



MINUTES
SPECIAL LEGISLATURE MEETING
CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
160 Genesee St., 6th Floor
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:30PM
Live Link: <https://youtu.be/W0E6kZuNGQA>

CALL TO ORDER: Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37PM

ROLL CALL: Sheila Smith, Clerk of the Legislature, all legislators present except Whitman and Dennison

EXCUSED: Tucker Whitman and Andy Dennison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF PRAYER:

1. PRESENTATION: Gilda Brower, “Implicit Bias Training Opportunity”

Motion by Batman to go into executive session at 5:45PM, 2nd by Foley, all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Employment history of a particular person

Motion by Batman to come out of executive session at 6:21PM, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor.

2. PRESENTATION: The American Rescue Plan – Attached

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 175-21 6/16/21 LEG Emerson Park Revitalization REV
Accept Funding and establish Capital Project for Emerson Park Revitalization Plan

BY: Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair, Cayuga County Legislature

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act has allocated funding to Counties in order to help with the recovery from COVID-19, which includes the authorization to spend these funds on government services, up to the amount of lost revenues due to Covid-19 impacts ; and **WHEREAS,** Cayuga County has been allocated \$14,873,990 thru the ARPA, of which a portion of these funds can be used to provide government services, such as a capital project to revitalize Emerson Park; and

WHEREAS a Special Legislature meeting was held on May 19, 2021, at which a presentation was given by Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architects to redevelop Emerson Park as a destination park which will have a positive economic impact on the County; and **WHEREAS,** the Cayuga County Legislature would like to allocate funds to this project to be used to cover project expenditures or to be used as matching funds for the solicitation of grant funds from several sources, including NYS and Foundations; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that Capital H account 21-02 be established for the revitalization project at Emerson Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, in the event that it becomes necessary to undertake the Emerson Park Redesign project in phases, the Cayuga County Legislature shall provide necessary authorizations for those phases for which funds are available and modify, if necessary, the capital project budget to reflect the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Funds be transferred to Capital H account 21-02; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Treasurer be authorized and directed to make all necessary journal and accounting entries to carry out this resolution.

Motion by Batman, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor except Pecher and Strong.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-21

6/16/21

LEG Restaurant Voucher Program

Accept Funding and establish the Restaurant Voucher Program

BY: Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair, Cayuga County Legislature

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act has allocated funding to Counties in order to help with the recovery from COVID-19, which includes reducing financial hardships on small businesses that had a decline in revenue or periods of business closure due to COVID -19; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga County has been allocated \$14,873,990 thru the ARPA and some of these funds can be used to stimulate economic activity in those businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19, including restaurants within Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, a restaurant voucher program that provides a 50% County subsidy towards the purchase of gift cards, will stimulate patronage of restaurants within Cayuga County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature is authorized to implement a restaurant voucher program within Cayuga County and to enter into any contracts necessary to carry out the intent of the program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the voucher program will continue, and may be expanded to include other small businesses within Cayuga County, until the allocated funds are expended; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Treasurer be authorized and directed to make all necessary journal and accounting entries to amend the 2021 Budget in the following manner:

Increase Revenue Account #A10130 44200.....\$100,000

Increase Appropriation Account #A10134 54000.....\$100,000

Motion by Lattimore, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor except Pecher.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-21

6/16/21

LEG Public Health Response Funds

Accept Funding and establish the Public Health Response Funds

BY: Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair, Cayuga County Legislature

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act has allocated funding to Counties in order to help with the recovery from COVID-19, which includes reducing financial hardships on small businesses that had a decline in revenue or periods of business closure due to COVID -19; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga County has been allocated \$14,873,990 thru the ARPA and some of these funds can be used to support a public health response to COVID-19, including vaccination programs, testing and contact tracing within Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has expended previous grant funds that had been received to respond to COVID-19 on testing, contact tracing and vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department will continue to perform vaccination clinics and contact tracing into the foreseeable future; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Public Health Director and the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature are authorized to enter into any contracts necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution to continue to respond to the COVID-19 emergency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Treasurer be authorized and directed to make all necessary journal and accounting entries to amend the 2021 Budget in the following manner:

Increase Revenue Account #A40180 44200.....\$200,000

Increase Appropriation Account #A40184 54000.....\$200,000

Motion by Kerr, 2nd by Foley, all in favor except Pecher.

Motion by Foley to adjourn at 7:57PM, 2nd by Pinckney, all in favor.



