Out-of-State travel - \$1,000
- Other costs - \$6,114

Mr. Leo will check the fringe benefits number to see if fringe benefits for the part-time Health Educator are included. In answer to Mr. Laguzza, Mr. Leo said the person in the Health Department would be splitting her time, half for the grant work and half for the Health Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Laguzza to approve items c. and f., seconded by Mr. Rhinehart.

Mr. Kraft asked what these people would be doing. Mr. Lynch said identify priority traffic safety issues, implement coordinated actions and programs to reduce the number and severity of vehicular crashes, evaluate and communicate the results of these actions and programs. **The report prepared for the Safety Traffic Board will be provided annually to the committee.**

Mr. Kinne asked what the individual would be doing when traveling out of state; Mr. Leo said it would be for training.

Mr. Laguzza suggested that they do a quarterly report showing results - would be a motivator when time to renew grant.

A vote was taken on this item. Ayes: Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kinne, Mr. Laguzza, Mr. Farrell; Noes: 0; Abstained: Mr. Kraft

d. Authorizing the removal of a portion of Velasko Road, C.R. No. 130 in the Town of Onondaga from the county road system pursuant to Section 115-b of the Highway Law

A motion was made by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item.

Mr. Lynch said the County would abandon property to the town; town would then turn the property over to the adjacent owners (fire department and church).

A vote was taken on this item and passes unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kraft asked if there is an appraised value for this land; Mr. Lynch replied no, not a big enough piece of property to sell.

3. PARKS:

a. Discussion: Status of Friends Agreements - no discussion

b. Discussion: Plans for each park - no discussion

c. Discussion: Interagency Marketing - Mr. Cooley said they are working with the ski resorts.

d. Special Events Account Report - no discussion

e. Discussion: Audit of Parks and Recreation by Comptroller

Mr. Geraci said that every several years the Comptroller's office does a complete audit. There were issues concerning they way they do the accounting; Comptroller's office recognized that Parks and Recreation was in a major transition phase of taking over the accounting team from the Transportation Department. In addition, there were findings in terms of checking gasoline tanks (calibration of gas tank in Onondaga Lake Park was off by 22%); in some instances, gas was unaccountable. Mr. Geraci said they have addressed most of the items, and will give a comprehensive response on what they have done concerning each of the items. Mr. Farrell said there are copies of the audit as well as Parks' response available. **Mr. Farrell requested Mr. Geraci to address the committee in June, 2007 concerning where they are in terms of issues of audit, progress made and overall improvements.**

f. Discussion: \$19,000 for Promotional Literature and Uniforms

Mr. Geraci distributed a packet entitled Onondaga County Parks Promotional Literature Status (on file with Clerk). Mr. Geraci said \$25,000 under 300 Code was put aside in contingency with obligation that Mr. Geraci come back to the committee concerning how they would spend the money (part of 2007 Budget process). Mr. Geraci advised that he would like to bring a resolution to Ways and Means this month with \$19,000 for promotions and marketing and \$6,000 for uniforms for seasonal employees. Mr. Geraci noted that they are behind for promotions and marketing, normally they would have done all the preparatory work, designs for brochures, etc. so that they could cut a purchase requisition in January. Mr. Farrell stated that he would not be highly supportive of moving a resolution to Ways and Means this month; suggested holding off until January, as there is a lot of information to review.

Mr. Cooley said the packet describes the promotional literature aspect of the public relations program; it fulfills grants, it is baseline information for the various parks, program information, trail information. The \$19,000 allocation is the total amount in this Code for promotions and marketing; there are additional dollars in the 400 Code to produce the pieces they do in the Syracuse newspapers on a quarterly basis; small volume pieces are printed internally, have reduced pieces. Onondaga County

Parks Department has no advertising budget; the norm for attractions and amusement facilities is 4 - 5%; need brochures for cross advertising, such as with the ski resorts.

Concerning the provided list of printed material, Mr. Farrell requested that they remove that which is funded elsewhere, so that they understand what the \$19,000 is paying for.

Mr. Rhinehart asked why the \$6,000 for uniforms wasn't budgeted. Mr. Geraci said it was budgeted as part of the 300 Code; usually spend \$12,000 to \$15,000 on uniforms, all that was left in after Budget Review was \$6,000. Mr. Farrell clarified that it is still in the budget, set in contingency for further discussion.

The committee was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Robb, Deputy Clerk

Onondaga County Legislature

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES - DECEMBER 14, 2006

KEVIN HOLMQUIST, VICE CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kinne, Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. Warner, Mr. DiBlasi*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Ryan, Ms. Mulroy

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Meyer, see attached list

Mr. Holmquist called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

4. ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: Ms. Rene Captor, Mr. J.C. Englebrecht, Mrs. Sharon Powell

a. Amending the 2006 County Budget to provide additional funds for indigent legal services and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$25,000)

Hiscock handles family court parole, extradition and appeals; Assigned Counsel handles all of the criminal cases. Family court has a tremendous amount of cases that involve multiple parties. Hiscock can't represent all parties as it is a conflict and the cases go to Assigned Counsel.

- All local dollars
- Last year requested 445,500; \$420,500 was adopted; cut of \$25,000 is being asked to be reinstated
- 750 cases were budgeted; no estimate 826; 10% increase in cases
- 10% decrease in cost per case - now at \$495/case
- Small percentage represented are from outside Onon. Co.--assignment is based on where the case took place

A motion was made by Mr. Kinne to approve this item.

