

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2023

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, August 10, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building.

Members Present: S. Flagg (Chair), L. Augostini, S. Baker, K. Wildoner, M. Kaminsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: B. Weslar, J. Shaw, M. McDonald, M. Tanzini, C. Hall, Legislature; M. Ponticiello, County Executive's Office; G. Bucciarelli, T. Ryan, J. St. Amour; OMB; K. Hawk, E. Kerr, WPRNC, K. White, N. Williams, DSS; G. Kilmer, Transit; K. Zumbach, Probation; S. Brewer, Planning; W. Hughes, RPTS; R. Brown, DPW; F. Akshar, Sheriff; M. Heefner, Aviation; c. Empett, Mental Health; C. Fedor, Health; R. Behnke, Law; P. Dewing, OES; J. Haas, R. O'Donnell, Land Bank; R. Murphy, OET; B. Margolious, Visitor

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

#2 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 2025-2030

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2021-2023

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. O'Donnell explained that housing applicants can't make more than 80% of the Area Median Income and together with the codeveloper the highest qualified buyer is determined.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH LABELLA ASSOCIATES DPC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2022-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION INCREASING THE RATE OF TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, AND ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT CHARGES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DANA BRISSONNET FOR THE IDISTRICTS MURALS AND MOSAICS PUBLIC ART PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Ponticiello explained that having the ability to bond for the project will cover a gap in the State and Federal cash flow.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Kaminsky stated that she has spoken to many constituents in her district who are excited to have this project in their neighborhood.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REINSTATEMENT OF TAXES ON AN IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTY SOLD BACK TO FORMER OWNER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES TO THE FORMER OWNERS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE HEALING COMMUNITIES STUDY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2019-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT AND CHANGE OF PAYEE FROM RELYUS HEALTH PROS LLC TO STONBRIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. RANA Z. AHMAD FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT NURSING HOME FOR 2023-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OUTSTATIONED CASEWORKER SERVICES FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE OUTSTATIONED CASEWORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BINGHAMTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DSS CASEWORKERS TO PROVIDE ON-SITE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL FOR THE LOURDES IMPACT PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT – HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2099

It was noted that at the request of the Director of Public Health and the Administration, this resolution was withdrawn in the Health & Human Services Committee. No further action taken.

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CREATING HEALTH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF WENDY S. HUGHES AS DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES III

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON PUBLISHING GROUP, INC., FOR SOFTWARE AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM FOR 2022-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH R.A. WIEDEMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR GENERAL AVIATION (GA) AND FIXED BASE OPERATOR (FBO) CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR 2022-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN & RESEARCH, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, D.P.C FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2023-2028

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR 2023-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF UNION LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH THE BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BROOME COUNTY
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
Responding to a statement from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Ponticiello stated the salary of the Fire Coordinator will be addressed during the budget process.
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPOSIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPOSIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2023-2024

It was noted that this Resolution was amended in the Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee to include creating the position of Special Patrol Officer.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES TO THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Deputy County Executive and Acting Office of Management and Budget Director Michael Ponticiello 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 Mr. Wildoner. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.