



**AGENDA**  
**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 5:30PM**  
**Live Link:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair

**MEMBERS:** Legislators Keith Batman, Elane Daly, Andy Dennison (Vice Chair), Ryan Foley, Ben Vitale, and Tucker Whitman

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:** April 21, 2020

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Civil Service Commission**

Bruce Sherman, 64 Pulaski St, Auburn, NY 13021, Term – 6/1/20 to 6/1/26

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:**

- **Kelly Anderson (Real Property) –**
  - Current year foreclosure process has been stayed and tax auction postponed. However, we have received many inquiries about the status of these parcels and 3 payments for requests to repurchase. Tentatively we have a judgement date of 6/9/2020.
  - Data mailers and change of assessment notices have gone out which has generated a higher than normal call, mail and email volume.
  - Tax preparation for Village Tax Rolls and Bills are wrapping up and will be mailed shortly.
  - Tentative Assessment rolls have been completed and the annual grievance process is underway in 23 towns.
  - Board of Assessment Review training for all towns and City of Auburn will be held 5/21 as a webinar using 8x8.
  
- **Jim Orman (Treasurer) –**
  - A. The Annual Update Document has been completed and filed with the State Comptroller's Office. This is a very complex financial report that gives a very detailed summary of the county's financial condition to OSC. This is a huge accomplishment given the current situation. So much credit goes to Mary Beth Leeson (and Crystal Gibson) for leading this effort. Thank you.
  - B. Jennie and her team are to be commended trying to keep the tax collection process current. This is difficult with the building closed to the public but they are persevering. We can expect about 55% of our annual tax collections during the May – July time period. This will be an unprecedented challenge to our remaining staff and we will keep you advised.
  - C. Payroll and health insurance duties are also keeping up with their demands so far. This includes communication with all current and retired employees.
  
- **Lisa Lippoldt (Human Resources/Civil Service) –**

During the course of the past few weeks we have been working with employees answering questions about the CARES and FFCRA on a daily basis and any other COVI19 related questions. Recently, we had to contact all staff who were furloughed personally by phone to alert them that they were either put on a furlough or voluntarily put on a furlough based on the Memo of Agreement with the union. We then followed up with letters to all affected employees with not only a letter outlining the furlough parameters but also a packet with information on how to apply for unemployment and waiver for CSEA dues. We are now taking calls about any questions staff have about either the furlough or how to navigate the systems.

We have completed a grievance settlement without arbitration with a Highway worker that has been approved by both the union and the chairperson of the legislative body.

Applications have still been coming into the County. Towns and Villages:

Application Total County: 45	Applications Total Towns and Villages: 33
Female: 40 %	Females: 54.6%
Male: 60%	Males: 45.4%
White: 71.1%	White: 60.6%
Minorities: 8.9%	Minorities: 3.0%
No Answer: 20%	No Answer: 36.4%

We continue to process applications, eligibility lists, payroll certifications, MSDs, and all other tasks through teleworking and rotating basis into the office on a schedule maintaining social distancing and less than 50% in the building.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **WAYS & MEANS:**

- 5-20-WM-1 Authorizing Cayuga County to Subdivide Various Parcels Located on County House Road, Town of Sennett
- 5-20-WM-2 Authorize the County Treasurer to Pay Mortgage Tax
- 5-20-WM-3 Authorize the Purchase of Tax Delinquent Property

### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**

- 5-20-HH-1 Authorization to accept additional funding from the NYS Office for Aging (NYSOFA) through the Corona Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- 5-20-HH-2 Authorization to accept additional funding from the NYS Office for Aging (NYSOFA) through Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
- 5-20-HH-3 Amending resolution 416-16 to reflect recently adjusted increases to the NYSDOH Early Intervention Administration Grant for year 4 (10/1/2019-9/30/2020) and year 5 (10/1/2020-9/30/2021)
- 5-20-HH-4 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with the Fort Hill Cemetery to provide for indigent burials
- 5-20-HH-5 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Community Services to renew the contract with Rescue Mission for Homeless Family and Transitional Housing
- 5-20-HH-6 Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of Community Services to contract for psychiatrist duties at the Community Mental Health Center

### **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:**

- 5-20-GO-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter an agreement with Indrado for license fees and software maintenance of systems for Cayuga County 911.
- 5-20-GO-2 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter into a license and maintenance agreement with SHI for Varonis Software for Cayuga County.

