

**WAYS & MEANS
COMMITTEE MEETING
August 21, 2007**

ATTENDANCE: Hon. Legislator Paul M. Dudley, Chair, Hon. Legislator Steve Cuddeback, Hon. Legislator Raymond Lockwood, Vice-Chair, Hon. Legislator Francis Mitchell, Hon. Legislator Linda Murphy, Hon. Legislator Ann Petrus, and the Hon. Legislator George Fearon, Chairman of the Legislator

EXCUSED: Hon. Legislator Daniel Schuster and the Hon. Legislator Michele L. Sedor.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Allen, County Manager, Sheriff David S. Gould, Jeffrey Edwards, Commissioner of Civil Service, Chairman, Steve Johnson, Coordinator for Information Technology, Debra English, Nursing Home Administrator, George Wethey, County Highway Superintendent, Alan Kozlowicz, Director of Real Property Tax Service, Elane Daly, Director of Health & Human Services, Michael Pawlenko, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Gary Duckett, Park Maintenance Supervisor, James Orman, County Treasurer, David Blair, Director of Community Mental Health, Sharon Arliss, Coordinator of Services for Aging, Fred Lewis, Senior Computer Systems Technician, Jon Budelmann, Assistant District Attorney, Mike Didio, Constituent of District 14, David Contigulia, Esq., Attonrey-At-Law, Dinana La Mattina, Reporter (The Post Standard), Shane Liebler, Reporter (The Citizen) and Lisa Sigona, Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER: Hon. Legislator Paul M. Dudley, Chair, called the Ways & Means Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the Cayuga County Office Building, Caucus Room 1, 6th Floor at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Hon. Legislator Dudley asked for a motion to approve the Ways & Means Committee Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2007. Motioned by Hon. Legislator Lockwood, seconded by Hon. Legislator Petrus and Hon. Legislator Cuddeback. All members present voted in favor of the motion to pass the minutes as is.

APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS:

Gary Gilchrist, P. O. Box 1224, Auburn, NY 13021 appointed to the Cayuga County Community Service Board (Alcohol & Substance Abuse) term 1/1/07 – 12/31/08. He has signed for appointment. **Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

Hon. Legislator George Fearon, Chairman of the Legislator brought forth to the Committee the nomination of Christopher Palermo as New Deputy Chair for the Cayuga County Legislator replacing the Hon. Legislator Bernard Smith who recently passed away on 8/11/07. **Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

RESOLUTIONS: The Committee discussed and unanimously approved the following resolutions, unless otherwise noted:

REGULAR MONTHLY RESOLUTIONS:

1. Auth. payment of July Audit of Claims
2. Auth. payment of Utilities.
3. Auth. payment of all Central Services for July 07
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.

Resolutions 1 through 11 were unanimously voted on. Discussion: None. All in favor, passed.

WAYS & MEANS RESOLUTIONS:

12. Increasing the Rate of Taxes on Sales and Uses of Tangible Personal Property and of Certain Services, and on Occupancy of Hotel Rooms and Amusement Charges, Pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York. **Resolution presented by Mr. Allen, for the increase of sales tax to 5% for occupancy rates. Vote: The yes's have it, 5 to 1, with Mr. Mitchell voting no and Mr. Schuster excused. Passed.**
- 13.P **(PULLED same as 21B)** Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature to Advertise and Receive Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Third Party Administrator Services for the County's Workers Compensation Plan.
14. Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature to Sign Contract to Allow Human Resources and Civil Service Office to have Access to Workers Compensation Case Files. **Motioned by Mr. Cuddeback, seconded by Mr. Lockwood. Discussion: No cost to the County, this is to allow tracking of workers' compensation claims electronically, via e-case files. Mr. Lockwood wanted to know the legality of using this system. The contract gives permission from the Workers' Compensation Board to the County to allow for viewing of e-case files and it is all legal. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
- 15.P. **(PULLED – put under Subcommittee Public Works #39)** Authorizing the Chairman to Renew a Lease Agreement with IBM Corp, for the Upgrade of the County Treasurer's Data Processing IBM 270 Computer System.
16. Approving Payroll Deduction Plan for Certain County Employees to be Able to Buy Disability Income Insurance. **Discussion: A voluntary disability income insurance plan for non-bargaining employees. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
17. Authorizing Correction of Tax Errors in Several Towns. **Discussion: Normal corrections that need to be made. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
18. Authorization to Fill a Computer Systems Technician Position in the County Treasurer's Office/Data Processing Division. **Motioned by Mr. Lockwood. Discussion: Budgeted in 2007 budget, position is needed to hire now to train with Fred Lewis who will be retiring in 2009. It is imperative that individual hired would work through two (2) tax cycles before Mr. Lewis retires. One Committee member felt we should not get caught short and to be pro-active in doing this measure now. Position would probably not be filled until November and/or December of this year. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
19. Authorizing the County Treasurer to Fill a Vacant Part-Time Sr. Account Clerk Position. **Discussion: This position is to work with the board audit. The employee that held the position has resigned. Position is budgeted. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
20. Authorizing the county Treasurer to Purchase a HP 4250-N Printer. **Resolution presented by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Orman. Discussion: Printer is ten (10) years old and wasting a lot of paper and a lot of time trying to fix printing problems, it is time to replace it. With restriction of not to exceed \$1,200 cost for new printer, unanimously all in favor, passed.**
21. Authorizing the Purchase of a Hewlett-Packard Computer for the Real Property Service Office. **Discussion: Cost approximately \$2,078. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
- 21A. **(Added 8-16-07)** Authorizing Cayuga County to Reimburse County Employee for Interest for Retirement buys back of Mandatory Service Credits to the New York State Retirement System. **Discussion: Approximately \$1,000 in interest is to be paid to the NYS Retirement System for buy back of time for one employee. County failed to tell employee of the opportunity to buy back service credits, County now has to pick up the costs. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
- 21B. **(Added 8/16/07)** Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature to advertise and receive requests for proposals (RFP) for third party administrator service for the County's Worker's Compensation Plan.

Presented by Mr. Allen. Discussion: This may reduce costs, includes stop-loss insurance, etc. for the county. Unanimously all in favor, passed.

- 21.C. **(Added 8/21/07)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislator to Sign an Agreement with Scherrer Auctions to Auction Off Cayuga County Tax Foreclosed Property. **Discussion: Listing of Properties on Tax Foreclosures to go to auction was handed out to the Committee and is available for the public. (See under New Business for further discussion on properties to be foreclosed.) Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

WAYS & MEANS SUB-COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS:

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

22. Requesting the State to Amend the NYS Retirement System to Exempt Elected Public Officials Holding Office From Maintaining a Break in Service of 24 Hours from their Elected Position in Order to Qualify for Retirement Benefits. **Presented by Mr. Allen. Discussion: Went through Government Operations Committee. Requesting State Representatives to introduce on the State Level this resolution. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
23. Authorizing the Payment of Retroactive Pay Increase for Years 2005, and 2006 for Temporary Confidential Secretary to the Cayuga County Attorney. **Presented by Mr. Allen. Discussion: Adjustment of salary for employee of approximately \$286.02. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:

24. **(Revised 8-17-07)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to Allow the Transfer of Monies within the E-911 2007 Budget, (Machinery Maintenance Contracts) **Discussion: Mr. Lockwood presented for Denise Stayton, 911 Administrator, who had a personal commitment this evening. County Attorney, Fred Westphal, cleaned up language in the resolution, \$2,000. Any transfers over \$1,000 must go through committee. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
25. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to Allow the Transfer of Monies within the E-911 Budget, (Telephone Line Charges) **Discussion: County Attorney, Fred Westphal, cleaned up language in the resolution, \$17,000. Any transfers over \$1,000 must go through committee. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
26. Establish "DA Asset Forfeiture Account" and Transfer Balance of T-82 Trust Account. **Motioned by Mr. Lockwood. Discussion: Mr. Budelmann presented. Small cash forfeitures to make monies available for drug investigation prosecutions and other situations that involve witnesses and protection of witnesses. Presented two times prior in committees and all questions were answered by Mr. Budelmann to the Committee Chair's satisfaction. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
27. Authorizing the Cayuga County Legislature Chairman and County Sheriff to Sign an Agreement with the Cato-Meridian School District Providing Partial Funding of the Deputy Sheriff's Position Assigned as the School Resource Officer for the Cato-Meridian School District. **Discussion: Has been through committee and passed. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
28. Authorization to Fill a Vacant Part-Time Emergency Services Dispatcher Position. **Discussion: Replacement, budgeted position. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
29. Authorize the Cayuga County Sheriff to Purchase a Secure Evidence and Property Tracking Barcode, and Chain of Custody System. **Discussion: This will help modernize the Public Safety Building and the Sheriff's Office. Cost: \$2,500. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
30. Authorize the Cayuga County Sheriff to Purchase a Secure Digital Photo Evidence Database Designed for Digital Image Management in Law Enforcement and Forensic Evidence Photography. **Discussion: Monies are in the budget for equipment. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
31. Authorize the Cayuga County Sheriff to Purchase Speed Radar Devices for use on the Cayuga County Sheriff Marine Unit Boat Patrols. **Discussion: When devices are not in use in the winter time, they will go into patrol vehicles for use. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
32. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to Purchase Pistols, Holsters, Magazine Holders and Ammunition from Glock In. and Amend the Budget. (2/3) **Discussion: Sheriff Deputy Glen Dudley did a special report for Committee members. Those Committee members that still had**

additional in-depth questions for Deputy Dudley were answered by Deputy Dudley to their satisfaction. The current arsenal is approximately 11 years old and there was a definite need for replacing equipment that was no longer safe for Officers to use when patrolling and protecting Cayuga County. There will be 58 new Glocks (45 calibers) purchased with hardware and ammunition at a cost of \$41,778. Unanimously all in favor, passed.

- 32.A. (Added 8-21-07) Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to Sign a Contract for Dry Cleaning Services at the Cayuga County Sheriff's Dept. to Brewster Cleaners of Weedsport, NY, 13166. Unanimously all in favor, passed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 33.P (PULLED) Res. Of Cayuga County, New York, Adopted August 28, 2007 Declaring Lead Agency Status, Determining "Type 1" Action and Determining No Significant Adverse Environmental Impact.
- 34.P (PULLED) Bond Res. Of Cayuga County, New York, Adopted on August 28, 2007 Authorizing Construction, Renovation and Improvements to the Cayuga County Historic Post Office Building at an Estimated Maximum Cost of \$3,000,000 Appropriating Said Amount Therefore, and Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$3,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes and Serial Bonds of the County to Pay the Cost of the Project.
- 35.P (PULLED) Establishing Capital "H" Project No. 07-3 (Renovation and Expansion of Mental Health Facility at 157 Genesee St.), Authorizing the Chairman of the County Legislature to Enter into an Agreement with Beardsley Design Associates for Continuation of Design and Construction Services for the Renovation and Expansion to the Cayuga County Mental Health Clinic in the Basement of the Old Historic Post Office at 157 Genesee St, Auburn NY (2/3)
36. Authorizing the Ward W. O'Hara Agricultural Museum do a Makeover of the Courtyard of the Museum Including the Reconstruction of the Herb Garden and Authorizing the Clerk of the Cayuga County Legislature to Advertise and Receive Sealed Bids. **Motioned by Mr. Lockwood. Discussion: Mr. Duckett presented for the renovations of the courtyard. (See below for further discussion.) Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
37. Authorizing the Clerk of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds to Advertise and Receive Sealed Bids for Project Monitoring, Air Sampling and Bulk Sampling of Suspect Materials for Abatement Project. **Presented by Mr. Pawlenko. Motioned by Mr. Cuddeback. Discussion: Resolution for Air Monitoring. Kleinfelder's was discussed, since the County utilizes them. Bid process is necessary on said project. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
38. Authorizing the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and Information Technology Dept. to Renew CISCO Maintenance Agreements for County Networks. **Presented by Mr. Johnson. Discussion: 100% funded. Committee members wondered if an RFP was done on this. There was not. We have used CISCO and right now we have a six (6) month contract. If the County waits the prices could go higher later on. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
39. Authorizing the Chairman to Renew a Lease Agreement with IBM Corp. for the Upgrade of the County Treasurer's Data Processing IBM 270 Computer System. **Presented by Mr. Lewis. Discussion: The five (5) year lease will expire in the fall. This is for the server for Mr. Blair that holds the Mental Health billing on it. New lease is for three (3) years at \$50,000 per year. At the end of the three (3) years, the County would move to a windows type environment software package. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
40. Authorizing the Information Technology Dept. to Renew Anti-Virus Subscription for County Networks. **Presented by Mr. Johnson. Discussion: Budgeted. The County might also get grant funds in September to cover this expenditure. Cost: \$4,100+ unanimously all in favor, passed.**
41. Authorizing the County Chairman to Sign the Snow Removal Agreement with the NYS DOT for the 2008-2009 Season. **Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
42. To Amend the 2007 Cayuga County Highway Budget. **Presented by Mr. Wethey. Discussion: \$6,000 amendment. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
43. Hiring of Part-Time and Seasonal Positions within the Parks & Trails Dept. **Presented by Mr. Duckett. Discussion: Budgeted positions, normal practice of hiring (seasonal). Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

