

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Leigh J. Benton, Chairman
Janet Sutherland, Kevin W. Hines, James M. Kulisek,
Joseph J. Minuta, Michael D. Paduch, James D. O'Donnell

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Barry J. Cheney, Legislator
Peter V. Tuohy, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Harry Porr, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Matthew Nothnagle, Chief Asst. County Attorney
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney
James P. Burpoe, Commissioner of General Services
Stacy Butler, Deputy Commissioner of Procurement and Compliance,
Dept. of General Services
Steve Gross, Commissioner of Human Resources
Donna Somogyi, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Brendan Casey, Commissioner of Emergency Services
Allen Wierzbicki, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services/
Emergency Communications
John McCarey, Director, Real Property Tax Service Agency
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director

Chairman Benton opened the committee meeting at 3:31 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Majority Leader Bonelli and Legislator Anagnostakis who were absent.

Mr. Minuta moved the request to transfer any unspent revenues from closed capital projects to debt service in preparation to close the project, seconded by Mr. Hines.

Ms. Somogyi stated there are a list of projects that were reviewed and have been identified to be closed. All of the work has been completed and the total amount of money that will be returned to debt service is \$174,576.82.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to create one (1) Associate Account Clerk II position, Grade 10 and create one (1) Senior Network Support Specialist position, Grade 16 within the Department of General Services, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Mr. Burpoe stated he is here to create an Account Clerk II position as well as a Senior Network Support Specialist position. They have been taking on and trying to centralize all the invoicing and contracts throughout Orange County. This person would run all the fleet vehicle leases, gas credit cards, mail machines, copiers, all of the preferred sources, contracts, security, office supplies, utilities bills, inventory, and oversee the accounting functions in the department. Currently, the Director of Compliance is taking on those responsibilities. He added they are not looking to add anything new, they are subtracting out one of the techs which is a grade 12 and replacing that position with this new position which is a grade 10. Regarding the Senior Network position, they currently have someone performing the duties out of title and what he would like to do is flip the titles.

Mr. Kulisek clarified that the tech position will be abolished.

Mr. Burpoe stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton pointed out that this next request was discussed previously at two committees and the revised amount to bond is \$25,000.00.

Mr. Benton moved to amend the request for supplemental appropriation for Pilot Program – Evaluation of security and communication link from various school districts within Orange County to the Emergency Services Center (E911), \$25,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Motion carried. All in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Burpoe stated he is requesting that \$25,000.00 be appropriated to formulate a study. Ms. Butler has done some research throughout the State to find a neutral contract that can be put out for an RFP.

Ms. Butler stated that she spoke with Mr. Wierzbicki who referred her to a vendor neutral company called NYS TECH who is a non-profit organization under state contract that helps communities do similar evaluations and studies.

Mr. Kulisek asked if any heavily populated places of employment are interested such as Orange Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Casey replied yes, it is applicable to commercial properties, hospitals, malls, schools, etc.

Mr. Wierzbicki briefly described how the system works.

Mr. Casey stated that the system is not designed for two children fighting in a hallway, it is for bigger situations.

Mr. Paduch clarified that there are only 15 link licenses.

Mr. Casey stated he received 15 free edge licenses. He added that he will be speaking with the vendor next week regarding the pricing of more licensing.

Mr. O'Donnell clarified that Mr. Casey is doing a PILOT with Woodbury Commons.

Mr. Casey stated no, Woodbury Commons is a license holder for Mutual Link.

Mr. O'Donnell then clarified that they hooked up to the E-911 system and asked how and when that happened.

Mr. Casey stated that is correct, we connected to the system with them. He replied that they did the tabletop drill with them, discussed camera access and they were reluctant because they would not allow camera access through the police department. In conversations with the general manager, Mr. Casey pointed out that if something happens at Woodbury Commons, it would be difficult to explain to the police department how one does not want to allow camera access. A couple of months later, he was contacted and asked if the 911 Center is licensed to use Mutual Link because Woodbury Commons is as well. When you open the program, under New York, it states who is licensed; therefore, Woodbury Commons can click on Orange 911 and invite them to an event. He stated you cannot have access unless you are invited.

Mr. O'Donnell asked if there is a signed agreement from the county and Woodbury Commons.

Mr. Casey replied no, there is no agreement because we are a license holder and so are they. The County Executive is aware of this.

Mr. Benton commented there has to be some sort of agreement because anything can happen.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for an update regarding the Monroe-Woodbury School District and the cameras being hooked up to the 911 Center.

Mr. Casey explained that was a direct hook-up and it was slow. There were about 120 cameras to look through and that is why they went with Mutual Link. He added that Monroe-Woodbury will be attending the meeting so he will see what their interest is with Mutual Link. Ultimately the schools do not have to do anything but he feels that Mutual Link is a good option.

