

COMMITTEE MINUTES
WAYS & MEANS
May 23, 2005
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Hon. David Pappert, Chairman, Ways & Means Committee

Present: Pappert, Palermo, Tortorici, Dudley, Petrus, Westphal, Netti, Fearon, Miller, Marshall, Wethey, Selover, Farrell, Dahl, Brew, Sedor, Mahand, L. Watson, L. Maranelli, Duckett, Cowen

ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS:

Legislator Dudley moved to approve the committee minutes for February and March 2005. All members present voted in favor. Mr. Louie Watson and Mr. Emanuel Mahand of Nationwide Retirement Solutions discussed the counties 457 Deferred Compensation Plan with the county. The Plan was extended last year for an additional year following last years sealed proposal process; which was flawed. Motion by Mr.

Pappert to have a resolution drawn to extend the 457 deferred compensation plan extended one additional year to June, 2006. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Legislator Dudley requested that the county prepare bid specifications so that the program could be bid before December 31, 2005.

Chairman Pappert asked the committee members if they wished to have one deferred comp plan provider or if they wished to have two providers. All committee members responded that they only wished to have one provider. The committee discussed the current providers plan rules restricting the amount of funds that can be withdrawn from the fixed account on a yearly basis.

MONTHLY UPDATE ON COUNTY FINANCES: Hon. David A Farrell

New software licenses are in place. A new computer program has been written and implemented to deal with health insurance participants. A bond anticipation note dealing with the college improvement project is due in August. Chairman Marshall noted that a resolution to deal with a pending bond sale will be discussed next month.

PREVIOUS MONTHS TREASURER'S REPORT:

FINANCIAL TRENDS: Current cash flow is 5.5 million to 9 million dollars. Fund balance is 6.5 million dollars

TAX COLLECTIONS:

INVESTMENTS & SALES TAX REVENUE: Sales tax revenue is \$689,000 ahead of this time last year. The sale of the Sterling property has been completed. The purchaser held back \$25,000 until the trailers are removed from the property. The income from the property sale will be spread over the debt period and the remaining debt payment will be approximately in the low \$20,000's. The Town of Sterling will be making their 2004 debt payment contribution this year. The Town of Sterling will not receive any of the property sale proceeds because the property was not sold for a profit.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: The following were reviewed and approved:

Cayuga County Fair Housing Officer: Dave Miller, 8788 S. Seneca St., Weedsport, NY 13166

Cayuga Cortland Workforce: David Daum, 14 Koenig Court, Auburn, NY 13021, term 7/1/05-6/30/08

William McVea, 14948 West Bay Rd., Sterling, NY 13156-3195, term 7/1/05-6/30/08

Dr. Dennis Golladay, 2504 High Bridge Road, Weedsport, NY 13166, term 7/1/05-6/30/08

Terri M. Bridenbecker, 3820 O'neil Rd., Auburn, NY 13021, term 7/1/05-6/30/08

Variance Committee – Environmental Health Dept.: Howard Nelson, 3617 Keesee Road, Moravia, NY 13118,
One year term to expire 12/31/05

Cayuga County Fire Advisory Board for 2005: David James, Chairman, and PO BOX 749, WEEDSPORT, NY
13166

David Dixon, Vice Chairman, 85 Rochester St., Port Byron, NY
13140
Marilyn Bergerstock, Secretary, 5437 Bluefield Rd., Auburn, NY
13021
Joe Morabito, Assitant Secretary, 3 Taber Dr., Auburn, NY
13021
Tom Begley, 11296 South St., Cato, NY 13033
David Perkins, 2288 Overbrook Dr., Auburn, NY 13021
William Feocco, 3535 E. Genesee St. Rd., Auburn, NY 13021
Ray Dyer III, PO Box 83, Locke, NY 13092
Jim Perkins, 2762 Center Rd., Scipio, NY 13147
Patsy DiNonno, 4 Frances St., Auburn, NY 13021
Jim Langler, 5739 Bluefield Rd., Auburn, NY 13021
Dr. Mary DiRubbo, PO Box 775, Skaneateles, NY 13152
John Komarisky, 3503 Miller Road, Auburn, NY 13021
Craig Foster, 5759 Benham Rd., Cayuga, NY 13034
Patrick Meral, 1642 Rte. 38 A, Auburn, NY 13021

Health & Human Services Committee: Hon. Francis Mitchell, 355 State Rte. 90 N., Cayuga, NY 13034

Judicial & Public Safety Committee: Hon. Christopher Palermo, PO Box 199, Red Creek, NY 13143
Hon. Peter Tortorici, 19 Union St., Auburn, NY 13021

911 Administrator Edward Laraway reported that the County of Cayuga has been awarded and additional grant of \$73,000 towards the expenses of the Back Up 911 Center.

