

**MINUTES
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 21, 2005
MEETING 6:30 PM**

Present: Pappert, Palermo, Fearon, Brew, Farrell, Ms. Since bough, Dudley, Tortorici, Smith, Westphal, Ms. Sedor, Mitchell, Ladaddio, Esq. Ms. Murphy, Marshall, Netti, Petrus, Wethey, Cuddeback, Catto

Ways & Means Committee Chairman David A. Pappert called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Motion by Legislator Cuddeback for the committee to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation against the county. All members present voted in favor of the motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

Motion by Legislator Fearon for the committee to come out of executive session. All members present

ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS:

MONTHLY UPDATE ON COUNTY FINANCES:

PREVIOUS MONTHS TREASURER'S REPORT:

FINANCIAL TRENDS:

TAX COLLECTIONS:

INVESTMENTS & SALES TAX REVENUE:

APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS:

The committee reviewed the following resolutions:

WAYS & MEANS:

- 12.** To Adopt the County Budget for 2006.
- 13.** Designating December 6, 2005, as the Date to Annex the Tax Warrant (M).
- 14.** Prorate Costs of Service Provided to Towns.
- 15.** Fixing Day and Notice of Public Hearing on a Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2004 that Provided for the Installment Payment of Eligible Delinquent Real Property.
- 16.** Authorize Director of Real Property Services to Apportion Community College Costs for Tax Purposes.
- 17.** Authorizing the Levy of Omitted Taxes.
- 18.** Designating December 28th, as the Date of the Final Meeting of the Cayuga County Legislature for the Fiscal Year 2005 (M).
- 19.** Authorizing Correction of Tax Errors in Several Towns.
- 19A.** Authorizing the Cayuga County Treasurer to Pay the Finger Lakes Radio Group for Placement of Handicapped Awareness Radio Spot Ads.
- 19B.** Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature to Advertise and Receive Requests for Proposals from Administrative Service Agencies, Trustees, and Financial Organizations for Services in Connection with a Deferred Compensation Plan for the Employees of Cayuga County.
- 19C.** Resolution Providing an Alternative 25 Year Retirement Plan, for Correction Officers, According to RSSL Section 89-p and 603.
- 19D.** Authorization to Purchase Equipment and Software for Senior Account Clerk Typist Transferred from Sheriff's Department and transfer funding for same.

Legislator William L. Catto pointed out, to the committee that the nurses housed in the basement of the Vitale Building need added space for storage and meetings. Legislator Catto wants the resolution for the Vitale Building purchase amended so that Health and Human Services would be included with additional space.

Andrea Phillips, local representative of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) informed the committee that the nurses housed in the basement of the Vitale Building need confidentiality. A make shift conference on the first floor of the Vitale Building offers the only area with privacy. Ms. Phillips would like to see added areas for the nurses. Legislator Michele L. Sedor believes that if the county had done a proper building study of agency needs that these problems would have been identified and addressed in advance instead of waiting for a crisis.

Legislator Catto further believes that the county offices in the basement of 8 Dill Street (Vitale Bldg.) are not in compliance with HIPPA Law.

19E authorizing the Establishment of Capital “H” Project #_____for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 95 Genesee Street known as the “Vitale” Building and Directing the Chairman to Execute a Purchase Contract.

19F. Establishing the Salary for the Cayuga County Treasurer.

Buildings and Grounds Director Ernest DeCaro informed the committee regarding the mold problem in the District Attorney’s Office in the Court House. Mr. DeCaro requested permission to purchase a replacement gas water heater for the Court House. Motion by Fearon, seconded by Palermo to approve the purchase of a re replacement gas water heater for the Court House. All members present voted in favor of the purchase. Mr. DeCaro does not suggest using part time employees to clean county buildings.

