

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
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,
James D. O'Donnell

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Michael F. Amo, Independence Party Leader
Barry J. Cheney, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Matthew Nothnagle, Chief Asst. County Attorney
Karin Hablow, Commissioner of Finance
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
John McCarey, Director, Real Property Tax Service
Kevin Sumner, District Manager, Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District
Eenika Cruz, Administrator, O.C. Water Authority
Laurence LaDue, Commissioner, Valley View Center
Linda Dauer, Vice President of Admin., Orange County Community College
Fred J. Brennen, Facility Project Manager, Orange County Community College

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:35 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Minuta moved to adopt a resolution to amend the purpose of appropriation to the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District to permit uses for funding to relate not only to the Quaker Creek maintenance project but also the Walkkill River Flood Bench project, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Sumner stated this request it to amend the previous resolution which authorized \$100,000.00 along with grants that were received.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. O'Donnell moved the request approval for funding the 2018 Capital Projects: Roof Recoats and Replacement, \$260,000, PE Building Bleacher Replacement, \$495,000, Replace PE Building Roof Top Units, \$330,000, South Street Sidewalk and Exterior Stair Replacement Campuswide, \$350,000, total \$1,435,000. Bonding for one half of the cost \$717,500.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Ms. Dauer introduced Mr. Fred Brennan, Facility Project Manager at Orange County Community College who will present the request.

Mr. Brennan explained there are several replacements needed at the college such as; roof recoats and replacement for \$260,000, PE Building Bleacher replacement for \$495,000, replacement of the PE Building roof top units for \$330,000, and South Street sidewalk and exterior stair replacement campus wide for \$350,000. The total cost of the projects would be \$1,435,000.

Mr. Minuta clarified that the sidewalk and stariway replacements will be ADA compliant.

Mr. Brennan stated that is correct.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request to close Capital Project No. 138 and return the unspent funds in the amount of \$284,900.00 back to the Water Authority. Open Space Capital Project No. 138 was created using funds from the Water Authority. Project No. 138 is now complete, seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Ms. Hablow stated this request is to transfer \$284,900.00 from Capital Project No. 138 which will expend the remaining funds in that capital project and will be closed after this point. A question was raised earlier regarding where the original \$1.5 million in total funds allocated to that capital project have gone. The capital project was established in 2005 which is prior to Oracle; therefore, she has limited information on some of the funds in terms of what they were used for. Of the \$1.5 million, \$770,021.00 was used prior to implementing Oracle so she cannot give the detail on what exactly it was used for. She will refer to Ms. Cruz because she may have more information. Furthermore, this year resolution No. 68 was passed for using \$445,079.00 of those monies for the Parks Department for a project which leaves them with \$274,900.00 to use for the Water Authority.

Mr. Benton clarified that those monies will go back into their account.

Ms. Hablow stated that is correct, it will go back in the Water Authority's account.

Ms. Cruz pointed out that this is a "housekeeping" request.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Anagnostakis moved to adopt a resolution to amend the scope of approved Capital Project (Valley View) No. 145 to allow for the upgrade of hardware information technologies. Capital Project No. 145, Resolution No. 154 of 2010, was originally earmarked for computer software upgrades in the amount of \$225,000.00, seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. LaDue explained that the original \$225,000.00 was earmarked for a computer system upgrade and the accounting software that the facility uses. They would put out an RFP to merge their electronic medical records, billing software and menu software onto one platform and this original upgrade would not be needed.

Mr. Anagnostakis pointed out that there was a lot of discussion at the Health and Mental Health Committee meeting, but the request passed with one abstention and one No.

Mr. Hines asked if this is bonding.

Mr. LaDue stated yes, these monies were originally bonded.

Mr. Hines clarified that the monies were not bonded yet because it was not spent.

Mr. LaDue stated the monies were bonded just not spent.

Mr. Hines suggested that the committee use capital funds instead of bonding.

Mr. LaDue stated they can certainly do that if the committee would like.

Mr. Hines moved to amend the request to use Valley View funds instead of bonding, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mrs. Bonelli stated this was a bond resolution dated back to 2010 and asked if it would still be valid for them to amend.

Mrs. Reed replied that bond resolutions are good for ten years.

Mr. Benton reiterated that Mr. LaDue's project for \$137,532.60 for the communications upgrade of the phone system at Valley View will be paid for by using the cash account.

Mr. Anagnostakis clarified that the other resolution will be pulled on the floor.

Mr. Benton stated that is correct.

Mr. Minuta asked if there is a masterplan of priorities for Valley View.

Mr. LaDue replied yes there is a plan.

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

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request authorizing the acceptance of State Funds for Multi Modal #3 Project ID S4119 Finnegan Lane/Old County Road 6. The project was completed using CP 450-18 Drainage Improvements. Funding will increase the State share and decrease the County share (State Share increases \$85,000.00; County Share decreases \$85,000.00), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega stated this is a project that was covered under the general drainage capital project funds which was completed earlier this summer. This request is to accept the funding through the grant process to get reimbursed.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Minuta moved the request authorizing the County of Orange to contract with certain towns and villages for snow and ice control on certain county roads. Funds in the amount of \$315,024 are available in the 2019 Snow Removal Budget, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denga explained this is the annual program where they have some outlying county roads by which they work with the respected municipalities to take care of the plowing of specific sections of the road. There is a \$50.00 increase from last year; however, the prices have not had an increase since 2015. It covers 12 municipalities and 65 miles of road and funds are to come out of the 2019 budget.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant offer from the NYSDOT for work at the Orange County Airport described as Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design for Obstruction Removal and Mitigation in the amount of \$8,050.00. Total cost of the project is \$161,000.00 (Federal Share \$144,900.00; State Share \$8,050.00; County Share \$8,050.00), seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. Denega stated that last month he addressed the committee with the federal portion of the State grant and this month he is requesting the acceptance of the State portion.

Motion carried. All in favor.

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

The first deed sale parcel is in the Town of Crawford (23-2-27) with a minimum bid of \$17,000.00 and an amount bid of \$17,000.00. Mr. McCarey recommended that the parcel be approved. Parcel number two is in the Town of Highlands (105-1-19) with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00 and amount bid of \$3,800.00. Mr. McCarey recommended it be approved. The last deed sale parcel is in the Town of Mt. Hope (5-1-67.2) with a minimum bid of \$7,500.00 and an amount bid of \$1,500.00. Mr. McCarey recommended that it be denied because he can get more money for the property.

Motion carried. All in favor of accepting Mr. McCarey's recommendations to approve deed sale parcels Nos 1 and 2 and deny parcel No. 3.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to set the public hearing date for the 2019 Orange County Budget (10/18/18-5:00 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Benton.
Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.