44. Authorizing the Clerk of the Legislature and the Purchasing Agent to Advertise for Sealed Proposals for Preparation of Meals for the Office for the Aging Nutrition Program. **Presented by Mrs. Arliss. Discussion: Senior Nutrition Program three (3) year bid instead of a two (2) year bid, the current contract cannot be extended. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
45. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature, the Administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home and the Sheriff to Accept a Proposal and to Enter into an Agreement with Morgan Rubbish Removal, Inc. to Provide Rubbish Removal Services for the Nursing Home and the Jail. **Presented by Mrs. English. Discussion: This has been out to bid and Morgan Rubbish Removal, Inc. won the bid process. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
46. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home to Accept Proposals for Furniture and Soft Goods for the Nursing Home. **Discussion: Went through Committee, this is really the best quality product(s) to go with. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
47. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of the Office for the Aging to Sign a Contract with Cayuga County Homsite Development Corp. for the Weatherization Referral and Packaging Last Resort Program (WRAP) **Discussion: 100% federal and state funding, \$15,000. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
48. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to Enter into Two Lease Agreements with the PFI Housing Company of Auburn, for Rental of a Portion of Commercial Space Located in the Edward T. Boyle Center at 149 Genesee St., Auburn, NY Consisting of the Small Office (250 Square Feet) on the First Floor near the Genesee St. Entrance and a Small Office (250 Square Feet) next to the Manager's Office. **Discussion: Long Term Care Access Office lease for eighteen (18) months, Senior Nutrition Office lease for 12 months. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
49. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home to Enter into an Agreement with Jeanette Ross to Provide Occupational Therapy Service to Cayuga County Therapy Service to Cayuga County Nursing Home Residents. **Discussion: \$40.00 per hour cost. Went through Committee. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
- *50. Authorizing 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 "Placement in Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement" Services **(100% Federally Funded)**
- *51. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into Contracts for Day Care Services. **Discussion: Block Grant, Fair Market Rates.**
- *52. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with Sue A. Green, RN, Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse. **Discussion: Renewal.**
- *53. 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% Funded** Eat Well Play Hard Community Projects Grant and Authorizing the Cayuga County Treasurer to Amend the Health Dept. 2007 Budget.
54. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Ctr. To Enter into an Agreement with DYNAMAX Realty, Inc. for a 6-Month Renewal Lease of an Apartment Used for Respite Service Located at 120 Osborne St., Apt. #3, Aub. NY. **Presented by Mr. Blair. Discussion: One apartment. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**
- *55. Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into Hold Harmless Agreements with Various Agencies. **Discussion: For events such as Tomato Fest and the Finger Lakes Mall**
- *56. Amending the Human Services 2007 Budget to Accept **100% Federal Funding** from the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS).
- *57. Authorizing the Director of H&HS to Accept "CPS Special Allocation for Enhancing CPS Staffing," Directing the Cayuga Treasurer to Amend the 2007 Human Services Budget to Accept this Funding, Authorizing the Legislature to Create a PT Caseworker Position and Authorizing the Director of H&HS to Fill the Position. **Discussion: 100% funded.**
- **58. Authorizing the Director of Health & Human Services to Fill a Sr. Public Health Educator Position.

