

**MINUTES
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2004**

PRESENT: Pappert, Fearon, Sedor, Geer, Cuddeback, Petrus, Harrison, Tortorici, Farrell, Hoskins, Marshall, Duckett, Selover, Cowen, Catto, Kozlowski, Daly, Brew

EXCUSED: Dudley

Chairperson Pappert called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A round table introduction progressed.

Legislature Chairperson Herbert D. Marshall, Jr. announced, to the committee, that Outside Auditor Rick McNeilly will meet with the committee at 8:30 A.M. on January 29, 2004, and with BOCES Attorney Matthew R. Fletcher regarding pending labor negotiations on February 4, 2004 at 7 P.M. Chairman Marshall also advised the Committee that the Town of Sterling will make '03 and '04 payments of \$50,000 per year for a total of \$100,000 towards the yearly payment of \$100,000. Mr. Marshall further told the committee that the \$900,000 revenue figure in the '04 County Budget labeled "bold proceeds will in essence, lead to a \$900,000 budget short fall. Chairman Marshall also told the Committee that we are looking at a 2% Sales Tax Growth for '04. The Legislature must look at minis cost this year as MMIS has been growing yearly by 12% or a \$1,350,000 in the '05 County Budget. Mr. Marshall believes that the goal for the County Fund Balance, should be established at \$4,000,000 (Bonding Officials would prefer a County Fund Balance of \$8,000,000).

Committee Chair, David A. Pappert believes that the Ways and Means Committee's first goal for the year should be the eliminations of the \$900,000 Bond Proceeds from the revenue stream of the '04 budget.

Legislator Fearon Suggested that the Legislature should write a letter to Albany Officials to object to the state sponsored sales tax amnesty periods.

County Youth Bureau Director Lloyd E. Hoskins requested committee approval to sign yearly contracts for services with various agencies, majority approval received.

Ms. Nelsa Selover, Director of the Office for the Aging requested committee approval to allow the Legislature Chairman to sign yearly contracts with various agencies.

Ms. Selover requested committee approval to allow the Clerk of the Legislature to advertise and receive sealed bids for printing the Senior Citizen quarterly newsletter. The request was approved by voice vote.

Gary Duckett, Director of Parks and Trails requested committee approval to allow the Chairman of the Legislature to sign a contract with Friends of Sterling Nature Center, Inc. which was approved by voice vote.

The committee approved authorizing an amendment to the '04 Parks & Trail Budget to include snowmobile grant funds.

The committee authorized the Chairman of the Legislature to file a grant application for Records Management.

Alan P. Kozlowski, Real Property Tax Director showed CAD drawings of the Historic Post Office Building to the Committee. In the future additional county owned buildings will receive CAD drawings.

Committee Chairperson Pappert stated to the committee that area contractors must reduce their contract costs to county departments. Future contacts must be checked and additional vendors located to help reduce future costs.

The committee reviewed a proposed contract renewal with Lin Tech Services of Auburn, NY for septic tank inspection report review. FLOPA funds received by county amount to \$10,000. Once these funds are exhausted

the County Environmental Health Staff will do the report inspections. The committee requested that the Lin Tech contract be reduced to six months with the county to issue an RFP for the balance of the six months. Approved by voice vote.

The committee approved acceptance of funding on NYS Child Care Block Grant and authorized the Legislature Chair to enter into a contract with Kinder Track to utilize grant funding, by voice vote.

The committee approved, by voice vote, authorizing the Legislature Chair to enter into a contract with Partnership for Results, Inc. for preventative services.

The committee authorized, by voice vote, allowing the Legislature Chair to enter into a contract with Cayuga Home for Children for Functional Family Therapy Services.

The committee authorized, by voice vote with Ms. Sedor abstaining, authorizing the Legislature Chair to enter into a contract with John J. Tonzi to conduct administrative hearings for the Board of Health.

The committee directed the Clerk of the Legislature to pull Resolution #46 (Authorizing to promotionally fill a vacant Senior Motor Vehicle Cashier and Resolution #50A (To extend certain 2003 bid items in the Highway Department in order that the Public Works Committee could conduct a further review of the bids.)

The committee directed the Clerk of the Legislature to provide itemized copies of credit card charges listed on the monthly resolution to pay credit card bills.

The committee questioned the payment of a bill to the Vernon Company. The payment was for advertising specialties.

The committee directed the Clerk of the Legislature to prepare a resolution for bidding the Counties Workers' Compensation average.

The committee approved two appointments to the County Water and Sewer Authority (Lucille Craine of Victory and William Dugan of Aurora).

The committee held a discussion on the Annual 4th of July Fire Works Display at Emerson Park.

The committee reviewed an additional 46 resolutions for the January 27, 2004 meeting of the Legislature.

By motion of Legislator Harrison the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M. Next scheduled business meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7 P.M.