

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, November 1, 2017 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: J. Garnar, K. McManus, F. Vavra, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, S. Kane, OMB; M. Heefner, Aviation; K. Andrews, Info. Tech; R. Kaufman, M. McFadden, Health Dept.; T. Behan, Personnel; R. Behnke, County Attorney; D. Harder, Office of the Sheriff; L. Boulton, DPW; L. Frank, D. Bowersox, S. Bennett, K. White, DSS; R. LaClair, S. Arnold, J. Gerchman, WPNH; L. Wise, Library; J. Smith, Historian; D. Conklin, J. Weaver, Probation; T. West, Purchasing; M. Ponticiello, OES; R. Blythe, County Clerk; J. Dadamio, Security; T. Dellapenna, Risk & Insurance; K. Davis, K. Dutko, Elections; B. Vojitisek, Veterans Services; G. Kilmer, Transit; A. McLaughlin, Audit; B. Weslar, M. Kaminsky, K. Wildoner, R. Heebner, D. D. Reynolds, D. J. Reynolds, A. Martin, C. Dziedzic, R. O'Donnell, J. Bertoni, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:07 p.m. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

Initiative 1: Reduce proposed property tax rate increase from +1.84% to +1.50%

- Page 418 – Line 6008002 Social Security - \$169,706  
(Reduces total amount appropriated for Social Security to 7.65% of Budgeted Net Salary)
- Page 73 - Line 6001002 – Salaries Temporary - \$ 10,400  
Line 6008002 – Social Security - \$ 796  
(Information Technology – Eliminate funds for paid intern)
- Page 73 - Line 6002503 – Computer Equipment - \$ 51,000  
(Information Technology – Consolidate Computer Equipment purchases into \$950K Information Technology Computer Equipment Capital Project)
- Page 97 - Line 6001001 – Salaries Part-Time - \$12,241  
Line 6008002 – Social Security - \$ 936  
(Personnel – Eliminate funds for un-filled Part-Time Clerk position)

Mr. Baker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sopchak to approve Initiative 1.  
Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-1 (Whalen)

Initiative 2: Remove Literacy Program from Hotel/Motel Tax revenue stream  
- Page 417 - Line 5000011 – Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax - \$ 25,000  
- Page 418 - Line 6005042 – BCC Foundation - \$ 25,000

Mr. Flagg noted that this item has been withdrawn from the agenda.  
No action taken.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to fund a Part-time Deputy County Historian at 14 hours/week, \$10.40/hour and amend the Resolution Authorizing the Hourly Rate Schedule for Non-union, Temporary and Seasonal Employees and the Resolution Establishing the Rate of Compensation for Non-union Administrative Personnel for Fiscal Year 2018 to reflect the change.  
After discussion and a request for more details, Mr. Whalen withdrew his motion.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to upgrade the salary grade for two Part-time Voter Service Specialist positions.  
After discussion and a request for more details, Mr. Whalen withdrew his motion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.