Mr. Kinne asked about information regarding a public defenders office. Mr. Warner said that the State is looking over the entire assigned counsel system because of serious inequities. A preliminary report was released. It is not finalized at this time. It has been questioned and studied here, he believes there will be a final recommendation at some point.

Mr. Rhinehart asked if the \$25,000 is already spent. Ms. Powell said attorneys are paid based on disposition; cases can be disposed of until the last day of the month; attorneys have 3 months to submit vouchers.

Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

1. SHERIFF: Chief William Peverly

a. **Amend 2006 Co. Budget and authorize Onon. Co. Sheriff's Office to receive proceeds from the Fed. Government resulting from seizures of assets following investigations of illegal drug possessions and or sale and authorize Co. Exec. to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$114,319)**

This is a result of multiple drug investigations.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve this item. AYES: 3 (Warner, Rhinehart, Holmquist; NOES: 1 (Kinne). MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Amending 2006 Co. Budget and authorizing the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office to receive additional revenue from the NYS Unified Court System associated with the cost of providing court security services and increasing the appropriation for overtime within the police department (\$295,000)**

These are funds that court security owes. During the transition of preparing for the State to take over on a contract basis; Sheriff's had to incur substantial overtime for training.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve this item.

Mr. Warner asked if the State is responsible for the employees within the court system now. Chief Peverly said that they are now responsible for court security officers in the court system--includes those that are now NYS employees. There is an exception for 12 court attendants and 7 part-time court attendants. The County did not want anyone to lose their job during the transition and court security agreed to a contract to keep the part-time people and court attendants on. As they leave their positions, the positions will not be filled. All salary and benefits for court security officers are fully the State's responsibility--about 48 court security people. There are also 9 police deputies; the positions will attrition out of the Sheriff's office. As the positions become vacant, they will be unfunded and won't be filled.

Discussion on 207C:

- Police deputies are eligible for 207C, and court security deputies are potentially eligible for 207C; it was never in litigation and never an issue.
- County wanted the State to cover the financial expenses incurred in 207C; the State disagreed because the people that work for the state are not eligible for it.
- County had the responsibility of paying the retirees health insurance; the State refused to reimburse the County for that cost.

Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

**Mr. DiBlasi arrived at the meeting.*

c. **Transfer of funds from Regular Salaries Account 101 (\$36,044) and from Employee Benefits Account 120 (\$36,044) to Contracted Services Account 570**

Needed to cover the overrun of costs for housing inmates with psychiatric issues in Oneida. The cost is usually covered by the telephone inmate revenue account, but with the increasing inmate population and the reduction in revenue from the inmate telephone account, there is insufficient revenue to pay for their cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item.

Mr. Kinne asked to be provided with the last 3 years of the amount that the telephone account has taken in and what it was used for. Mr. Kinne asked if the County is legally obligated to provide this service. Chief Peverly said that they are--have no other place to take them.

AYES: 4 (Warner, Rhinehart, DiBlasi, Holmquist); NOES: 0; ABSTAINING: 1 (Kinne). CARRIED.

d. **Transfer of funds from Reg. Salaries Acct 101 to Overtime Wages Account 102 (\$375,000)**

Transfer needed to cover shortfall in 102 overtime account. \$375,000 is former salary savings in the 101. In 2006 budget, 10 data entry equipment operators were created in Custody so that they could move 10 custody deputies back into security and operations. They have exhausted the Civil Service list and were not able to hire the candidates. Another test was administered and are in the process or canvassing a list of 85--have found 5 people so far to hire. During the course of the year they have had to continue with the Custody deputies in the records function. With the increasing inmate population, they have incurred overtime.

There was discussion as to why they have not been able to hire. Chief Peverly explained that people are failing the polygraph and background investigations, have to hire quality people - pay is about \$25,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

e. DISCUSSION: Cell Phone Policy - Chief William Peverly

- Sheriff's cell phone policy covers the department-issued cell phone, not necessarily personal-owned cell phones.
- There are exemptions in laws, i.e. seat belt and cell phones, for law enforcement officers. However, through training, the officers are advised of the exemptions but have responsibility as enforcers of the law to set the example.
- For purposes related to work and the nature of the discussion radio frequencies are not desired because many people monitor them, and the use of the cell phone is authorized.
- It is encouraged to pull over to receive or make calls.
- 63 cell phones issued agency wide: 6 for SHAPE--paid for through a grant, approx. 25 for drug enforcement and investigators--funded through asset seizure funds; remainder funded through operating budget. Within the patrol force there are people that are issued a cell phone based on an on-call basis - sign out for the phone when they are on call. Duty commanders are assigned phones on a permanent basis-from Sheriff down to captains. Other commanders of special functions and units have cell phones assigned them, i.e. accident investigation, hazardous devices, SWAT.

Chief Peverly has asked the Sheriff's Research and Development Unit to revise and update the cell phone policy to include provisions for personal phones and restrictions; requested that a statement be included that reflects that law enforcement officers are to set the example. Also to include language that cell phone use while driving is done only when absolutely necessary. It has the concurrence of the Sheriff and undersheriff.

Mr. Warner and Mr. Rhinehart remarked that they have seen Sheriffs on the phones when on patrol. Mr. Rhinehart said that villages and towns need written policies also, which include other departments i.e., DPW.

