

**CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2006, 6 PM**

Present: Pappert, Petrus, Tortorici, Mitchell, Schuster, Fearon, Sedor, Smith, Kozlowski, Palermo, Lockwood, Cuddeback, Murphy, Dudley, Murphy excused

Committee Chairperson David A. Pappert called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Mr. Pappert informed the committee that he is going to propose budget changes that will reduce the budget total by \$1,200,000.

Motion by Pappert to earmark 1.8 million dollars to the budget by setting up a trust for Retirees Health Insurance benefits. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion by Palermo to reduce the salary of the Legislature Chairperson from \$19,900 to \$7,500 plus Legislator pay (\$10,100) or \$17,600 total.

Legislators Cuddeback and Mitchell want the Chairpersons salary left the same as what is in the proposed budget (\$30,000). Lockwood concurs with Mr. Cuddeback and Mr. Mitchell.

Legislator Palermo pulled his motion.

Legislator Pappert moved that the Chairperson's salary be set at \$14,900, plus the regular Legislator pay (\$10,100) or \$25,000 total.

Voting in favor of the \$14,900 figure were: Pappert, Palermo, Petrus, Voting against the resolution were:

Legislator Mitchell, Lockwood, Cuddeback, Dudley

The motion was defeated 4 to 3.

Motion by Pappert to restore \$700 to the salary of the Deputy Chair person of the Legislature. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Legislator Pappert moved to remove the salary and position of Part Time Secretary to the Chairperson from the budget. Voting in favor of the resolution were Pappert and Palermo. Voting against the motion to remove were Lockwood, Dudley Cuddeback, Mitchell, Petrus.

Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert and Palermo. Motion DEFEATED.

Motion by Pappert to remove auto expense and insurance lines in the budget, thus saving \$800 for the Legislative Board. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Motion by Pappert to cut Legislative Board conference fees by \$1,000 to \$5,000. All members voting In favor.

Motion by Pappert to remove 2 new positions from the IT budget. Voting in favor of removing the positions was Mr. Pappert. Voting against removing the positions was: Lockwood, Petrus, Mitchell, Cuddeback, Dudley. Motion Defeated

Motion by Pappert to separate the part time position for Secretary to the Chairman: Voting in favor of separating the positions were Pappert and Palermo. Voting against the motion were Lockwood, Petrus, Mitchell, Cuddeback, Dudley. Motion Defeated.

Motion by Pappert to increase the County Treasurer's interest earnings by \$200,000, increasing the budget figure to \$800,000.

All Committee members present voted in favor of Mr. Pappert's motion.

Motion by Pappert to cut back the training time for 2 new employees from six months to three months in the Assessment Budget on page 29. All members against the motion except Legislator Pappert. Motion Defeated.

Motion by Pappert to break out in the County Clerk's Budget line 1410.4 computer software \$12,000 to read 1410.4 software \$7,200, 1410.4 Hardware \$5,000. All members of the committee voted in favor of the line item break out.

Motion by Pappert to add \$7,088 to the Board of Elections salary line per the request of the Election Commissioners. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert, Dudley, Petrus, Cuddeback, Lockwood. Voting against the motion was Legislator Mitchell (carried)

Motion by Pappert to add \$38,000 in State Aid to the Board of Elections budget was approved by all members present.

Motion by Pappert to add \$50,000 to line 1620.400.059 professional services for a hazard materials compliance officer position. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Legislator Pappert asked the Buildings Department and county departments to prioritize their equipment requests.

The Buildings Supt., Mr. Pawlenko agreed to dispose of their 1996 4x4 truck when their new 2007 plow truck arrives. It was estimated that the old truck will bring \$2,000 at auction.

Motion by Pappert to do away with paying dues to the National Association of Counties saving the taxpayers \$1,773. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert, Petrus, Cuddeback, Mitchell

Voting against the motion were: Lockwood and Dudley

The committee agreed to shift the purchase of land for the lease of the radio tower, Page 66, to the Sheriff's Budget.

Motion by Pappert to remove the purchase of a new SUV from the Sheriff's equipment budget at a savings of \$31,000. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert, Petrus, Cuddeback. Voting against the motion were: Lockwood, Dudley and Mitchell.

Deadlock Motion will have to be taken to Legislature floor

Motion by Pappert to purchase five instead of six marked patrol sheriff's patrol cars. (Sheriff –Elect Gould told the committee that he wanted all the new cars to be marked cars.) Voting in favor of the motion were: Pappert, Petrus, Cuddeback, Dudley. Voting against the motion were Lockwood and Mitchell.

