

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 9, 2021

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, December 9, 2021 via Zoom videoconferencing.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: D. Reynolds, J. Shaw, K. Beebe, S. Ryan, B. Weslar, A. Martin, C. Hall, R. O'Donnell, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, Legislature; J. Garnar, M. Ponticiello, C. Wagner, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; T. Dellapenna, Risk & Insurance; M. Heefner, Aviation; M. Decker, RPTS; D. Camin, Info. Tech; D. Smith, SWM; P. Dewing, OES; R. Murphy, JP Tschang, OET; N. Williams, DSS; M. Baker, Public Defender; B. Lucas, Planning & Economic Development; E. Gartenman, Assigned Counsel; S. Arnold, R. LaClair, WPRNC; V. Gialanella, Visitor

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:18 p.m. Mr. Baker moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Wildoner. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FORWARD BUSINESS SOLUTIONS OF BINGHAMTON, LLC FOR ON-SITE DESKTOP SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2022-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, INCORPORATED FOR PEOPLESOFT GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2022-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE DISABILITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS PROVIDER AGENCIES FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' PURCHASE OF SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

- #8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-D HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
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  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ELDER ABUSE OUTREACH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE INTEGRATED SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSON CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, INC. FOR CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0
- #17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH METRO INTERFAITH HOUSING MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR MEAL SERVICES THROUGH THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM FOR 2022  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH INDIANA PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., FOR PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS RESPITE SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S TITLE III-E FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM AND THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR LEASE OF SPACE FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING'S MEALS ON WHEELS SITES, SOCIAL ADULT DAY CARE SITES AND SENIOR CENTERS FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 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 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM FOR SHOPPER SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 139 OF 2021 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER FOR 2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AFFINITY REHABILITATION, LLP FOR REHABILITATION THERAPY SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER FOR 2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Mr. Flagg asked why Medicaid is uncollectable. Mr. Arnold stated that while it is a government payer, there are still rules and sometimes the claims are denied or not filed timely. Some of this is the result of a staffing issue and sometimes the family doesn't apply for Medicaid or the application is not complete. Mr. Arnold further stated that the nursing home is looking at implementing recommendations from the Bonadio Recovery Project Report to alleviate some of the issues at the nursing home. Mrs. Kaminsky asked how many patients the \$4 million represents. Mr. Arnold stated he would forward that information to the Clerk. Mr. Arnold further

stated that the industry standard is 2 – 8% for bad debt write off. Mrs. Kaminsky stated that 8% is unacceptable. Mr. Shaw suggested reaching out to other elected officials to help with the issues surrounding Medicaid reimbursement. Mrs. O'Brien asked what their short term plan is to collect outstanding debt. Mr. LaClair stated they are doing what they can and pursuing all avenues. Mrs. O'Brien also asked if they are in compliance with the policy that was recently created. Mr. LaClair and Mr. Arnold both stated that they believe they are in compliance. Mr. Arnold further stated he had an outside agency review the policy and they felt it was appropriate. Responding to another question from Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Arnold stated they have not met with the County Attorney yet but plan to as there is a dispute resolution clause that needs to be looked at . Mrs. O'Brien expressed her concerns over the nursing home taking 5 additional short term rehab admissions. Mr. LaClair stated he would never put a resident at risk and it is his responsibility to ensure the highest quality of care while being financially viable. Responding to a question from Mr. Baker, Mr. Arnold stated that the nursing home has a separate audit as an enterprise fund and must record reserve debt as allowance and bad debt as an expense that is required under generally accepted accounting principles. Mrs. Kaminsky stated that she doesn't feel the county has done all they can to collect the bad debt and she will be voting no.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-1 (Kaminsky)

**#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

**#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (SICG) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2023**

Responding to a question from Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Dewing explained that this is will be used for the maintenance on current and future radio and microwave systems.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

**#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2023**

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

**#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY FOR MASTER SITE SERVER RADIO NETWORK SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2021-2024**

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

**#30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2023**

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

**#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING OF BROOME COUNTY PRISONERS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR 2021-2022**

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CBH MEDICAL 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

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF VESTAL FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ON COUNTY ROADS AND HIGHWAYS FOR THE DEPRATMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HULBERT ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, PC

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#36 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BROOME COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE EDUCATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR 2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MCFARLAND JOHNSON INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR A P25 PHASE 2 UHF DIGITAL SIMULCASE TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 2018-2024

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Dewing stated the amendment is needed to cover unanticipated equipment and expenses that were not in the original project plan.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#39 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON TO THE FORMER OWNERS

Responding to a question from Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Decker stated that there is one repeat offender that claimed hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON TO THE FORMER OWNER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES IN VARIOUS TOWNS TO THE FORMER OWNERS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#44 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK FOR PURCHASE OF STOP LOSS INSURANCE FOR THE OFFICE RISK & INSURANCE FOR 2022

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Dellapenna stated that this service was RFP'd and there were six responders but only three submitted quotes.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON AND VARIOUS BROOME COUNTY TOWNS FOR DOG SHELTER SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION OF SECURITY FOR 2022-2027

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR LEASE OF SPACE FROM THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2020-2025

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Tschang explained that the revenue to the County covers the amount that the County pays to lease that space.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH POINTCLICKCARE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVERTISING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR 2022-2026

This Resolution was withdrawn in the Public Works & Transportation Committee.

No action taken.

#49 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO BALANCE 2021 ACCOUNTS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#50 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY (BROOME COUNTY IDA/LDC) TO MATCH FUNDING FOR AN APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) POWER GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#51 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE  
BROOME COUNTY CLERK

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Office of Management and Budget Director Jerome Knebel gave an update on the County's financial status. (On file 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 Mrs. Kaminsky. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.