2. PROBATION: Mr. Al Giacchi, Deputy Commissioner

a. Amend 2006 County Budget to provide additional funds for the Probation Department from the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$24,885).

The State changed the DNA Law to include all felonies and 31 misdemeanors and required Probation Depts. to take DNA for people currently under Probation's supervision. State allocated \$24,885 to compensate.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart. AYES: 4 (Warner, Rhinehart, DiBlasi, Holmquist), OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Kinne). MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amending the 2006 County Budget to provide additional funds for the Probation Department from the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$88,000)

NYS allocated each county funds for enhanced supervision of level III sex offenders (level III is the highest level - most likely to re-offend; level II is medium; level I lowest risk of re-offending). The court makes the assessment at the time of sentencing. The money will be used for polygraphs, which are not used in Onondaga County now, but are standard procedure in many other counties--done at the time of sentencing and also maintenance polygraphs used during course of supervision. Also want to provide some treatment--in-house counseling, purchase portable DVD players and computer software to check for pornography. DVDs and software will be available for continual use. There will be an understanding when the contracts are made with the polygraph contractor that there is limited funding. When the funding is out, other source will be looked at. DVDs and computer checks will be done with Probation officers; polygraphs and counseling will be outside sources.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhinehart, seconded by Mr. Kinne to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. CORRECTION: Mr. Timothy Cowin, Commissioner

a. Amending 2006 Co. Budget to appropriate additional federal revenues for the Depart. of Correction and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts to implement this resolution (\$210,000)

Accounting resolution for end-of-year clean up for the following:

- Utilities - \$40,000
- Supplies - \$80,000 - increased population, 80 above budgeted, more feds and all parolees out of downtown
- Overtime - \$20,000
- Prov. for Capital - \$70,000 roof repairs
- \$210,000 offset from federal revenue

They did not know they had roof leakage, county sent around a contractor to review all roofs and indicated that millions will be needed for the roofs, but need about \$70,000 now to repair the leaks and damage. Some money was budgeted for provision for capital projects, but not enough to repair the damage. Patching and masonry work needs to be done. Patch and repair work has been done prior, but the roof is 25 years old.

Mr. Kinne asked how many federal inmates are housed currently and how many are allowed. Mr. Cowin stated that last week there was 531, which is record setting for a facility that holds 464. Mr. Kinne asked how much extra money is in the account; Mr. Cowin said that by the end of the year there will be about \$1.4 or \$1.5 million, which will go back to general fund. Mr. Kinne question why the roof hasn't been replaced already. Mr. Cowin said there is a balance between spending \$3 million or \$70,000 and if it could be stretched for 3 or 4 more years. Up to this point, the contractors said that it could be stretched. The county saved a considerable amount of money by doing it this way. **Mr. Kinne disagreed and requested an update at the next meeting to find out when the roof will be replaced or what the plan is.**

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Rhinehart to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mr. Peter Alberti, Director

a. Amend 2007 Co. Budget to accept State Homeland Security Funds for the Onon. Co. Dept. of Emergency Management and authorize Co. Exec. to enter into contracts to implement this res. (\$350,000)

To receive funds for Law Enforcement Prevention Terrorism Program to be used by law enforcement agencies only as a condition of the grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinne to approve this item.

Mr. Kinne asked about a funding stream to provide a statewide wireless network, and if there is coordinated effort with the State. Mr. Alberti said SWIN is a radio communication system, based on need for state agencies to have interoperability capacities--it was made available to local entities. Emergency Communications has an ongoing project and are working in a collaborative effort. **Mr. Kinne asked that it be looked into further; Mr. Alberti said he would relay the request to Emergency Communications.**

Mr. Rhinehart questioned how we will know if cell phones will work in a crisis (i.e. Labor Day Storm) after mass amounts of money are spent. Mr. Alberti said that the statewide wireless is not a cell phone - it is 2-way radio communication basically for emergency responders and to be expanded to all government agencies.

A committee made up of law enforcement personnel in Onondaga County decide where they are going to spend the money, but it is based on a statewide identification of goals with recommended allocations. The grant will be used for consoles, specialized radio equipment, and the county radio system.

Mr. Rhinehart seconded the motion; passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amend 2007 Co. Budget to accept State Homeland Security Funds for the Onon. Co. Dept. of Emergency Management and authorize Co. Exec. to enter into contracts to implement this res. (\$416,600)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. DiBlasi to approve this item.

The State provided objectives for interoperable communications--monies toward radio system. Interoperable communications are not just radios---other programs such as reporting and communications gathering.

Mr. Kinne asked if the department could come back in 2 or 3 months and provide an update on how much money has been received from Homeland Security and what it was spent on.

There was discussion about covering water reservoirs and if any Homeland Security money could be used for it, as a security issue. A county-wide mitigation plan is being put together to try to lesson effects of any disaster that might strike the county, and there is funding available for that. Emergency Management's role in the protection of the reservoirs is only in the planning and coordination of resources.