Motion by Pappert to remove the Purchase of Boat and Trailer from the Sheriff's budget. This new boat was scheduled to be used on Owasco Lake. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert, Mitchell, Petrus. Voting against the motion were: Lockwood, Cuddeback and Dudley. Tie vote will have to go to Legislature floor.

The committee agreed to reduce the Sheriff's budget line item 3110.400.065 rental of facilities for the Sheriff's Civil Division by \$4,000 (six months rent). All members of the committee present agreed to this move EXCEPT VOTING NO Lockwood and Dudley

The committee agreed to amend the budget on page 91 to show the total budget figure for part time security guards of \$82,000 instead of individual part time guard salaries.

The committee desires to have account A3117 broken down to show each school districts fee. Under Sheriff McLoud told the committee that the Southern Cayuga Central School District will owe \$25,708 and the Cato Meridian School District will owe \$26,008 for a budget shortage of about \$30,000. Legislator Pappert asked for the second time now for copies of the program contracts for school security.

Motion by Legislator Pappert to remove the part time account clerk typist position for Probation from the budget.

Probation Director George Daniels told the committee that he needs the position to keep up with court demands.

Voting in favor of Mr. Pappert's motion to remove was Mr. Pappert.

Voting against the motion were: Lockwood, Dudley, Petrus, Mitchell, Cuddeback.

Motion DEFEATED.

Legislator Pappert proposed to reduce the overtime figure in the Probation Budget to the 2006 budget figure and save \$6,000 for the taxpayers. Voting in favor of the cut back were Pappert, Mitchell and Cuddeback. Voting against the cut back were Lockwood, Petrus and Dudley. Motion TIED.

Legislator Pappert then moved to cut \$3,000 from the Probation Department's Overtime budget request and to enter \$6,724 on line 3140.100. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert, Petrus, Cuddeback and Mitchell. Voting against the motion were Lockwood and Dudley. Motion Carried.

The committee agreed to change the Jail Commissary fund revenue from \$10,000 to \$17,000 and the Jail Commissary fund expense line from \$10,000 to \$17,000 (revenue and expense)

Motion by Pappert to raise the budget figure for the jail revenue from other governments for boarding prisoners by \$150,000 from \$350,000 to \$500,000. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert, Petrus, Mitchell, Cuddeback, Dudley. Voting against the motion was Lockwood. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Legislator Pappert to reduce the jail overtime by \$50,000. Voting in favor of reducing the jail overtime were: Pappert, Cuddeback, and Mitchell. Voting against the motion were Lockwood, Petrus and Dudley. TIED, will have to go to the Legislature floor.

The committee directed that \$1,000 in revenue be added to the budget for the sale of 2 used 1995 Ford sedans and another \$1,000 revenue for the sale of 2 1996 CHA Oldsmobile cars.

Motion by Legislator Pappert to remove the change of a part time senior clerk to a full time senior clerk (02130) . Voting in favor or the motion to remove were: Cuddeback, Mitchell, Dudley and Pappert. Voting against the motion to remove were Petrus and Lockwood. Motion CARRIED

MOTION BY Lockwood to hire a part time senior clerk at \$14,254.
All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Pappert to reduce line 4310.800.003 by a like amount (\$5,236) was approved by all committee members present as was the reduction of line 4310.800.04 by \$\$395.00.

The committee directed that revenue be added to the budget for the sale of the Mental Health van \$2,000, ICS Ford sedan \$500, \$2,000 for 4 DSS cars, \$1,000 for the sale of the old Vet's van, \$500 for the Sealer's truck and \$4,500 for the sale of 2 Emerson Park trucks.

Motion by Legislator Pappert not to fill the new Planning Board Position (page 238) Administrative Assistant, PT. Voting in favor of the motion were Pappert and Mitchell. Voting against the motion were Lockwood, Petrus, Cuddeback and Dudley. Motion DEFEATED.

Motion by Pappert to reduce the Health Insurance Administration Postage by \$3,500.

All members present were in favor of reducing the Health insurance postage line 9060.400.055 by \$3,500.

Motion by Pappert to raise the budget figure for sales tax distribution account 1985 by \$300,000. All members of the committee present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion by Legislator Pappert to reduce the local share of the Highway budget increase by \$300,00 by cutting the line item for paving. Voting in favor of the motion was Legislator Pappert, Voting against the motion were: Dudley, Petrus, Lockwood, Mitchell, Cuddeback . MOTION DEFEATED.

Motion by Pappert to remove the purchase of a ten wheel dump truck from the budget at a savings of \$125,000 for the taxpayers.

All members present voted in favor of the motion. CARRIED

The committee will review the changes made to the budget this evening on Monday, November 27th at 6 P.M.

Motion by Petrus, seconded by Dudley for the meeting to adjourn at 10:05 PM.