19G. To Elect the Year-Round Clothing and Footwear Exemption from County Sales and Compensating use taxes, effective April 1, 2006. Motion by Pappert, 2nd by Tortorici to approve. Voting yes: Pappert, Sedor, Netti, Palermo, Tortorici. Voting No: Dudley and Fearon. Passed 5 to 2

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- 20.*** To Authorize the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Director of the Cayuga County Employment & Training Department to Enter into an Agreement with the Cayuga Cortland Workforce Investment Board and other Agencies as are necessary to Operate a Year Round Youth Program.
- 21.** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into an Agreement with the State to Accept the 100% Reimbursable Preventive Dentistry Grant and to Authorize the Cayuga County Treasurer to Amend the Cayuga County Health Department 2005 Budget.
- 22.** Authorizing the Chairman and the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with New York State for Bike/Wheelsport Safety & Pedestrian Safety Grant.
- 23.** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Accept Funding for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) and Contract with Cornell Cooperative for Services Related to FSNEP.
- 24.** Amending the 2005 Health Department Budget by Transferring Funds to 4045.4.
- 25.** Authorizing the County Treasurer to Amend the Human Services 2005 Budget for Continued Participation in the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for the Year 2005, and Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with Catholic Charities of the Finger lakes, Inc. to perform any outreach Activities for this State Mandated HEAP Program (100% Federally Funding), for the Period of October 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006.
- 26.** Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature and the Purchasing Agent to Advertise for sealed proposal for Preparation of Meals for the Office of the Aging Nutrition Program.

27. Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature and the Purchasing Agent to Advertise and Receive Sealed Bids for the Printing of the Cayuga County Office of the Aging Senior Citizen Quarterly Newsletter.
Legislator Palermo abstained from voting on this resolution.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

28. Authorizing Expenditure for Maintenance Agreement for records Retention Equipment.
29. * Declaring a 24 hour Dog Quarantine During the Winter Season.
30. * Authorizing the Continuation of the Night Quarantine on Dogs in Cayuga County.
31. * To Fix Date, Time and Place of the Meeting to Organize the Cayuga County Legislature for 2006.
32. Designating Newspapers to Publish County Matters.

PLANNING:

33. Authorizing Submittal of a State Archives Grant for the Codification of County Resolutions, Laws and other Legislative Actions.
34. Amending the 2005 Cayuga County Budget to More Accurately Reflect Funds Received and Expended for Tourism Promotion.

PUBLIC WORKS:

35. Authorizing Chairman of County Legislature to Execute Easement to Cato Ira Meridian Victory Ambulance Corp., Inc. for the Purpose of Draining Certain Surface Waters Only.
36. * Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature to Sign Paper Work Accepting 28.5 Acres of Wetland Boarding on the Sterling Nature Center Property.
37. Amending Resolution # 304-96 Setting up Cayuga County Agricultural Museum Commission.
38. Authorization to Compensate Employee for out of Title Work in the Cayuga County Buildings and Grounds Department.
39. Authorizing the Highway Department to Purchase a Computerized Sign Making System.

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:

40. * To Adopt Local Law No. For the Year 2005 in Relation to the Dissemination of Information Concerning Sex Offenders.
41. Amending Resolution No. 270-05 To Authorize Disbursement of Federal Grant Funds to the Cayuga County Chapter of the American Red Cross.
42. (P) Authorize the Purchase of Life Vests and Manual Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) for the Cayuga County Navigation Department.
42.A Authorize the Purchase of Life Vests and Manual Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) for the Cayuga County Sheriff's Marine Unit.

ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS:

1. Auth. Payment of September 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. Legislator Palermo abstained from voting on this resolution.
9. Auth. Payment of Various Capital "H" Projects.
10. Auth. Payment of Claims for Various Equipment Leases.
11. Auth. Payment of Parcel Services.

* **Consensus resolutions per resolution #410-05 Numbers 20, 29, 30, 31, 36 and 40.**

(P) Resolutions pulled

Trish Ottley and John Christopher of the Planning Department discussed 2006 Economic Development goals with the committee. Specific goals for 2006 are retaining current business, implementing the digester project, implementing the Fair Haven-Sterling sewer projects, development of the Montezuma Historic Canal Project, canal way trail updates, developing further lake management plans for Cayuga Lake, Owasco Lake, Duck Lake and Lake Como, further expansion of the Farm Land Protection Program, website update.

Legislator Dudley moved for approval of the committee minutes for the October 24, 2005 meeting. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Legislator Michele L. Sedor requested a study on meal reimbursement rates.

Legislator Netti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.