A vote was taken on the motion; passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBORAH L. MATURO, CLERK
Onondaga County Legislature

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 15, 2006

CHAIRMAN WILLIAM H. MEYER

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Kraft, Mr. Farrell, Mrs. Rapp, Mr. Stanczyk, Mr. Warner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Ryan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: *see attached list*

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Warner to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the previous meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT: Mr. David Coburn, Director

a. Amending the 2007 County Budget to provide for ongoing County participation in Honeywell/Onondaga Lake Remediation issues (\$500,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Mr. Richard Elander, Commissioner

a. Authorizing the acquisition of property for the Clinton Street Sewer Improvement Project and Amending Resolution No. 143-2006 (\$73,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. AGING & YOUTH: Ms. Chris Flynn, Youth Bureau Administrator

a. Amending the 2006 County Budget to provide the Department of Aging and Youth - Office for the Aging with additional State funds beyond the estimated dollars appropriated in the 2006 County Budget and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$67,777)

Accepting State funds in 3 categories: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Expanded In-Home Services for Elderly, and Community Services for the Elderly. This was adopted in the State budget as a cost of living adjustment; just recently received notification of the additional funds, which must be expended by March 31, 2007. No new programs are being created.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Kraft to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

4. HEALTH: Ms. Jean Smiley, Deputy Commissioner

a. Create Research Technician 2, Gr. 11 @ \$42,724 - \$47,285 effective December 19, 2006

To be created within the Tobacco Control Program. Sometimes the needs of grants change over time, especially with grant programs over time, especially with the tobacco area - seeing much more need for the analytical, writing and research skills. It is 100% grant funded and when the grant ends, so does the position.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item.

There are 3 grants involved for tobacco--there is a lot involved in writing the grants--evaluations, surveys, requests from community and other agencies for information. Currently in Tobacco Control they have 3 health educators, a clerical, and some part-time accountants and office automation person. Ms. Smiley distributed a handout (**attachment 1**), which explained the grants.

Mr. Farrell asked to be provided with objectives of directive improvements; more specific information on what the county has accomplished by spending these dollars. How many people have been influenced and in what manner, any factual data that supports it.

Mrs. Rapp asked if there is currently a person in a similar position; Ms. Smiley said that the program coordinator is general; want to fill it with an analytical and research person; this is a downgrade.

Vote was taken on the motion. AYES: 5 (Meyer, Baker, Rapp, Corbett, Warner) NOES: 0; ABSTAINED: 3 (Kraft, Stanczyk, Farrell). MOTION CARRIED.

5. **SOCPA: Mrs. Karen Kitney, Director**

a. **Reauthorizing annual agreements with the State of New York and the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board relative to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council**

A motion was made by Mr. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

6. **SHERIFF: Chief William Peverly**

a. **Amending 2006 Co. Budget and Authorizing the Onondaga Co. Sheriff's Office to Receive Proceeds from the Federal Government Resulting from Seizures of Assets following Investigations of Illegal Drug possessions and/or Sale and Authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$114,319).**

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Amending the 2006 County Budget and authorizing the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office to receive additional revenue from the NYS Unified Court System associated with the cost of providing court security services and increasing the appropriation for overtime within the police department (\$295,000).**

Preparing transition with court security taken over by the State - had to go through some extensive training with the court security officers and hire additional court security officers; as a result incurred additional overtime. This is a reimbursement from the State for those expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. **2006 Transfer of funds from Sheriff's Custody Acct. 101 Regular Employee Salaries (\$36,044) and Acct. 120 Employee Benefits (\$36,044) to Sheriff's Custody Acct. 570 Contracted Services to cover costs associated with housing inmates in Oneida County (\$72,088)**

Increased population of inmates sent to Oneida for psychiatric services beyond the scope of what can be handled here. Usually this is funded through telephone revenue account, but has exceeded it.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item.

Chief Peverly expanded that a typical person who is sent to Oneida has more extreme psychiatric and management problems than can't be dealt with at the Justice Center. There are usually 15 or more going to Oneida per year now; it is much more expensive to house an inmate in a psychiatric environment--need constant supervision by medical staff.

Mr. Stanczyk request the total budget amount for psychiatric care; the number of people being sent to Oneida. He asked when the relationship started with Oneida, has it been explored to do here. Chief Peverly said that since the Justice Center opened in 1995, they have been housing inmates in Oneida. It is a function of housing them in a secure facility and housing the inmates. Facilities in Onondaga County have psychiatric facilities, but are not necessary geared for housing at a secured

environment. There is no other resource at this point. **Mr. Stanczyk asked what the cost would be to build and operate our own facility here; also requested a cost analysis of why inmates continue to be sent to Oneida.**

Mr. Farrell asked if any of this is a function for overcrowding; Chief Peveryly said it isn't necessary because of overcrowding; it is just the sheer numbers that they have to send there. If there were empty beds in the Justice Center, we would still need to send inmates to Oneida.

A vote was taken on the motion. AYES: 6 (Meyer, Baker, Kraft, Rapp, Corbett, Warner) NOES: 0; ABSTAINED: 1 (Stanczyk); OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Farrell). MOTION CARRIED.

d. 2006 Transfer of funds from Sheriff's Custody Acct. 101 Reg. Employee Sal. to Sheriff's Custody Acct. 102 Overtime Wages in the Amount of \$375,000 to Cover Increased Overtime Costs (\$375,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve this item.

Custody staffing is full and there is not an academy scheduled at this time. However, in the course of the year they had vacancies. Also in the 2006 budget, 10 data entry equipment operators were adopted to take over the booking/records function. They have not been able to fill those positions as of yet; have canvassed and exhausted the Civil Service list. Another test was administered--currently in the process of canvassing that list of 85. So far, they have identified 5 people that meet the requirements. People are not making in through the background checks and polygraphs. These people will have access to criminal history, medical records, etc., must ensure they are people of integrity and confidentiality. This transfer is being done within the department.