American Rescue Plan

CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL
FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

CAYUGA COUNTY

5 Primary Purposes of Funds

- 1) *Support Public Health Response*
- 2) *Address negative economic impacts*
- 3) *Replace public sector revenue loss*
- 4) *Premium pay for Essential Workers*
- 5) *Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure*

TIME FRAME

FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED BY 12/31/2024

FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED, WITH WORK COMPLETED, BY 12/31/2026

Support Public Health Response

Fund a broad range of services for the prevention and response to Covid-19

- Vaccination programs, testing, monitoring, contact tracing.*
- Purchase PPE and disinfection of public areas.*
- Prevention and mitigation in congregate living facilities .
Jails, nursing homes, etc.*
- Ventilation improvements in congregate settings, public health facilities and other public facilities*
- Address disparities in public health outcomes*

INCLUDES HOUSING INSECURITY, IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION,
CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND WELFARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Address Negative Economic Impacts

- Assistance to households, including job training
- Small business and non-profit support – including loans or grants to mitigate financial hardships
- Aid to impacted industries - tourism, travel, hospitality, and other impacted industries
- Assistance to unemployed workers
- Services for Qualified Census Tract and other disproportionately impacted communities (1 QRT in Auburn)

INCLUDES SERVICES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

PROMOTE HEALTHY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS

Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

- *Lost revenue may be used for the provision of “government services”*
- *Revenue loss is calculated on an entity wide basis. The calculation will be done at 4 points: 12/31/20, 12/31/21, 12/31/22, 12/31/23*
- *The calculation assumes a 4.1 % revenue growth over the base year. The difference between the actual revenue and the calculated amount is the lost revenue.*

THIS IS THE MOST FLEXIBLE USE OF RECOVERY FUNDS. CAN BE USED FOR A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES OR PROJECTS TYPICALLY OUTSIDE THE USE OF RECOVERY FUNDS.

Premium Pay for Essential Workers

- *Allows for premium pay for essential workers, those employees with work involving regular in-person interactions.*
- *Could cover County employees or workers in the community that are determined to be essential workers.*
- *Priority should be given to low and moderate income employees.*

STAFF AT NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, GROCERY STORES,
TRUCK DRIVERS, ETC

Water & Sewer Infrastructure

- *Investments and improvements to existing infrastructure in water and sewer.*
- *Projects that would be eligible for financial assistance through the EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.*
- *CWSRF – improve water quality and address water pollution. Construct, improve and repair waste water treatment plants.*
- *DWSRF – water infrastructure capital improvements. Installation and replacement of failing treatment and distribution systems*

INCLUDES STORM WATER RUNOFF, WATER POLLUTION, FLOOD CONTROL,
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS STORM WATER RESILIENCY

Broadband Infrastructure

Investment in broadband services with a priority on unserved and underserved households.

- Covid-19 underscored the importance of reliable high speed connectivity for schools, healthcare and work.

Ineligible Uses of Funds

- Using funds for non-Federal match
- Funding debt service
- Legal settlements
- Deposits to fund financial reserves
- General infrastructure (above the revenue loss recoupment provisions)
- General economic development or workforce development unless directly related to the public health emergency or related to the revenue loss provision.

THE NET REDUCTION IN TAX REVENUE PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO COUNTIES.

Cayuga County Restaurant Voucher Program



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Overview

Restaurants lost revenue based off from restrictions put on them due to COVID. The American Rescue Plan gives the County the ability to help the restaurant industry as the funds are allowed to be used to address negative economic impacts on small businesses. The idea of the voucher program would be to allocate funds for the program of which \$50,000 would be used for the vouchers themselves. Putting this money into the industry will offer assistance to the struggling business and bring in sales tax revenue.

This program has been used by both Onondaga County (\$625,000) and the City of Oswego (\$10,000).



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Process

- Vouchers would be in increments of \$25 up to \$100 (\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100)
- Cayuga County would create a web page for the public to access vouchers
- Individuals would print the voucher and take it to the restaurant and the voucher would be turned into a gift card (example: \$25 voucher would be brought to the restaurant along with \$25 cash and the customer would walk out with a \$50 gift card)
 - Gift card cannot be used on the date of purchase
- Restaurant turns the voucher into the county for reimbursement



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Eligibility for Restaurants

Out reach to restaurants and the general public will be done through CEDA and Restaurant QB. This will be done to help educate the restaurants and the public on how the program works.

- No nationally owned chains
- No Fast Food
- Must offer a menu
- Gift card Cannot be used on the date of purchase
- Vouchers will have expiration dates



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