

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2018

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, August 9, 2018 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: S. Flagg (Chair), S. Baker, R. Keibel, M. Sopchak, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: K. Andrews, Info. Tech.; D. Hamlin, S. Pufky, RPTS; R. LaClair, WPRNC; G. Kilmer, Transit; J. Garnar, K. McManus, H. McCrory, C. Cramer, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; C. Marion, STOP-DWI; L. Boulton, DPW; M. Smolinsky, Office of the Sheriff; J. Dadamio, Security; M. McFadden, Health; N. Williams, DSS; D. Lawler, J. Tokos, P. Childs, C. Seavey, C. Silvanic, K. Flannery, S. Lisk, S. Rozek, N. Berry; Town of Maine residents; E. Palmer, Town of Maine Councilman; J. Hess, Visit Binghamton; J. Conway, Chamber of Commerce; J. Van Fossen Maine Endwell Central School District; M. Bordeau, Town of Binghamton resident; R. McKertich, Coughlin and Gerhart; B. Varecka, NYSEG; J. Ludski, LUMA; J. Bertoni, M. Pasquale, M. Kaminsky, B. Weslar, D. J. Reynolds, A. Martin, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:06 p.m. Mr. Sopchak moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Baker. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

A" RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MAINE FOR FUNDING FROM THE SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2018

Ms. Varecka, a representative from NYSEG, discussed a pilot project for a natural gas line in the Town of Maine. She stated that after funding is in place, they would still need to obtain right of way permissions, permits, environmental studies, etc., and estimated a spring of 2020 start. Mr. Van Fossen stated that the school board was meeting that evening to consider making a contribution of \$10,000 to the project which would be included in the total, along with town, county and private contributions, for a match up to \$100,000 by NYSEG. Responding to questions from Mr. Keibel and Mr. D. J. Reynolds, Ms. Varecka stated that the State would not have to approve the project, but the expired NYSEG's Community Development Grant Program would need to be extended and it's likely that the project won't happen if the program's not extended. Mr. D. J. Reynolds suggested that it might be beneficial if a companion resolution was adopted encouraging the New York State Public Service Commission to extend the program. Responding to a question from Mr. D. J. Reynolds, Ms. Conway stated that anytime there is an investment in infrastructure it is a benefit to the County for economic development purposes.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

“B” RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF COLESVILLE FOR FUNDING FROM THE SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2018

Mr. Evangelisti stated that while Animal Adventure Park has indicated that they wish to withdraw the application, he has not heard from the Town of Colesville, who applied for the grant. Mr. Flagg stated that according to the requirements on the application, Animal Adventure Park does not meet the qualifications for Small Community Grant funding. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Evangelisti stated that this is a brand new program which seems to be still left up for interpretation. Mr. McManus stated the intention of the program is to help small businesses in Broome County, create more tourists and more tax dollars. Mr. D. J. Reynolds stated that the Small Community program should be fair, equal and clear. Mr. Keibel had concerns with funding promises being made before it is approved by the Legislature. Mr. Flagg stated that there should be transparency and oversight of County funding and it is the duty of the Legislature to ask questions and provide oversight of County operations. Mr. Shaw expressed that it is unfortunate that questions can quickly be turned upside down and misinterpreted. Because of the uncertainty on the status of the application from the Town of Colesville, Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baker to Table the Resolution to a date uncertain.

Motion to Table carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA)-SHIP & AAA ADRC PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF UNION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM LIFESPAN OF GREATER ROCHESTER, INC., FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER/HRI AWARD PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR 2017-2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROJECT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL NETWORK OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES (NNPHI) FOR EVALUATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2018

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES FROM THE 2018 TAX SALE AUCTION

Responding to a statement by Mr. Sopchak, Mr. Hamlin stated that many of the previous owners were not in a position to pay their back taxes which resulted in a strong auction.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR WILLOW POINT NURSING HOME

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT "A" OF RESOLUTION 235 OF 2018 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT SHARED COST POOL PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2020
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER IMPROVEMENTS SAM PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2020
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK COURTS SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A TELEPHONE LINE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2018-2019
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #22 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO CREATE A NEW PROJECT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD FOR BROOME COUNTY SECURITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT THE TOWN OF KIRKWOOD COURT FOR 2018-2019
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION OF SECURITY FOR 2016-2018
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL CARE, INC., CBH MEDICAL PC AND SM DENTAL PC FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES AT THE BROOME COUNTY JAIL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2019-2021
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH WATCH SYSTEMS FOR A CENTRAL SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2018-2019
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER BINGHAMTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX TO SUPPORT THE LUMA FESTIVAL AND STORYTELLERS CONFERENCE FOR 2018

Responding to a question, Mr. Ludski stated that he was fine with an amendment stating that grant funding be designated to the free part of the event. Mr. Flagg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keibel to amend the resolution to include paragraphs that read: "WHEREAS, LUMA festival maintains a significant portion of its programming as free and open to the public, now, therefore, be it" and "FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding granted shall be used to support the free community component of the LUMA festival, and be it".

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WINDSOR FOR FUNDING FROM THE SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2018

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (Baker)

#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS PERSONAL CARE SERVICES VENDORS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' MEDICAID PROGRAMS FOR 2017-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR CITY CORPORATION FOR SOLAR POWER PROJECTS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 318 OF 2017 APPROVING SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF UNION

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AID TO PROSECUTION GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#36 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CLEAN DIESEL BUSES

Mr. Keibel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sopchak to amend the Total in the From category to \$1,780,000.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE FORUM
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY
OF BINGHAMTON

Ms. Kaminsky stated these parcels are in her district and she supports the sale. Mr. Whalen questioned a letter from the Mayor of the City of Binghamton. Mr. D. J. Reynolds stated that the Mayor had concerns because he was not engaged ahead of time regarding the sale and the lines of communication with the County Executive aren't open. Mr. D. J. Reynolds further stated that he has talked to the proposed buyer and there isn't a problem if the sale was delayed a month. Mr. Shaw stated that the buyer has great ideas and vision.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Keibel. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.