Mr. Stanczyk requested a report of the salary savings for the last 5 years.

A vote was taken on the motion. AYES: 6 (Meyer, Baker, Kraft, Rapp, Corbett, Warner) NOES: 0; ABSTAINED: 1 (Stanczyk); OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Farrell). MOTION CARRIED.

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Nina Andon-McLane

a. Amend 2006 Co. Budget to accept a grant from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Prog. and authorize the Co. Exec. to enter into contracts (\$3,000,000)

Lead grant from HUD to remove lead hazards in approx. 225 houses over the next 3 years; \$10,000/house.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item.

Each job is bid individually; bid process managed; contractors must have lead hazard training and be certified. This is the 3rd grant received. Mr. Farrell asked how much of the last grant is expended. Ms. Andon-McLane said all except \$800,000, but all of it is committed. All housing rehab programs have low-income caps.

Mr. Warner asked how houses are selected. It was explained that brochures are mailed out, mailed primarily from lists for Health Dept., Lead Program - families with children under 6 who have been tested. Mailings are also targeted to low-income housing areas; 13 areas in the county have been identified. Certain age houses have lead paint; anyone interested can call.

A vote was taken on the motion. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amending the 2006 Co. Budget to accept a grant from the NYS Housing Trust Fund for the Community Development Program and authorizing the Co. Executive to enter into contracts (\$400,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item.

This is a subsidy, second mortgage on a home, \$20,000; for low income, first time homebuyers who are purchasing one of Community Development's vacant, rehabbed houses. It buys down the purchase price for them; a lien is put on the house for 10 years and it is prorated.

Vote was taken on the motion. AYES: 7 (Meyer, Corbett, Farrell, Warner, Baker, Rapp, Stanczyk); NOES: 1 (Kraft); MOTION CARRIED.

c. Amending 2006 Co. Budget to accept a grant from the NYS Housing Trust Fund for the Community Development Program and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$200,000)

This a new grant, essentially a ramp program - it allows up to \$10,000/house. It will enable them to do about 16 houses countywide. The objective is to keep people out of nursing homes or to adapt homes for people that are in nursing homes so that they can come home.

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

d. Amend 2006 Co. Budget to accept a grant from NYS Housing Finance Agency for the Community Development Program and authorize the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$300,000)

They intend to do about 50 houses; allow \$9,000 grant per household; there is a 60:40 match requirement (60% Affordable Housing Corporation; 40% from homeowner and other HUD grants).

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

8. OCPL: Ms. Sally Jensen, Director, Administrative Services

a. 2006 Transfer of funds from Acct. 101 Regular Employee Salaries to Acct. 410 All Other Expenses in the amount of \$35,000 to cover increased costs associated with security and postage (\$35,000)

To cover in security services and postage account. Last year the NYS Board of Labor increased hourly rate for security guards from \$5:15/hr. to \$11/hr. Also the security contract was re-bid; have a new security company as July 1st of last year and are dealing with a higher rate. The new security company is much more professional. Additionally about \$10,000 is needed for postage.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Rapp. AYES: 6 (Meyer, Kraft, Corbett, Warner, Baker, Rapp) NOES: 0; OUT OF ROOM: 2 (Stanczyk, Farrell). Passed unanimously; CARRIED.

b. Authorizing upgrades to the OCPL automated circulation system at a max. estimated cost of \$662,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$662,000 bonds of said County to pay the cost thereof (\$662,000) - Ms. Joyce Latham, Executive Director

A power point presentation was given and hard copies provided (attachment 2). The proposed new system recommendation is GIS/ Polaris; representatives from Polaris and the network consultants were present to answer questions.

Mr. Stanczyk asked if the current number of dumb stations will be replaced with new workstations. Ms. Latham said that dumb stations will be replaced based on the original allocation. A number of libraries have added dumb terminals since the original rollout. They will not replace every green screen, but are making a significant dent into the number that they have. **Mr. Stanczyk asked to be provided with a list of how many workstations will be provided to each library.** He asked about the allocation in the branches. Mrs. Latham said that there is a baseline of 3 workstations that will go to each location--2 for circulation; 1 in the work area for people receiving new materials. The stations interface to the on-line catalog, which replaces the green screen on the floor. **Mr. Stanczyk asked to be provided with the additional cost incurred to each library.**

There was discussion about the cost of workstations, approx. \$1,300 each. The library will recommend that if any members or city wants to buy additional stations, they will be brought in on the system-wide contract, so that they would get the reduced price. **Mr. Stanczyk asked to be provided with the final decision of how many additional workstations and what the costs will be to the City, and what will be on the city abstract because of it.** Ms. Latham added that most branches benefited from a rollout of Gates pcs this year, so some of them have already been replaced. Chairman Meyer added that the branches could also receive money from Friends groups for additional workstations.

Mrs. Baker said the resolution language states "probable usefulness of 5 years" and asked if there is a plan to replace and upgrade. Mrs. Latham stated that they want to structure the contract to have a regular schedule for upgrades and replacements, but they shouldn't need to do that for another 3 years. Mrs. Baker asked if the system will allow all libraries top connect and talk to each other. Mrs. Latham stated that there is another product that they are looking at for that; it is an intranet product; it is an interface that Polaris will be interface with. Mrs. Baker asked about training costs; Mrs. Latham said that the costs of classes are included in the contract; they have created a bank of classes so that they can draw on the classes as appropriate. Mrs. Baker asked if MetroNet is used for the Internet access; Mrs. Latham explained that MetroNet is used wherever they have Verizon installation or whenever it is feasible.

