

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 27, 2018

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, December 27, 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: J. Knebel, K. Soltis, OMB; S. Arnold, WPRNC; S. Pufky, RPTS; T. Behan, Personnel; J. Dadamio, Security; F. Evangelisti, Planning; J. Worhach, S. Cornwell, District Attorney's Office; J. Garnar, K. McManus, H. McCrory, County Exec's Office; M. Hilderbrant, Legislator-elect; D. D. Reynolds, M. Kaminsky, C. O'Brien, D. J. Reynolds, A. Martin, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Baker moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Sopchak. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION LEVYING RETURNED SCHOOL AND VILLAGE TAXES FOR 2018  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION LEVYING TAX, PURSUANT TO SECTION 902 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER, ON THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON FOR 2019  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
As requested, the resumes for the three new appointments will be provided.  
Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baker to amend the expiration of the terms to 12/31/2020.  
Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0  
Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPLETED TAX ROLLS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND CITY AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF WARRANTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES EXTENDED THEREON PURSUANT TO SECTION 904 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COUNTY TAXES DUE FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY IN BROOME COUNTY  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sopchak to amend the expiration of the term for Joseph Mirabito to 12/31/2021.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

#7 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING EQUALIZATION RATE FOR THE 2019 COUNTY TAX LEVY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL T. BAKER AS BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2019

Mr. Whalen had concerns about some of the findings in the Comptrollers audit of the Traffic Diversion Program. Mr. D. J. Reynolds explained that the program was set up as a trust fund as recommended by the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. D. J. Reynolds further stated that there are some constraints because the revenue is to be used for law enforcement purposes and not for the general fund. The District Attorney is open to the Legislature making changes to the program that would address some of the Audit findings.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MERIT PAY STIPEND PROGRAM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Responding to questions from several Legislators, it was stated that the funds for the program were budgeted for and the stipends are up to the discretion of the District Attorney.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION APPROVING PHASE II OF THE BROOME COUNTY CENTRALIZED ARRAIGNMENT PART

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NURSE CONNECTIONS, INC. AND NURSEFINDERS, LLC FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2019

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Arnold stated that the service was RFP'd last year.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH OMNICARE OF NEW HARTFORD FOR PHARMACY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2019

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE TO SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO RETROACTIVELY ENROLL PHILLIP SCHOFIELD INTO THE NEW YORK STATE TIER IV RETIREMENT PLAN

Responding to questions from several Legislators, Mr. Behan stated that there is no retirement system paper work in the Personnel files Mr. Schofield. He further stated that Mr. Schofield was employed only for a month and any additional cost to the County would be negligible. If approved by the County Legislature, the State Legislature and State Retirement System would then need to approve the request. Responding to a question from Mr. D. J. Reynolds, Mr. McManus stated that the Administration supports the request.

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

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROOME COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF CHENANGO FOR THE COLLECTION OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION LEVYING COUNTY TAXES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 902 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE LEVYING TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANNUAL BUDGET OF TOWNS OF BROOME COUNTY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

It was stated that this is a better opportunity to market county owned properties by the airport. Any changes to the agreement would need approval of the Legislature.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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 5:19 p.m.