59. Authorizing the Director of H&HS to Fill a PT Health Program Coordinator Position Due to Resignation. **Discussion: 100% funded by Healthy Partnership.

**60. Authorizing the Director of H&HS to Fill One RPN PT (Sub) Vacancy at the Home Care Agency.

61. **(Added 8-21-07)** Authorizing Chairman of the Legislature and Administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home to Apply for a Grant from the New York State Dept. of Health. **Presented by Mrs. English. Discussion: This is for electronic documentation, point of service care. By 2011 it will be mandatory. Currently the County Nursing Home is just applying for the grant. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

*** Resolution #'s: 50 through 53 and 55 through 57 were bundled together and presented by Mrs. Daly. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

**** Resolutions # 58, 59, 60 were all bundled together and present by Mrs. Daly. All positions are budgeted and went through Committee. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

PARKS & TRAILS UPDATE – Gary Duckett

In reference to Resolution #36: Cost for renovations approximately \$24,000, \$3,000 additional will come from the “Friends of the Agricultural Museum” and \$4,000 will come from the Parks & Trails budget. \$7,000 will come out of the Ag’s Budget. This will help make the Museum handicap accessible. Potted herbs will be planted. Two (2) students at Morrisville College designed the two (2) makeover(s) and the Commissioners of the Parks & Trails took the two (2) designs and combined the best of both for the final results. There was no cost at all to the County for the designs. There will be stages to the renovations. There is a possibility of local foundation grant monies of \$14,000 that will cover some of the cost, if the grant goes through, if the grant does not go through then some of the stages will not be completed.

REAL PROPERTY UPDATE – Alan Kozlowski

Mr. Kozlowski discussed with Committee the upcoming County Auction on September 11, 2007 on tax foreclosed properties. Four (4) parcels were discussed at Committee level whereas the folks that owned the property and/or had claim to the property wanted it redeemed back to them.

Lot #18 – two (2) years of non-payment of taxes. Discussion ensued that maybe the county would want the parcels combined with the land that the house is on thereby having it less confusing for the taxpayer. There was a miscommunication regarding the empty parcels. Mr. Kozlowski had a check in hand for the monies owed on the parcels and it would wipe out the lien holders. Mortgage is satisfied and judgments are satisfied. The taxpayers want property redeemed. There was a question of why they were paying taxes on the real estate and not on these parcels of land. Again, it was a miscommunication. **Motioned by Mr. Cuddeback to let the taxpayers redeem the parcels back since the back taxes are paid in full. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

Lot #42 – Attorney Walter Foulke for taxpayer sent a letter with a check. Situation was not a good situation it is a parcel of land with a tax lien on a ‘structure’ on the parcel. It was purchased at a previous foreclosure tax sale awhile back. The purchaser will have to remove the ‘structure’. There are judgments against the former owner. Lien is only on the ‘structure’, which will be torn down. It was noted that the County can put suffix on structures on taxpayer’s properties, which ties our lien to leases on the property. There are judgments on the purchaser but no issues with Cayuga County and not on the property itself. It took seven (7) years to work up to the \$13,000+ back taxes. **Motioned by Mr. Cuddeback, seconded by Mr. Lockwood to let the taxpayer redeem the parcel back with the check from Attorney Foulke and the ‘structure’ will be torn down. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

Lot #41 – Doublewide with a UCC filing. Taxes on real estate are paid, not on the dwelling itself. Lockport Savings Bank – 1st Corporation okayed. Committee would like Mr. Westphal to help on this request. Real Estate (land) taxes are paid, but the house, which belongs to someone other than the landowner – it’s complicated. If this were to go to auction it would only be the doublewide at the auction. The doublewide is

a Herden Valley make. The Committee would like to hold this property until lien is explained and questions are answered. **Decision reserved until later date.**