Chairman Meyer reviewed some other aspects of the system. and Mrs. Latham gave brief explanation:

- A separate company will do the installation; not county people
- Polaris has local training capability as well as the library.
- Maintenance charges - no charges the first year for the Polaris product. Enhancement to the Polaris product will be purchased, will have annual fees, but will be much lower than what they currently pay.
- Polaris product came in as the lowest bid

- Transaction charges - Mrs. Latham said that OCPL has launched an initiative to develop a memorandum of understanding with the members about what services are being delivered by OCPL to the members and what is agreed to in terms of priorities. Her role is to enhance relations with the members and to ensure good service.

Chairman Meyer stated that many legislators are sensitive to not inflicting costs on to members and branches.

Mr. Farrell referenced the Liverpool Library, noting that they are strong in IT; asked if there will be a need to customize the system for them or other libraries to support their individual needs. Mrs. Latham stated that she didn't think so. The basic configuration is distributed and supported equally. Also an OCPL staff person will be added that is a computer technician to help with this. How installation grows and expands needs to be defined where OCPL starts and local libraries start; it will be part of the memorandum of understanding. Mr. Farrell asked if Onondaga County will initiate and maintain responsibility for the core installation; will they retain ownership of hardware and software at all locations. Mrs. Latham said that the maintenance should be part of the warranty. The county will maintain the core sites. At the local libraries, the single installation will be covered by contract first and then the memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Stanczyk asked about the transaction fee. Mr. Latham stated that it is based on circulation. Whenever you check a book out, it goes into a counter; up to a certain level there are so many free circulations; after that layer, the charge kicks in. The costs are incurred from transporting in trucks. Mr. Stanczyk said that the costs are just county general costs. He said it would take away the nonsense of computing it and the disparities. When some of these things are formalized, he has a problem with formalizing things that are in place now without assessing what is best for the county and taxpayers as a whole. More and more of the costs that are in the system are county general costs, and hopes that is the system that is implemented.

A vote was taken on the motion. OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Kraft); Passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **TRANSPORTATION: Mark Lynch, Commissioner**

a. **Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept additional revenue from a recent County Heavy equipment auction to provide funding for replacement of current DOT fleet equipment (\$94,501)**

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item.

Mr. Farrell requested a one-page report for the last three years on how much is received from auctions.

AYES: 7 (Meyer, Corbett, Farrell, Warner, Baker, Rapp, Stanczyk); NOES: 0; OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Kraft). Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Amending the 2006 County Budget to accept funds for the Traffic Safety Grant for the DOT and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$100,000)**

This grant has been ongoing for years; years ago it was in DOT; 10 years it switched to Health Department; and have been operating the grant with a person who provided education re: seat belts, child seats, etc. The grant has changed a little and increased. DOT will be orchestrating the grant, but there will be a half-time person in Health.

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item.

The position to be created (next agenda item) will work with the Traffic Safety Advisory Board; will coordinate the different police agencies to have better control of what is going on with statistics. The person will be working in the field as well, work with county, city, state DOT to identify accident locations. A report will be provided quarterly on what the person and department are doing.

Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

c. **Create Administrative Analyst II, Gr. 11 @ \$43,151 - \$47,758 effective January 6, 2007**

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

d. **Authorizing the removal of a portion of Velasko Road, CR No. 130 in the Town of Onondaga from the County road system pursuant to Section 115-b of the Highway Law**

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve this item.

The State relocated Velasko Rd. to align with McAyes Rd. at the top of the hill. Velasko Rd. used to be a town road. The procedure is that the county has to abandon the property to the town; the town will then abandon it to the adjacent owners, which are the church and fire station. The County doesn't need the property.

Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

e. Advancing 100% of the State and Federal aid eligible costs for the Erie Canal Museum Interpretive Center Project at a maximum cost of \$1,700,480 - Mrs. Michelle Keib, Erie Canal Museum

Mr. Farrell explained these are federal pass through funds; passed through County DOT to be used for the Erie Canal Museum, matched by \$225,000 from the NYS Canal Corporation. The Erie Canal Museum has to raise \$275,000 to complete the project. Questions were raised at program committee and the resolution was changed substantially to address concerns. The resolution addresses the cost of any monies, interest, and language that gives the county the ability to recover up to the \$275,000 that the Canal Museum has to raise; if they cannot raise it for any reason, the money is secured so that the county can recover those funds. The agreement with the state and federal government will be in place before any money is passed through.

A one-page breakdown was distributed (**attachment #3**).

Mrs. Keib said that this is for the gym property; once the money is passed through, the building will be owned by the Erie Canal Museum. Ongoing maintenance will not be the responsibility of the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to approve this item.

Mr. Warner asked about the interpretive center. Mrs. Keib explained that right now it is the Weighlock Building; new grant monies allow them to buy the Water Street Gym and will allow the interpretive center to be in both buildings; one owned by the County; one owned by the Museum.

