

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023  
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Leigh J. Benton, Chairman  
Mike Anagnostakis, L. Stephen Brescia, James D. O'Donnell,  
Thomas J. Faggione, Kevin W. Hines, Michael D. Paduch, Barry J. Cheney

ALSO

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Chairwoman  
Betsy N. Abraham, Esq., Legislative Counsel  
Harold J. Porr, Deputy County Executive  
Richard B. Golden, Esq., County Attorney  
Matthew J. Nothnagle, Esq., Chief Assistant County Attorney  
Lisa Morgillo, Esq., Assistant County Attorney  
Alicia D'Amico, Director of Operations and Cost Control  
Kerry L. Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance  
Michael J. Schreiber, Deputy Commissioner of Finance  
Andrea Concannon, Deputy Commissioner of Finance  
Samantha Sweikata, Commissioner of General Services  
Joseph Coleman, Deputy Commissioner of General Services  
Christine A. Rudy, Executive Assistant, General Services  
Lane Hunt, Director of Systems Integration, Information Technology  
Daniel G. Castricone, Risk Manager  
Jennifer Ching, Deputy Risk Management Officer  
Chelsea Arteta, Financial Technician, Risk Management  
Eileen McGowan-LaGreca, Real Property Tax Assistant  
Daniel Munoz, GIS Manager, Real Property Tax Service  
Louse Vandemark, Commissioner of Elections  
Courtney Canfield Greene, Commissioner of Elections  
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director  
Gretchen Riordan, Budget Analyst  
Liz Matis, Budget Analyst

Chairman Benton opened the committee meeting at 2:05 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislator Sierra who was excused.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation for the acquisition of a box truck for the Board of Elections. This is proposed Capital Project No. 22 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$150,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Anagnostakis.

Ms. Vandemark stated that this request is for the replacement of a 2018 box truck for the Board of Elections because the current one has fulfilled its useful life. They tried to keep it as long as they could.

Ms. Canfield reported that they do have a quote from Robert Crane Trucking in Sullivan County for a new truck at \$97,938.00.

Mr. Benton asked the expected date of delivery.

Ms. Canfield replied that the truck is being held, so they can get it as soon as the funds are available.

Mr. Anagnostakis commented that he hopes no one forgets that the work these two ladies perform is critical not only to the County, but to the nation. He knows from personal experience and things he has looked at that nothing has ever been done incorrectly at the Board of Elections in Orange County.

Mr. Hines asked if this must go to bid?

Ms. Vandemark responded that it is on the State bid under an existing contract.

Mr. O'Donnell asked when early voting begins.

Ms. Canfield replied that early voting will begin this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Castricone, Ms. Ching, and Ms. Arteta presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Division of Risk Management to the committee.

Mr. Faggione moved to accept the 2024 recommended budget for the Division of Risk Management/Employee Assistance as presented, seconded by Mr. Hines.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Deputy County Executive Porr, Ms. Sweikata, and Ms. D'Amico presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of General Services to the committee.

Mr. Cheney indicated that he will be abstaining from all votes pertaining to the Department of General Services due to an ethics conflict.

Mr. Faggione moved to accept the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of General Services as presented, seconded by Mr. Brescia.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who abstained.

Deputy County Executive Porr, Ms. Sweikata, and Ms. D'Amico then presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of General Services-Information Technology to the committee.

Mr. Faggione moved to accept the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of General Services-Information Technology as presented, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried 5-2-1-1. All in favor with Legislators Brescia, O'Donnell, Faggione, Hines, and Benton voting in favor, Legislators Anagnostakis and Paduch voting against, Legislator Cheney who abstained and Legislator Sierra who was excused.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the 2024 Capital Plan for Information Technology, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Cheney who abstained.

Mr. Faggione moved to discuss deed sale parcels, seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Before discussing the deed sale parcels, Ms. McGowan-LaGreca addressed the committee by reading a letter from Mr. Wiley (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office) who could not be in attendance. In the letter he stated that, "As for the bids off the leftover list, this month is relatively easy; one bidder has offered bids on three properties that are relatively new to the leftover list. The bids are well below the taxes owed, even before considering the penalties and interest. I recommend rejecting these offers."

Mr. Benton stated that the committee will accept Mr. Wiley's recommendations.

Legislative Counsel Abraham pointed out that the committee needs to make a motion and vote to accept the recommendation.

Mr. Brescia moved to accept Mr. Wiley's recommendation to deny the three parcels, seconded by Mr. Hines.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. McGowan-LaGreca and Mr. Munoz presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Real Property Tax Service Agency to the committee.

Mr. Faggione moved to accept the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Real Property Tax Service as presented, seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Slesinski and Ms. Riordan presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Budget Department (Other and Undistributed Revenue) to the committee.

Mr. Paduch moved to accept the 2024 recommended budget for the Budget Department as presented, seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Slesinski addressed the three agenda items for Valley View.

Mr. Hines moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation for a proposed 2023 capital expenditure to continue upgrading patient care mechanical lifters. This is proposed Capital Project No. 128 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$70,000 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Faggione.

Ms. Slesinski stated these three requests were passed at the Health and Mental Health Committee meeting yesterday. This is an annual request, and the current mechanical lifters are aging out.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation for a proposed 2023 capital expenditure to continue upgrading office furniture. This is proposed Capital Project No. 127 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$13,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation for a proposed 2023 capital expenditure to continue upgrading dietary food service equipment. This is proposed Capital Project No. 131 in the 2023 Capital Plan. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$50,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Hines.

This is also an annual request to update the older equipment needed for dietary equipment.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Concannon, and Mr. Schreiber presented the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Finance (Distribution of Sales Tax and Finance-Other) to the committee.

Mr. Faggione moved to accept the 2024 recommended budget for the Department of Finance (Distribution of Sales Tax and Finance-Other) as presented, seconded by Mr. Hines.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.