### **PLANNING:**

- 5-20-PL-1 Authorizing the County Treasurer to establish a Capital-H account for the Sterling Nature Center Capital Improvement Project funded through NYS Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative and 2019 Consolidated Funding Application Grant Programs.
- 5-20-PL-2 Authorizing the signing of a contract with the United States Geological Survey for operation and maintenance of a satellite linked flow gaging station on the Owasco Inlet.
- 5-20-PL-3 Authorizing and setting the date of a Legislature Public Hearing on additions of Real Property to the Cayuga County Agricultural District.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- 5-20-PW-1 Authorization to enter into a 24 Hour Temperature Control Service Agreement with Upstate Temperature Control Inc. for the controls of the Johnson Controls pneumatic temperature controls for the HVAC equipment in the Historic Post Office
- 5-20-PW-2 Resolution to modify the current license agreement with A&M Catering for management of the Emerson Park Pavilion due to the public health restrictions on gatherings.
- 5-20-PW-3 Authorizing Cayuga County to refund fees associated with facility rentals at Emerson Park
- 5-20-PW-4 Accept Navistar settlement

**JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- 5-20-JP-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature and the Director of the Emergency Management Office to sign an agreement with Geopliant, LLC, for Crisis Track Damage Assessment Software
- 5-20-JP-2 Authorize the Treasurer of Cayuga County to transfer funding of leased automobiles from the Sheriff and Jail budget to the General Fund Principle and Interest Funding.

**ADJOURNMENT: Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE'S OFFICE AT 253-1308 AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING TO ADVISE WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY.

**COUNTY OF CAYUGA  
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT FORM**

**Requested Appointment To:**

**Name of Recommended Appointee:**  
**Address:**

**This appointment is recommended by:**

**Length of Term: (Start date and End date, not just years)**

<b>New Term or Unexpired Term?</b>	<b>New Term</b>	<b>Unexpired Term</b>
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**Name of person previously in this position:**

<b>Is this a compensated position?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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<b>Is this a new appointment or reappointment?</b>	<b>New appt.</b>	<b>Re-appt.</b>
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**If it is a reappointment, how long have they served?**

**Describe briefly the duties required of the proposed appointee.**

**Please provide a brief sketch of the proposed appointee(s) background (education, outside interests, etc.)**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 5/26/20 COA Authorize Subdivision County House Road Property**

**Authorizing Cayuga County to Subdivide Various Parcels Located on County House Road, Town of Sennett**

By: Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, Cayuga County is the owner of certain lands situate in the Town of Sennett, County of Cayuga and State of New York, consisting of three parcels, known and identified as Tax Map No. 102.00-1-15.2, containing 10.68338 acres more or less (“Tax Map Lot 1”); Tax Map No. 102.0-1-15-111, containing 74.879874 acres more or less; (“Tax Map Lot 2”); and Tax Map No. 102.00-1-15.111 (“Tax Map Lot 3”); and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature has determined that it is in the public interest to subdivide the three parcels described above into five (5) parcels as follows:

- (a) To create a “New Lot 1” consisting of 7.368 acres of land together with the improvements thereon including building and related facilities formerly known as the Cayuga County Nursing Home (proposed “New Lot 1”);
- (b) To create a “New Lot 2” consisting of approximately 2.102 acres together with the improvements thereon, with frontage on County House Road;
- (c) To create a “New Lot 3” consisting of the parcel of land and improvements thereon wherein Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservancy (“S&W”) has maintained their offices and operational facilities;
- (d) To create a “New Lot 4” consisting of the parcel of land and improvements thereon commonly known as the Cayuga County Public Safety Building (“PSB”); and
- (e) To create a “New Lot 5” consisting of 45.778 acres of land, and being the area where the proposed solar array is to be located; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to apply to the Town of Sennett for approval of the aforementioned subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sennett is the agency to approve this action and therefore the Cayuga County Legislature acknowledges that the Town is the appropriate agency to serve as lead agency to conduct an environmental review of the proposed subdivision pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as codified under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (6 NYCRR 617, *et seq.*) (collectively herein, “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature has caused to be prepared an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to be submitted to the Town of Sennett as part of the application process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Town of Sennett to approve the proposed subdivision of the parcels of land more commonly referred to as Tax Map No. 102.00-1-15.2, containing 10.68 acres more or less (“Tax Map Lot 1”); Tax Map No. 102.0-1-15-111, containing 74.88 acres more or less; (“Tax Map Lot 2”); and Tax Map No. 102.00-1-15.111 (“Tax Map Lot 3”) into five new lots as described herein above; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver an application for subdivision approval to the Town of Sennett, and upon the approval of same, is further authorized to execute and deliver such deeds, conveyances and easements as well as such other and further documents and instruments as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution and upon such forms as may be approved by the County Attorney; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney’s Office, the County Planning Department and their staffs are authorized to execute and deliver such documents and instruments as are necessary to coordinate and complete the SEQRA process with the Town of Sennett; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

