

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019  
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Leigh J. Benton, Chairman  
Mike Anagnostakis, Katie Bonelli, Janet Sutherland,  
Kevin W. Hines, James M. Kulisek, Michael D. Paduch, Joseph J. Minuta

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman  
Barry J. Cheney, Legislator  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Dan Bloomer, Director of Operations and Cost Control  
Langdon Chapman, County Attorney  
Matthew Nothnagle, Chief Asst. County Attorney  
Kenneth T. Jones, Undersheriff  
Anthony Mele, Corrections Administrator, Orange County Jail  
Lawrence Catletti, Jail Administrator  
Alicia D'Amico, Deputy Commissioner of Procurement and Compliance/  
Acting Dept. of General Services IT Commissioner  
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works  
Travis B. Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Engineering Division  
Brian Titsworth, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services  
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works  
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
John McCarey, Director, Real Property Tax Service  
Laurence LaDue, Commissioner, Valley View Center  
Donna Strecker, Director of Finance, Valley View Center  
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director  
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst

Chairman Benton opened the committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Anagnostakis moved to adopt a resolution amending and reaffirming the County of Orange Procurement Policy, seconded by Mr. Hines.

Ms. D'Amico stated that she is here to amend and reaffirm the Procurement Policy for the County of Orange. There is nothing to the integrity of the policy, just a few typos and things moved around. She added that the threshold remains the same as it has been voted on year after year.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Anagnostakis moved the request to enter into Supplemental Agreement #1 with the NYSDOT to increase funding for Capital Project No. 725. The said agreement will increase funding for Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way Incidentals along the Heritage Trail, Segment #3 by \$299,000.00 with supplemental appropriation requested. The authorization to existing Capital Project No. 725 will increase by \$299,000 to \$8,516,990.01 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Amodio explained this is for Segment #3 which begins on East Main Street and goes through the City of Middletown out to Ingrassia Road and would be the last segment. He is hoping they receive approval soon with regards to Segment #2. The total amount approved by the New York State DOT is \$299,000.00 for engineering as it relates to Segment #3.

Mr. Benton clarified that the funding for the project is 80/20.

Mr. Amodio stated that is correct.

Mr. Benton pointed out that Segment #2 is set to go out to bid any day now.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to approve Bond Resolutions that have an expiration of 10 years after authorization as per Local Finance Law Section 41.00(b). Bond Resolution 142 of 2009 was authorized on June 4, 2009 for the purpose of increasing the budget of existing Capital Project VV 130, Couser Building Reconstruction. The authorized and unissued amount is set to expire on June 4, 2019. Request to reauthorize the unissued amount, \$444,345.00 (bonding), seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Mr. LaDue stated that they are seeking to extend this because the monies are due to expire, and the project should be going out to bid within the next couple of months.

Mr. Hines clarified that this will not be bonded, so the monies are in their account.

Mr. LaDue stated that is correct, it will not be bonded.

Ms. Strecker added that the original decision was to bond the monies and at the last committee meeting they decided not to.

Mr. Hines stated that makes sense; however, the motion does not have anything to do with the money expiring because it will come out of the Valley View bank account. He clarified that they now need permission to change the resolution from bonding to internal funds.

Mr. LaDue stated that is correct.

Mr. Hines asked if they need a motion to reduce the bonding authority.

Mrs. Reed replied no.

Ms. Slesinski pointed out that this is the amendment to the original bond.

Discussion continued reducing the bond authority and what resolutions will go to the floor at the legislative session.

Mr. Benton clarified that the committee should withdraw agenda item A. and add \$444,000.00 to agenda item B.

Ms. Slesinski stated that is correct.

Original motion withdrawn. No action will be taken.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request to approve and appropriate funds for a proposed 2019 capital expenditure for Phase II and III of the Couser building HVAC project. The systems supporting heat, ventilation and air conditioning are 52 years old and reached economic life, \$4,210,000.00 (inter-fund revenues), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Sutherland moved request to approve and appropriate funds for a proposed 2019 capital expenditure to refurbish employee areas. Areas dedicated to providing lockers, changing spaces and breakrooms are original to the buildings, \$87,000.00 (inter-fund revenues), seconded by Mr. Hines.

Mr. LaDue explained that there are two primary locker rooms in the Couser Building that staff utilize along with additional breakrooms that have lockers which are outdated and in poor condition.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved request to approve and appropriate funds for a proposed 2019 capital expenditure for wheelchairs, cushions and accessories. Upgrading equipment provides mobility devices to maintain residents' highest level of functional independence, \$94,000.00 (inter-fund revenues), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. LaDue explained that they are seeking 76 wheelchairs, 13 geri-chairs, 10 rock and go wheelchairs, 5 wide wheel wheelchairs, 2 heavy duty wide wheel chairs, 5 reclining wheelchairs with elevated leg rest, 10 scoot chairs and 100 roho cushions that go on the wheelchairs (see original minutes for full list).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of \$135,000.00 for a proposed 2019 capital expenditure for the sewer water treatment. The facility has earmarked \$10,000.00 for an engineering study to evaluate current plant operating conditions and options for sustainability. The remaining \$125,000.00 is earmarked for funding equipment and or issues identified in study of immediate concern. The water treatment plant supports Valley View, Social Services and Hearthstone (inter-fund revenues), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. LaDue explained that from 2016 to 2018 there were just under \$200,000.00 in repairs to the sewer plant with an additional \$113,000.00 in repairs that will be done within the first quarter of 2019. The engineering study still must be done since it has not due to them having to expend funds on other necessary repairs. He added that they anticipate having the engineering study done this year.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved to adopt a resolution requesting the Legislature, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, approve the reissuance by the Orange County Funding Corporation of multi-modal revenue bonds (Mount Saint Mary College Project), Series 2012C, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Chapman stated that this was brought forward at the request of the Orange County Funding Corporation as it is not something the legislature usually would have to deal with. It relates to \$25 million worth of bonds used for student housing and related type items for students at Mount Saint Mary's College. The bank and the college discovered a discrepancy in the interest rate and as a result, they would like to refinance them to correct the rate. He added that because it is a refinancing that is known as a reissuance, normally it is approved by the Funding Corporation and the County Executive but because the County Executive is not here, the bond counsel would prefer another elected official re-approve this adjustment.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Anagnostakis moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for the Fire Arms Range expansion \$50,000 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Hines.

