

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 9, 2023

The Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, March 9, 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, E. Micha, M. Whalen, A. Martin, M. Tanzini, J. Scott, C. Hall, Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, County Executive's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; M. Decker, RPTS; F. Shah, Info Tech; N. Williams, K. White, J. Sullivan, DSS; G. Kilmer, Public Transportation; M. Whitcombe, OFA; A. Aranov, WPRNC; R. Brown, DPW; A. Florence, Parks; J. Phelps, Health Dept; S. Davis, Office of the Sheriff; M. Baker, Public Defender

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:15 p.m. Mr. Augostini 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 THE TOWN OF UNION FOR A MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2022-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC AND GAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SFY 18-19 URBAN MASTER FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2020-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 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

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' COUNTY ROAD 20 BRIDGE OVER MAIN STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR 2022-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION (WIN) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE NEW YORK CONNECTS EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT (E&E) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE UNMET NEED PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONGREGATE SERVICES INITIATIVE (CSI) PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NURSEFINDERS, LLC FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

Responding to a question from Mr. Flagg, Mr. Aranov stated that there already is a contract in place with Nursefinders and this will allow the nursing home to continue to use Nursefinders for temporary staffing services.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH USA STAFFING SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE YOUTH TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE ENHANCED WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH RISE FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE US MARSHALS FALCON PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION 16-425 DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2016, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2017-117, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2018-43, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2019-172, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2020-123 AND AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2021-66 HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COSTS AND PLANNED FINANCING THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#29 RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION 18-406 DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2019-174 AND AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2020-125 AND AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2021-67 AND AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2022-126 HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME NEW YORK ON SAID DATE WITH RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST AND PLAN OF FINANCING THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#30 RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION 2019-491 DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2019 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2020-126, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2021-68, AND AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2022-125 HERETOFOR ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COSTS AND PLANNED FINANCING THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION 2020-364 DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2020, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2021-69, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2022-124 HERETOFOR ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COSTS AND PLANNED FINANCING THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#32 RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION 2021-405 DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2021 HERETOFOR ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COSTS AND PLANNED FINANCING THEREFORE

#33 RESOLUTION AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION 2022-406 DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2022 HERETOFOR ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF BROOME, NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COSTS AND PLANNED FINANCING THEREFORE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION 31 OF 2023 APROOVING THE SALE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES TO THE FORMER OWNERS AND REINSTATING 2022-2023 CITY OF BINGHAMTON SCHOOL TAXES

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF) UNDER THE AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN ACT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BROOME COUNTY FOR 2022-2023

Mr. Baker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wildoner to amend the Resolution to include a budget exhibit and authorize and agreement with Koffman Southern Tier Incubator.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

#40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF HURRELL-HARRING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF HURRELL-HARRING PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#46 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS TO ADMINISTER THE YOUTH BUREAU'S YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SIGMA HEALTH REHABILITATION FOR PROFESSIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2023-2024

Mr. Shaw stated that the fees appear to be 20% higher than the current vendor. He was concerned that this agreement would cost the County more and requested that Mr. Aranov provide the modeling and data used by the scoring committee to demonstrate that Sigma would be a better financial deal for the County. Mr. Aranov explained that they selected Sigma Health due to their ability to maximize reimbursement rates from all insurance payer types and that they followed the scoring criteria as provided by the Division of Purchasing. He further stated he believes they will be able identify and provide more services. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Aranov stated that Centers for Health does not own Sigma and he is not aware of any common owners. Mr. Martin stated that an email was sent out earlier in the day with additional information for this agreement, including the responses to the RFP and the scoring. Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Mr. Aranov stated that Sigma Health is a rehabilitation management group and that it is a common practice for third party contractors to absorb the current employees so that care is not disrupted. Responding to a question from Mrs. Micha, the administration stated they would provide the Committee with the amount that was paid to HealthPro last year. Mr. Flagg stated that the service was RFP'd, that there were two vendors that responded, that the RFP's were evaluated by three people and the process was followed and he is ok with the selection as recommend.

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 5:03 p.m.