A vote was taken on the motion. OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Kraft); Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

10. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Mr. Rex Giardine

a. 2006 Transfer from Acct. 413-9413 Maint., Utilities & Rents in the amount of \$51,247 to Acct. 960-7460 Prov. for Capl Projects for renovation of the Erie Canal Museum Storage Facility (\$51,247)

This is to move into a project account, which will augment what the Erie Museum received in a grant for the Romano Building, a County owned building. Intend to use it for long-term storage of museum collections; must meet requirements of museum storage.

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Rapp to approve this item.

Mr. Farrell reviewed the County's commitment on an annual basis, which was provided by DMB. The \$51,000 will help deliver the finished, complete project; sprinklers, HVAC, exterior doors, etc.

Mr. Stanczyk questioned why the County still owns the building. Mr. Farrell said that the question came up in program committee and agrees that in the future it should be looked at.

Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

11 ASSIGNED COUNSEL: Ms. Rene Captor, Ms. Sharon Powell

a. Amending the 2006 County Budget to provide additional funds for indigent legal services and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$25,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Warner to approve this item.

This is a result of increased caseloads for indigent persons, family court probation cases, jail and extradition. The amount is manageable, as there has been a decrease in cost per case.

OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Corbett). Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

12. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Peter Alberti, Commissioner

a. Amending the 2007 County Budget to accept State Homeland Security Funds for the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$350,000)

Funds originated from Federal government to continue the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program to be utilized solely for law enforcement agencies in Onondaga County. The State identified investment areas that the funds had to be allocated to: interoperable communications, critical infrastructure, protection and resource analysis, law enforcement investigation and operations, and law enforcement sharing and disseminating. Police departments will basically use it for critical incident, software,

lap tops, East Syracuse wants to implement a respiratory protection program; the Sheriff's desire SWAT team protection.
Chairman Meyer asked Mr. Alberti to provide the list of usage to the committee.

Mr. Farrell questioned who makes the final decision on what this money is spent on. Mr. Alberti said it is the Law Enforcement Terrorism Group make the final decision; it is an informal group put together under the guidelines of the grant, only sworn law officers and agencies.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Amend 2007 Co. Budget to accept State Homeland Security Funds for the Onon. Co. Department of Emergency Management and authorizing the Co. Executive to enter into contracts (\$416,600)**

Mr. Farrell asked how much could be expended towards the radio data communication network. Mr. Alberti said that the State identified \$132,800 for interoperable communications, and is it negotiable. Mr. Farrell asked if these grants are maximized for those uses. Mr. Alberti said their proposal is \$189,000 for interoperable communications. Item 12a has a like amount towards it; and believes it is the maximum that they could get.

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

13. **CORRECTION: Mr. Tim Cowin, Commissioner**

a. **Amending the 2006 County Budget to appropriate additional federal revenues for the Department of Correction and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$210,000)**

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

14. **PROBATION: Mr. Al Giacchi, Deputy Commissioner**

a. **Amending the 2006 County Budget to provide additional funds for the Probation Department from the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$24,885)**

This is money that the State has forwarded to local probation departments to compensate for the time and effort it takes to collect DNA after the State enhanced the law to include all felonies and 31 misdemeanors.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Amending the 2006 County Budget to provide additional funds for the Probation Department from the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and authorizing the County Executive to enter into contracts (\$88,000)**

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve this item.

Mr. Meyer asked to be a co-sponsor on this resolution.

This is State allocation to local county departments to enhance supervision of level III sex offenders. Expect to combine \$24,000 (from item 14a) and \$88,000: 1. contract with outside agency to do polygraphs, there is a cost for maintenance, 2. contract with outside agency to provide treatment; 3. buy portable DVD players to be able to go into the homes of sex offenders to check for pornography in their home; 4. purchase computer software to check home computers for pornography.

Mr. Farrell requested a one-page detail of the polygraph and counseling that will be bid out.

OUT OF ROOM: 1 (Corbett). Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

15. **BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Ms. Helen Kiggins, Mr. Ed Szczesniak, Commissioners**

a. **2006 Transfer funds from Acct. 650 Contingency to Acct. 960 Prov. for Capital Proj. in the amount of \$175,000 for renovation of the new Service Center located at the North Area, Molloy Road (\$175,000)**

Money was set aside to renovate the north area; request to move the money to a project in order to save it.

Mr. Kraft questioned if there is another way to do this. Mr. Mareane stated that to preserve that money and be able to spend it in 2007, this is the way it is proposed--to put it into a project account. The alternative would be to close the year; it would become an end of year surplus; would then have to come to the legislature and ask to appropriate fund balance into the appropriate line item in the Board of Elections. Mr. Kraft said that this was originally a budget item; not a project account, and would like to continue it as a budget item; would like to get away from project accounts.

Mr. Farrell said that when this contingent account was set up, it was because the legislature wanted oversight at the time it would be expended. Once it is put into a project, the oversight is lost. He feels that the legislature should have the oversight. Further discussion continued on the money going to fund balance. Mr. Maturo stated that if the money is not moved out to a project account, it has to be closed out at the end of the year and go to fund balance. A resolution could be put through that would appropriate 2007 fund balance and set up the same contingency.

Mr. Kraft made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rapp, to move \$175,000 to 2006 fund balance and appropriate a \$175,000 contingent account in 2007 in the Board of Elections.

Mr. Seitz said that the Executive Department needs to review the appropriation of fund balance. Mr. Mareane added that it needs and executive initiative.

Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Management Plan Update**

Chairman Meyer stated that the Board of Elections is working with an initiative with the County Executive's office. Ms. Kiggins said that the County Executive put together a Voting Machine Committee and a subcommittee regarding the cost issues, which Mr. Maturo is part of. She and Mr. Szczesniak are going to Albany on Monday to get the new time lines, as to when voting machines will be certified and when a selection can be made. Currently, the timeline is March.

Mr. Szczesniak said that yesterday 3 contracts were received from the State for counties to adopt and sign. It is to have a formal contract with the state for the funding already allocated for training poll workers and accessibility for polling sites, total is approximately \$400,000. The County Executive is authorized to sign the contracts; will be reviewed by Budget and Law Departments. The contract allows BOE to access the money through vouchers.

Mr. Warner questioned how much of the work, time, and money spent so far is universal to any of the systems that the State might certify. Mr. Szczesniak said that everything is--nothing is directed towards one particular system. Mr. Warner said that the County Legislature passed legislation requesting the State to come up with one system. If they certify one system, would it be universal across the state. Ms. Kiggins said that if only one is certified, then it is the only one that can be chosen and would have to be purchased. Right now there are 6 different systems on the table; 3 optical scans and 3 DREs that are going through the process for certification. Mr. Szczesniak said there is a question right now if any of the 6 systems will be certified.

Mrs. Rapp asked about training of the inspectors part of the management plan, and if it has been examined to vending that portion out. Ms. Kiggins said they have looked into this; had submitted the management plan on October 31st to the legislature and haven't heard anything from any legislators.

Mr. Kraft suggested that a subcommittee be formed to examine the management plan. Mrs. Rapp and Mr. Kraft volunteered to be part of the subcommittee.

The agenda was taken out of order.

17. **WAYS AND MEANS MISCELLANEOUS:**

a. **2006 Transfer funds from Acct. 794 Interest on EFC Loans to Acct. 410 Fiscal Agent Fees in the amount of \$22,529 to cover higher than projected admin. fees for EFC loans (\$22,529) - Mrs. Joan Ferrara**

There are administrative fees that are paid to the EFC; and there was a shortfall this year. There is some estimation when the budget is prepared for debt service; there is scheduled debt service and estimation for EFC. They are not sure what the debt schedules are going to be and how much they will bond for. This is WEP's debt service. WEP will have extra interest money; will transfer some of it towards administrative fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Authorizing the County Comptroller, upon approval of the Division of Management and Budget and the County Executive's Office, to transfer 2006 unencumbered appropriation account balances in excess of \$7,500 into, between, and among all interdepartmental chargeback appropriation accounts and adjust the corresponding interdepartmental revenue accounts**

c. **Authorize the County Comptroller to transfer 2006 unencumbered appropriations after expiration of the 2006 fiscal year upon approval of the County Executive and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve items 17 b and 17 c. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

d. **Warners Water District Tax - General Apportionment (\$2,180)**

e. **Warners Water District Tax, Town of Camillus Apportionment (\$1,096.74)**

f. **Warners Water District Tax, Town of Van Buren Apportionment (\$1,083.26)**

A motion was made by Mr. Stanczyk, seconded by Mr. Corbett to approve items 17 d, 17e, and 17f. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

g. **Southwood Jamesville Water District - General Apportionment (\$5,111)**

h. **Southwood-Jamesville Water District Tax, Town of DeWitt Apportionment (\$1,825.86)**

i. **Southwood-Jamesville Water District Tax, Town of Onondaga Apportionment (\$3,285.14)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rapp, seconded by Mr. Stanczyk to approve items 17g, 17h, 17i. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

j. **2007 Town Tax Rates, Fixed, Ratified and Confirmed**

A motion was made by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

16. **LAW DEPARTMENT: Mr. John Sharon, Deputy County Attorney**

a. *Settlement of Claims*

Mr. Corbett made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the status of four pending lawsuits: 1. Ronnie Goodwin, an infant over the age of 14 years by his mother and natural guardian, Sonya Goodwin, Ind. V. County of Onondaga, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and Officer John Doe; 2. Casolare v. County of Onondaga, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, Kevin Walsh, Sgt. O'Dell, Cap. Albanese and Capt. Galka; 3. Arthur Barksdale, Marvin Pitts and O'Dell Willis v. Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and Kevin E. Walsh; 4. Donna Price Lynch, individual and as the parent and natural guardian of Philip Lawrence Lynch, and as the Administratrix of the Estate of Timothy John Lynch, Deceased v. Mike Waters as the Fire Coordinator of the County of Onondaga and the County of Onondaga.

Mr. Corbett made a motion to exit executive session and enter regular session. AYES: 6 (Meyer, Corbett, Rapp, Baker, Farrell, Warner) NOES: 0; OUT OF ROOM: 2 (Kraft, Stanczyk) MOTION CARRIED.

The following resolution was introduced and considered: **Authorizing the settlement of the Supreme Court Action of Veronica Casolare V. County of Onondaga, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Kevin Walsh, Sgt. Benjamin O'Dell, Capt. Laurence Albanese, Capt. Thomas Galka, in their official and individual capacities.**

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve this item. AYES: 6 (Meyer, Corbett, Rapp, Baker, Farrell, Warner) NOES: 0 OUT OF ROOM: 2 (Kraft, Stanczyk) MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH L. MATURO, Clerk

Onondaga County Legislature