Undersheriff Jones stated the \$50,000.00 is to build a building at the range and then the Department of Homeland Security will provide the accoutrements inside the building. He added that within the next few months he will also be addressing the local labor union who is going to use their apprentices to augment the workforce, so a gift resolution needs to be approved.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for roof replacement at the Orange County Jail, \$6,315,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Sutherland.

Undersheriff Jones deferred to the Department of Public Works for any further explanation and/or questions regarding the roof replacement.

Mr. Hines pointed out that the questions from the Public Safety Committee were; what kind of roof is it, type of materials to be used and the square footage.

Mr. Benton stated that a few years ago a portion of the roof was replaced because it blew off during Hurricane Irene. It had to be patched and fixed as an emergency. He asked if the patch will be removed.

Mr. Titsworth replied that the monies are to replace the entire roof which was priced a couple of years ago. It is 410,000 square feet which is about \$15 a square foot and is align with prices that were used to replace the roof on the sewer plant.

Mr. Hines commented that someone on the Public Safety Committee wanted to know what kind of roof it was going to be.

Mr. Titworth replied that he believes it is Carlyle.

Mr. Minuta suggested that the roof be mechanical fastened, so portions do not fall off.

Mr. Benton asked that Mr. Minuta's suggestion be checked in the specifications.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Sutherland moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for building improvements at the Orange County Jail, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Hines.

Undersheriff Jones explained this request is for the front doors which have reached their life expectancy and need to be replaced because they are an enclosure of glass in the area of the administrative office. The confidential secretary's area needs to be secured.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget for building equipment replacement at the Orange County Jail, \$161,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Undersheriff Jones stated this request is for the hot water heaters that need to be replaced. The determination was made by the Department of Public Works.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Sutherland moved the request to accept and appropriate Federal funds from the NYSDOT for Highland Avenue over Wallace Street Replacement, Village of Otisville, Orange County. Upon approval, federal award will be established, and County share will decrease for Capital Project No. 522. Funding is as follows: Federal Share 95% \$3,580,387.00; County share ~~decreases~~ 5% decreases from \$2,900,000.00 to \$188,441.00 for a decrease of (\$2,711,559.00); Total project \$3,768,828.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega stated that this project is the Otisville Viaduct Replacement located on Highland Avenue which goes over Wallace Street and was previously approved under capital projects. The project was approved for \$2.9 million local funding along with an application for grant monies, so this request is to modify the funding changes.

Mr. Benton clarified that construction will be complete by the year 2021.

Mr. Ewald stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request to enter into Supplemental Agreement #4 with the NYSDOT to amend the existing Agreement for Engineering, ROW and the Construction and Inspection of Grove Drive Bridge, Town of Tuxedo. Supplemental Agreement #4 includes additional Federal funds and amends the schedule by reducing the overall County share for Capital Project No. 486. Funding is as follows: Federal share from \$3,466,260.00 to \$4,092,660.00 for an increase of \$626,400.00; County share from \$951,641.00 to \$373,241.00 for a decrease of (\$578,400.00); increasing total authorization by \$48,000.00. Supplemental appropriation requested along with budgeted revenues amended due to an increase in Federal funds. The authorization to existing \*\*Capital Project No. 486 will increase from \$48,000.00 to ~~\$735,902.00~~ \$5,115,825.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega stated that last month he came to the committee requesting additional funds because the bids received were higher than the project cost. At that time, he was optimistic that they would receive additional funding through the Orange County Transportation Council. Mr. Ewald attends those meetings, he presented the project to them and additional funds were received.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved to discuss deed sale parcels, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

The first deed sale parcel is in the Town of Blooming Grove (23-1-40) with a minimum bid of \$750.00 and an amount bid of \$1,201.80. Mr. McCarey recommends that it be approved. Parcel number two is in the Town of Deerpark (29-9-5) and has a minimum bid of \$4,500.00 and an amount bid of \$2,000.00. Mr. McCarey stated that the original decision to deny this parcel has changed because the property has been around since 2016 and floods a lot. The third and fourth parcels are in the Town of Monroe (17-9-13, 17-9-16) and meet the minimum bids; therefore, Mr. McCarey recommends they be approved. Parcels five and six are in the Town of Montgomery (207-1-47, 308-1-11.43). Mr. McCarey recommends that they both be approved.

Motion carried. All in favor of Mr. McCarey's recommendation to approve deed sale parcels Nos. 1-7 with the exception of Legislators Anagnostakis and Benton who abstained on parcel No. 7.

The eighth, ninth, and tenth parcel was the same piece of property located in the Town of Woodbury (230-6-5) with a minimum bid of \$4,000.00. Mr. McCarey recommended that parcel number eight be approved because it is the highest bid in the amount of \$7,200.00.

Motion carried. All in favor of Mr. McCarey's recommendation to approve deed sale parcel No. 8 and deny parcels 9 and 10.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.