

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2022

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, May 12, 2022 via Zoom videoconferencing.

Members Present: S. Flagg, Chair, S. Baker, C. O'Brien, K. Wildoner, M. Kaminsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: K. Beebe, M. Whalen, S. Ryan, J. Shaw, B. Weslar, D. Reynolds, A. Martin, C. Hall, R. O'Donnell, J. Scott, Legislature; C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, C. Whalen, J. Garnar, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; A. Arnov, WPRNC; K. Andrews, D. Griffin Info Tech; G. Kilmer, Public Transportation; M. Decker, RPTS; D. Harder, Sheriff; M. McFadden, Health Dept.; P. Memos, District Attorney's Office; E. Gartenman, Assigned Counsel Program; D. Smith, SWM; P. Hogan, S. Brown, DPW; C. Marion, Arena, M. Baker, Public Defender; M. Whitcombe, OFA; K. Empett, Mental Health; M. Sullivan BCC

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:15 p.m. Mrs. O'Brien moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Baker. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AFFINITY REHABILITATION, LLP FOR A COMPUTER MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY INMATES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2022-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHENANGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY INMATES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2022-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT, THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON, THE VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT, THE TOWN OF VESTAL AND THE BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR A COST SHARE PROPOSAL FOR AUTOMATIC DATA TRANSFER AND MAINTENANCE OF ECOCOUNTER BIKE/PED TRAIL COUNTERS 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC. FOR THE RECOVERY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2022-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS AND THE OFFICE OF THE BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF JOINT OPERATIONS EXPENSES FROM THE TREASURY FORFIETURE FUND

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2022-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAX RECEIPTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 261 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY PURCHASE AND/OR CONDEMNATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' HOOPER ROAD OVER PATTERSON CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT AND DECLARING SAID PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT OF THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAW

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LIAM CONNECT, LLC FOR A PHOTO KIOSK AT THE BROOME COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS STATE OFFICE FOR AGING (SOFA) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2022
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTONE MATERIAL TESTING, LLC FOR HOME INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2019-2022
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S ADMINISTRATION OF A PORTION OF THE HUD LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2019-2022
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH S.E.P.P. MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., FOR OFA MINI-BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2022
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MCFARLAND JOHNSON INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ARPA PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH LICENSED CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS FOR FOSTER CARE, HOME FINDING AND ADOPTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2022-2023
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ITHACA AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TO ACCEPT AND TREAT RAW LEACHATE FROM THE LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM AT THE BROOME COUNTY LANDFILL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR 2019-2024
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SHORTLINE TERMINAL AGENCY INC., FOR SPACE AT THE GREATER BINGHAMTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR 2022-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 HIGHWAY CONTINUING BUDGET

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR SUNY BROOME FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE UPSTATE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM FOR 2022-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS FOR 2017-2020

Deputy County Executive Michael Ponticiello reported on Venesky & Company's independent review of Willow Point Rehabilitation & Nursing Center finances. (Attached with the minutes)

Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Ponticiello and Mr. Knebel stated that an annual write off of bad debt at the Nursing Home was an unwritten policy and it lapsed during staff transitions and the Coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Arnov spoke on Medicaid and Medicare managed care companies denying claims that are sometimes easily rectifiable but have become a tedious process to resubmit with some billing platforms being problematic. Responding to a

question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Knebel stated that the industry standard for bad debt write off is around 1%, and WPRNC is closer to 8%. Responding to a question from Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Ponticiello stated that it was his understanding that most of the recommendations in the 2015 audit report from Bonadio were not implemented. Mr. Ponticiello explained that the current agreement with Centers for Care has addressed the concern that the system did not support the billing systems and did not cross reference medical information and that the Centers system is being used and is directly integrated with medical records. Responding to questions from Mrs. O'Brien about staff, vacant positions and training, Mr. Garnar stated that over the past five or six years the County has provided everything that the nursing home has asked for in their budgets and that the contract with Centers should address the concerns about proper system input, billing and collections. Mr. Garnar further stated that the Bonadio report stated that a culture change was needed at the nursing home and that is just what Centers contract is intended to do. Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Flagg stated they would like to have a follow presentation in the next few months to see how things at the nursing home are going. Mr. Ponticiello stated that although Centers is managing collections, any money collected goes to the County. Mr. Baker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wildoner to amend the title to "...2017-2021" Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0 Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Office of Management and Budget Director Jerome Knebel updated the committee on the County's financial status. (Attached with the minutes)
Mr. Flagg stated he would like to see Transit, Arena and the Airport added to the presentation.
Mr. Knebel provided an updated revenue page. (Attached with the minutes).

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wildoner. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.