Motion carried. All in favor of the resolution as amended.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation from contingency to restore Alive@25 unexpended revenues that were rolled into the General Fund at the end of 2017 but did not roll to 2018 budget, \$22,867.93, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Mr. Casey stated this is done on a yearly basis and are funds that are collected through Alive@25. The money has to go back into Teen Driver Safety Programs such as graduation parties and speakers that are brought in.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Hines moved the request to accept and appropriate a one-time upfront payment of \$150,000.00 from the MTA to partially offset the cost of rehabilitating the Cronomer Tower in exchange for a license granting the MTA the right to use certain tower and shelter space at the Cronomer Tower site in Newburgh as part of the MTA's regional radio system buildout for an initial term of 5 years and three (3) additional automatic renewal terms of five (5) years each. Authorizing the County Executive or his designee to execute a license agreement in a form acceptable to the County Attorney to memorialize the foregoing, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Casey explained that the MTA spoke to Mr. Wierzbicki about tying into the radio system because they had money to spend; therefore, \$150,000.00 was offered to help finance the system.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Sutherland moved the request to accept and appropriate \$495,121.93 from the MTA in exchange for the County; (i) delivering to the MTA up to 1,350 User Identifiers on the County's future trunked radio system for the MTA Police Department's subscriber radios at a cost to the County of no more than \$24,000; and (ii) upgrading 1,010 of the County's subscriber radios to encrypted mode thereby enhancing interoperable communications on the Orange Countywide Radio Network as well as the MTA's Regionwide Radio Network. Authorizing the County Executive or his designee to execute and deliver an agreement in the form acceptable to the County Attorney to memorialize the foregoing, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Casey stated the MTA offered these monies because were having issues with encrypting the radios.

Mr. O'Donnell asked how they came up with the amount of \$24,000.00.

Mr. Wierzbicki replied it is a one-time fee because there were a few items that were not going to be provided by the MTA.

Mr. Kulisek asked what a user identifier is.

Mr. Casey replied that on the radio system which is in each vehicle, it comes up with a specific identifier to determine any issues.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request to accept and appropriate grant funds from New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$864,231.00. These funds will be utilized to offset the cost of the second phase of

the construction portion of the Radio Communications project. The funds will be applied to the costs of the fortification of the Cronomer Tower and the foundations and placement of shelters on five (5) leased sites. A portion of the funds will also be utilized to offset the Interoperability Coordinators salary as allowed by the grant, seconded by Mr. Hines.

Mr. Casey stated this was a grant that was received to support the radio network and they are putting the funds back into the network.

Motion carried. All in favor.

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

Mr. McCarey stated the first deed sale parcel is in the Town of Deerpark (42-2-14) and has a minimum bid of \$700.00 and an amount bid of \$750.00. He recommended that it be approved. The second parcel is in the Town of Highlands (105-1-19) with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00 and an amount bid of \$1,500.00. Mr. McCarey recommended that it be denied because he can get more money for it. Deed sale parcels three, four, and five are in the Town of Warwick (308-5-5.2) and is the same piece of property. Mr. McCarey suggested that parcel number three be approved because it is the highest bidder of \$50,000.00. The minimum bid was \$37,500.00. Parcels number six and seven were also located in the Town of Warwick (21-9-8.11) with a minimum bid of \$35,000.00. Mr. McCarey recommended that parcel number six be approved because it has the higher bid of \$35,001.00.

Motion carried. All in favor of accepting deed sale parcels Nos. 1, 3, and 6 and denying parcels Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 7.

Mr. Hines moved the request for supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$900,000.00 to increase existing Capital Project 852 and for improvements to the Facilities of Beaver Dam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. Funds to come from Beaver Dam Lake fund balance, seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Denega stated they received bids last week and came in higher but within reason. Procedurally there are funds but more monies need to be transferred to accept the bid. There was public hearing process with the Comptroller's Office who approved up to \$3.7 million for spending. The County Attorney's Office would like to move forward with this transfer of funds subject to the advice of the Comptroller's Office and potentially schedule a public hearing anticipating that it might be required. He does not want to waste any more time and if a public hearing is not needed, he will cancel it; therefore, he is hoping to hear from them within a week so that this can be approved at the next legislative session. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution creating a capital account for the Orange County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to County park

improvements, \$445,079.00, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Chairman Brescia explained these monies would be used for improvements and repairs to the various parks within the county such as; plumbing, cosmetics, electrical etc. He added that he would like to utilize the monies as quickly as possible so they can begin the improvements.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.