**Ways & Means Committee**

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Christopher Petrus, Chair

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Andy Dennison

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Ryan Foley

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Benjamin Vitale

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Co. Atty: \_\_\_\_\_

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5/26/20

RPS May Mortgage Tax 2020

**AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO PAY MORTGAGE TAX**

By: Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways &amp; Means Committee

WHEREAS, it appears from the final report of Sue Dwyer, as County Clerk of Cayuga County, that there has been paid to the County Treasurer the sum of **\$ 491,257.87**, the same being the net amount collected from the taxation of mortgages for the period October 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there is in the County Treasurer's Account No. T-58, the amount of **\$ 491,257.87** which should be distributed among the City of Auburn and the Towns and Villages of the County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be directed and required to pay the sum of **\$ 491,257.87** to the City of Auburn and the several Towns and Villages of the County of Cayuga in the following amounts:

City of Auburn	\$ 116,695.28	Montezuma	\$ 2,523.63
Aurelius	\$ 16,281.94	Moravia	\$ 13,238.68
Cayuga Vlg	\$ 1,191.26	Moravia Vlg	\$ 5,149.32
Brutus	\$ 17,159.37	Niles	\$ 20,047.67
Weedsport Vlg	\$ 8,370.18	Owasco	\$ 42,812.54
Cato	\$ 19,264.95	Scipio	\$ 9,393.19
Cato Vlg	\$ 675.12	Sempronius	\$ 7,830.49
Meridian Vlg	\$ 741.23	Sennett	\$ 36,002.66
Conquest	\$ 10,443.15	Springport	\$ 15,337.16
Fleming	\$ 21,291.50	Union Springs Vlg	\$ 4,983.92
Genoa	\$ 12,485.21	Sterling	\$ 11,911.30
Ira	\$ 18,849.70	Fair Haven Vlg	\$ 7,624.79
Cato Vlg	\$ 946.85	Summerhill	\$ 7,347.45
Ledyard	\$ 15,392.46	Throop	\$ 12,467.57
Aurora Vlg	\$ 3,213.49	Venice	\$ 6,783.64
Locke	\$ 10,197.62	Victory	\$ 5,775.27
Mentz	\$ 5,815.43		
Port Byron Vlg	\$ 3,013.85		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 491,257.87</b>

**Ways & Means Committee**\_\_\_\_\_  
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5/26/2020

RPS Foreclosure May 2020 Purchase

**Authorizing the Purchase of Tax Delinquent Property (Index No. 2019-1301)**

By: Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has received a request to purchase tax foreclosed property and, in accordance with said policies and procedures, is presenting the same for consideration by the Ways and Means Committee of the Cayuga County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, as required by policy, certified funds are held in trust with the County Treasurer and the Director of Real Property Tax Services recommends approval of the following purchase requests to be executed upon receipt of a signed judgment of foreclosure from the court:

Muni	Tax Map	Location	Prior Owner	Amount Paid
Brutus	88.00-1-23.2	8407 Ball Road	Timothy & Laura Gray	\$14,187.64
Genoa	228.02-2-9	1066 Maple St	Bettie McLaughlin	\$14,660.82
Montezuma	80.00-1-58.131	Wisey Road	Audrey F & George Guy	\$2,040.47

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Ways & Means Committee hereby approves the recommendations as set forth above and directs the County Treasurer, Director of Real Property Tax Services and the Chair of the County Legislature to take whatever steps necessary to fully execute the sale of real property.

**Ways & Means Committee**

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