Ms. Nelsa Selover, Director of the Office For The Aging requested committee approval to allow two employees to alternate taking home the county owned vehicle assigned to the department. Chairman Pappert is not, at this point, convinced that the department needs a vehicle assigned to it. The Assistant Budget Officer believes that a mileage study is in order for the vehicle. The committee agreed to allow the two out reach workers to take the county owned vehicle assigned to the Office For the Aging home until December 31, 2005. The Assistant Budget Officer was directed to provide the committee members with copies of the Health and Human Services Vehicle Policy.

The committee reviewed and approved the following resolutions:

WAYS & MEANS:

12. Amending Resolution 98-05, which authorized the Chairman of the Legislature to sign an agreement with NYMIR for Medical Malpractice Insurance Coverage for the Nursing Home, Mental Health Center, Health Department and Foster Care.
13. To Authorize the County Treasurer to Pay Mortgage Tax.
14. Authorizing Correction of Tax Error in Several Towns.
- 14A. Authorizing the Cayuga County Treasurer to Pay Allan Rotto Consultants, Inc. \$9.00 from Account A631 for Telephone Auditing Services.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

15. To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home to Enter into an Agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Cayuga-Onondaga Counties for Provision of Educational and Clinical Experiences for Practical Nursing Students, Nurse Aides and Home Health Aides for the 2005-2006 School Semester. The Agreement consists of 3 Original Copies of the Agreement to be signed.
16. To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with the NYS Department of Health to Participate in the 100% Funded "Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program."
17. To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County for the Provision of Independent Living Services (100% Federally Funded)
18. To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with Kirkpatrick Day Program.
19. To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to enter into a Contract with TLC for the Provision of Medical Transportation Services for the Human Services Division of the Health & Human Services Department.
- 19A. To Authorize the Cayuga County Legislature to Create two RN Part-time Sub Positions in the Home Care Agency **and** Authorize the Director of Health & Human Services to Fill these Two Newly Created RN Part-time Positions.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

20. Abolishing the Legislative Pre-meeting (2/3 Vote Required)
21. Authorizing the County Attorney to Temporarily Fill the Senior Typist Part Time Position.

PLANNING:

22. Accepting Jurisdictional Abandonment and Subsequent Conveyance of Certain Lands by NYS DOT
23. Accepting Grant Funds for Merry-Go-Round Playhouse Restroom Project.
24. The Cayuga County Legislature urges our Federal Officials to Reject and /or oppose all applications to take into Trust Lands Located within Cayuga County on behalf of Indian Nations or Tribes.
25. Fixing Day and Notice of Public hearing Amending Local Law 2 for the Year 1984 Establishing a Local Law to Establish a County of Cayuga Public Utility Service Agency.
26. Authorizing Cayuga County to Participate in NYSMEC.

PUBLIC WORKS:

27. Authorizing the Signing of a License Agreement for Concessionaire Service for July 3, 2005 at Emerson Park.
28. Authorize the County Chairman to Sign Snow Removal Agreement with Onondaga County.
29. Authorizing Appointment of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and Setting the Salary for the Same.
30. Authorization to Backfill behind General Highway Foreperson's Position.

Mr. Pappert would like to change the title of one of the backfill positions to laborer from light MEO. All members present were in agreement.

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:

31. Authorizing the Cayuga County Chairman to Execute Agreement between Cayuga County and New York State Emergency Management Office and the Cayuga County Chapter of the American Red Cross.
32. Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature to Advertise and Receive Sealed Bids for E-911 Recording Systems and Equipment.
33. Authorizing the Purchase of a Dell Computer for the Weights and Measures Department.

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS:

1. Auth. Payment of January 2005 Audit of Claims.
2. Auth. Payment of Utilities.
3. Auth. Payment of all Central Services.
4. Auth. Payment of Claims for the Nursing Home.
5. Auth. Payment of Claims for the Sr. Nutrition Program.
6. Auth. Payment of Claims for Thruway Tolls.
7. Auth. Payment of Claims for Credit Card Charges.
8. Auth. Payment of Legal Notices.
9. Auth. Payment of Various Capital "H" Projects.
10. Auth. Payment of Claims for Various Equipment Leases.
11. Auth. Payment of Parcel Services.

County Attorney, Fred Westphal reported to the committee that the County owns 9.5 acres in the Town of Sempronius which was tax foreclosed and the State of New York wants to purchase the property for \$3,000 (the amount owed for back taxes), Moved by Pappert that the attorney be allowed to continue the property sale process with the state. All members present voted in favor.

Moved by Legislator Fearon, that the committee go into executive session to discuss contracts. All members present voted in favor at 9 pm.

Moved by Legislator Palermo for the committee to come out of executive session at 9:38 pm. All members voted in favor. Chairman Pappert adjourned the meeting at 9:39 pm.