Lot #39 – Attorney David Contigulia represents taxpayer. This involves a land contract between the taxpayer and another individual. The taxpayer would like it put back into her hands. The land contract holder was requested to handle the taxes (both back taxes and future taxes) but did not follow through. Land contract holder continued to make taxes delinquent along with the land contract itself. Taxpayer was aware right along that the taxes were owed and not being paid. The Committee felt that they need more information on this and have to do what's in the best interest of the County. One Committee Member wants to hear from Mr. Westphal for some answers and wanted to know where the tax bills were being sent. **Mr. Lockwood motioned to accept the offer, Mr. Cuddeback seconded.** Discussion: There was an agreement that the people holding the land contract would be paying the taxes. They defaulted. Need more information. **Mr. Lockwood withdrew the motion on the floor.** Further discussion: Cayuga County owns it and then it could be put back in the hands of the taxpayer. To answer the question earlier of where the tax bills were being sent, it was disclosed by a Real Property Tax Service's Department employee, the tax bills were going to the land contract holder's address. The land contract goes back to 2005. It was further discussed that the Committee didn't want to circumvent the auction. Options were discussed: 1st to send parcel to auction and the highest bidder owns it; 2nd taxpayer pays taxes and they are free to do with it what they see fit. **Mr. Dudley, Chair, motion on the floor to allow taxpayer to redeem. It was noted that taxes have already been paid and there were sufficient funds to cover the check for \$21,666.23. Unanimously all in favor, passed.**

Real Property Tax Services Budget, the Committee is asked to take the budget home and read it along with Mr. Kozlowicz's justification summarization of his budget needs, which he passed out to Committee members this date.

TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE – James Orman

Mr. Orman informed the Committee that the annual update will be filed on Friday, August 24, 2007. The annual single audit will be done by the September 30, 2007 timeline.

Mr. Orman thanked the Committee for the suggestion and approval of hiring a Principal Account Clerk and Junior Accountant for his department. The two (2) new employees are showing a great deal of promise. Both are high caliber employees and it has worked out very well. Paul Padlick, Deputy Treasurer looks much happier since both employees have come on board.

OLD BUSINESS:

The issue of the County and the City sharing the sales tax revenue was discussed. The City guarantees water/sewer to the donut towns, the agreements were in place and sold to the towns. Cayuga County never bought water/sewer services through the City and some Committee members felt how do we enter into an agreement with the City now if it's never been done before. There is a twenty (20) year agreement regarding water/sewer services with towns. **It was unanimously decided there will be no change; the County will not share sales tax revenue to the City for water/sewer services for towns.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Hon. Legislator Cuddeback asked as to what the procedure would be for moving the Information Technology (IT) Department out of the Public Works Subcommittee. Mr. Cuddeback feels the IT Department belongs back under the Government Operations Subcommittee instead of Public Works. He strongly feels it does not belong in Public Works. Public Works is more buildings and grounds and he would really like the Committee to give some consideration to his request. Chairman Fearon explained that when he moved the Information Technology Department to the Public Works Subcommittee, he felt when you look at IT, it has to do with infrastructure and Public Works deals with taking things down and moving things around which IT has to do in so many cases. Mr. Cuddeback again resolved that he felt the IT

Department did not belong in Public Works but should go back to Government Operations. No decision resolved in Mr. Cuddeback's request.

Mr. Allen discussed with the Committee that the CENTRO agreement is coming up. He is not familiar with the agreement with the City. There is a 50/50 agreement between the City and County and the City is seeking reimbursement. \$81,000 to \$82,000. There is no formal agreement out there about this. It is just past history/past practice. CENTRO has given a mandated figure and that's what we pay 50% of. The agreement is due the 15th of September. The Transportation Authority has the agreement and there is bus service to County residents to wherever they want to go in Cayuga County. The City Manager says we don't have a contract and wants the County to have a contract with the City for the 50/50 cost. It was questioned as to what the service breakdown was: how much was City versus County services. The vast majority of the services are within the City. The Committee asked Mr. Allen to meet with Mr. Palesh and the CENTRO representative and iron out the details. The Committee would like to get this all ironed out. Mr. Lockwood abstains from any thing to do with CENTRO to avoid a conflict of interest.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Hon. Legislator Lockwood signed travel request(s) for Sheriff Gould and given to Mr. Allen for his approval.

Next Ways & Means Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Hon. Legislator Petrus motioned to go into Executive Session. Hon. Legislator Dudley, Chair, closed the General Ways & Means Meeting, with no further business, and to go into Executive Session regarding pending litigation at 7:29 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Sigona, Recording Secretary*

Minutes Approved: 9.18.07