

SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL SESSION

Johnstown, NY

November 21, 2016

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Blackmon, Born, Bradt, Breh, Callery, Christopher, Fagan, Greene, Groff, Handy, Howard, Kinowski, Lauria, Potter, Rice, Waldron, Wilson, Young

TOTAL: Present: 19 Absent: 0 Vacant: 1 (Caroga)

Chairman Potter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Potter advised that the purpose of today's meeting is to conduct 2017 Budget review. Chairman Potter then recognized Finance Committee Chairman Richard Argotsinger, who moved to the dais to chair the workshop. Mr. Argotsinger then asked Ms. Kuntzsch, Budget Director/County Auditor, to lead review of the 2017 Tentative Budget.

Budget Director Alice Kuntzsch welcomed everyone to the meeting and described the Tentative Budget review schedule. Ms. Kuntzsch next reviewed a list of recommended adjustments from Department Heads as of today, November 21, 2016.

Supervisor Groff made a motion to approve the list of recommended adjustments as presented by Ms. Kuntzsch, seconded by Supervisor Waldron and unanimously carried.

Supervisor Howard asked if the County Building cleaning bid was through a new vendor. Mr. Stead stated that the bidder submitted the same pricing used for 2016, so the pricing was better than projected and therefore the reduction in that expense line item.

Supervisor Fagan asked if the proposed RPTSA scanning contract is new, because it was not discussed in the budget review process. He asked if it is something that should be deferred to next year. Ms. Kuntzsch stated that the new position requested by Peter Galarneau, Director of Real Property Tax Services, was not approved, so Mr. Galarneau requested the scanning contract be reconsidered. Mr. Stead stated that in fairness to Mr. Galarneau, the position requested was approved by the Finance Committee initially, so he was not able to bring this to the committee process.

Supervisor Fagan made a motion to hold Mr. Galarneau's request for a scanning contract out of the adjustments, seconded by Supervisor Lauria and unanimously carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve all adjustments.

Finance Committee Chairman Argotsinger then asked for questions on the Budget by rotation around the room.

Pg. 32- A.1010.1010-4090 Professional Services- Supervisor Young stated that it appears that this figure is doubling. Mr. Stead stated that the figure is for the Board of Supervisors' contract with former Legislative Aide/Deputy Purchasing Agent Vicki Lansburg to do some "spot training" for the first quarter of 2017. Supervisor Argotsinger stated that it includes training of the new Deputy Purchasing Agent.

Pg.43- A.1620.1620-1100- Supervisor Young stated that the figure appears to reflect a substantial raise. Supervisor Fagan stated that the amount reflects renovations that will be completed after normal business hours with overtime pay.

Pg. 46- A.1620.1625-4130- St. Mary's Annex. Supervisor Young asked what this figure reflected. Ms. Kuntzsch stated it is a contract with Milton CAT to do electrical generator inspections for 2017.

A.3110.3110.1100- Supervisor Young asked what these figures reflected. Supervisor Argotsinger stated it is for road patrol. Ms. Kuntzsch stated that a lot of this cost is covered by grants. \$15,920.00 is covered by a Stop-DWI grant. Mr. Stead stated that the amount is increasing over \$20,000.00. Ms. Kuntzsch stated that the Sheriff receives funding from the Town of Johnstown for Security coverage. Last year the item was not included in the budget. This year the Sheriff requested it be in the budget. Mr. Stead stated that although reimbursement is at an overtime rate, it was not calculated in the previous budget.

Pg. 56- A.3640.3640-4030- Civil Defense- Supervisor Young asked why there was an increase in this item. Referencing notes in the Budget system, Ms. Cowan stated that the 30 percent increase is a result of radio and generator repairs at the Bleecker Mountain Radio Tower.

8162.4530- Supervisor Young made a motion to approve a \$10,000.00 decrease in this Solid Waste Department line item, seconded by Supervisor Lauria. Supervisor Groff was opposed. Motion passed.

8160 8163 1100- Overtime- Supervisor Young asked why this is so much. Supervisor Waldron stated that he believed that it had something to do with the demolition process. Mr. Stead stated that it is to make sure that there were sufficient funds to cover the cost of demolition in Gloversville, due to the demolition process at Tryon Technology Park running longer than expected. Chairman Potter stated that a lot of properties are in the queue for 2017.

Supervisor Wilson stated that he supports Fulmont Community Action Agency. Supervisor Wilson stated that in this fiscal year (2016), the actions of Fulmont Community Action Agency have contributed extensively to the community, particularly in Gloversville and Johnstown. Supervisor Wilson stated that he would like to see the County support Fulmont Community Action Agency at some type of level. Supervisor Wilson stated that Fulmont operates on a "results-oriented style". If there are no results, a program is discontinued.

Supervisor Wilson made a motion to add an appropriation in 2017 to subsidize Fulmont for Community Action Agency \$5,000.00, seconded by Supervisor Handy.

Supervisor Lauria stated that Fulmont contributes a lot to the community and he supports it. Supervisor Born stated that she could support the \$5,000.00 for Fulmont; however, in 2012, there were cuts made to several agencies. Little by little, each of these agencies cut, are being put back into the budget. Supervisor Born stated that if we are going to give money back to agencies, we need to give it back to all agencies that were "cut". Supervisor Young stated that he needs to abstain from the vote because he is on the Fulmont Advisory Board.

Supervisor Howard stated that he believes the organization is doing great things for the community; however the County can't be all things to all people. Finance Chairman Argotsinger called the question and asked for a vote on Mr. Wilson's motion.

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A roll call vote was then held to add \$5,000.00 to Budget for Fulmont Community Action Agency. The motion was defeated by a vote of Ayes: 184 Nays: 346 (Supervisors Argotsinger, Blackmon, Born, Bradt, Breh, Christopher, Fagan, Greene, Groff, Howard, Kinowski and Waldron) Absent: 1 (Supervisor Callery)

Pg. 56- Civil Defense- A.3640.3640-4130- Contractual- Supervisor Christopher asked why this item increased from the previous year. Ms. Kuntzsch stated she believes it is for a new maintenance contract with R.S. Telecom for the newly installed microwave system. The maintenance contract provides for parts to be on the shelf for emergencies.

Supervisor Fagan made a motion to raise the County Sales Tax revenue line item by \$300,000.00, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Supervisors Kinowski and Greene opposed. Motion passed.

Pg. 30- Supervisor Fagan made a motion to decrease the regular Contingent Fund by \$100,000.00 for 2017 seconded by Supervisor Kinowski and unanimously carried.

Supervisor Fagan made a motion to apply an additional \$500,000.00 of Fund Balance to offset costs in 2017, seconded by Supervisor Lauria. Supervisors Kinowski, Waldron and Young opposed. Motion passed.

A1010.1345.4560- Supervisor Young stated that there is \$200.00 in this item has not been utilized in 3 years. Mr. Stead stated that this is for bid specifications. Some years it is used and some it is not.

CL.8160.8162-2132- Landfill Permit Application Fees- Supervisor Young asked if the county can expect more revenue in this item for 2017. Mr. Stead stated that the Solid Waste no longer accepts private large loads from outside county lines, so probably not.

The Board recessed at 2:04 p.m. until Monday, November 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Certified by:

Jon R. Stead, Administrative Officer/ DATE
Clerk of the Board