

ACTION SUMMARY
Expanded Budget, Capital, and Finance Committee # 9
October 15, 2009
Legislature Chambers
5 p.m.

Approved 12/11/09

Present: C. Chock, J. Dennis, D. Kiefer, P. Mackesey, M. Robertson, M. Sigler, G. Stevenson, W. Burbank (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), L. McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 5:07 p.m.); F. Proto (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), M. Hattery (arrived at 5:20 p.m.); N. Shinagawa (arrived at 5:40 p.m.); M. Koplinka-Loehr (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)

Excused: D. Randall, K. Herrera

Call to Order

Mr. Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (7 members present)

Mr. Burbank arrived at 5:03 p.m. (8 members present)

Human Services Coalition

Ms. Jayne announced the Human Services Coalition request came in at \$31,047 for COLA and should have been \$10,600

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT WHEELS FOR WORK GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE (OTDA)

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve the following resolution and submit to the full Legislature and a vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7, Noes – 1 (Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, assisting eligible county residents to maintain if not increase their self-sufficiency through employment is a priority of the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, lack of reliable transportation and ineligibility for access to financing to acquire said vehicles are frequently-encountered obstacles to self-sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, the Department submitted a “Wheels for Work” application to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance’s Bureau of Housing and Shelter services to fund a subsidized car loan program through two local credit unions; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received a notice of award from OTDA for \$140,000 in 100% Federal TANF financing over a 12 month period beginning October 1st of this year (with equal additional funding available annually for up to a total of 3.5 years); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and Budget and Capital Committees, That the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept the award and accordingly contract with its partner agencies as per the state-approved program plan and budget, and be it

RESOLVED, further, that the Director of Finance is authorized to make the following adjustments to Social Services’ 2009 budget

2009 Appropriation:	6010.54400	Program	\$ 140,000
2009 Revenue:	6010.44610	Fed: DSS Admin	\$ 140,000

and be it

RESOLVED, further, that the following adjustments be made to Social Services’ 2010 budget:

2010 Appropriation:	6010.54400	Program	\$ 140,000
2010 Revenue:	6010.44610	Fed: DSS Admin	\$ 140,000

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**RESOLUTION NO. – APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENT FUND – TERMINAL PAY
– HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve the following resolution and submit to the full Legislature

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 5:07 p.m. (9 members present)

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9, Noes – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Health Department had a Public Health Sanitarian resign effective September 11, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Policy of Tompkins County allows for terminal-pay reimbursement to the department from the Contingent Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation:

FROM:	A1990.54440	Contingent Fund	\$1,159
TO:	A4090.51000595	Public Health Sanitarian	\$ 852
	A4090.58800	Fringes	\$ 307

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Mr. Proto arrived at 5:08 p.m. (10 members present)

Pension Costs

Mr. Mareane provided an update concerning increased pension costs that are expected for the next three years. Other concerns include a \$4.1 billion gap in the State budget and the Governor's proposal to reduce spending to close that gap. He said County staff is currently assessing the impact of those additional reductions. Mr. Mareane outlined ways by which the Legislature could address increased pension costs, saying there are three structural choices: via OTR reductions, across-the-board cuts, or tax-levy increases.

Mr. Hattery arrived at 5:20 p.m. (11 members present)

Assessment Department

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Burbank, to approve OTR No. 019 - Target funding in the amount \$3,000 for Travel and Training. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7, Noes – 4 (Hattery, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

Facilities Division

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve OTR No. 011 - one-time funding in the amount of \$200,000 for deferred maintenance projects. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7, Noes – 4 (Chock, Hattery, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Division

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to approve OTR No. 012 - restoring \$200,000 in Target funding to the Highway Division's pavement program.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr arrived at 5:40 p.m. (12 members present)

Mr. Shinagawa arrived at 5:41 p.m. (13 members present)

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to amend the amendment to \$300,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Burbank, Chock, Dennis, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, and Proto); Noes – 5 (Hattery, Robertson, Shinagawa, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

A vote by show of hands on the amendment as amended resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Dennis, Kiefer, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, and Stevenson); Noes – 7 (Burbank, Chock, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Sigler). MOTION FAILED.

Ms. Kiefer requested the County Administrator work with the Highway Division and make a proposal for a new capital project that would allow the County to catch up on highway maintenance.

County Administration

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to restore the hours of the Public Information Officer as Target funding in the amount of \$9,404 as Target funding.

It was MOVED by Ms. Chock to have the County Administrator allocate the Public Information Officer's restored hours with an assignment of duties to include a combination of duties determined by the County Administrator on the census and possible additional support for meetings and other essential duties. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 2 (Hattery and Koplinka-Loehr). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to restore the contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$12,256 as Target Funding for the broadcasting of meetings and web support. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 1 (Hattery and Koplinka-Loehr). MOTION CARRIED.

Recreation Partnership

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Proto, to approve OTR No. 058 in the amount of \$1,459 as Target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8, Noes – 5 (Chock, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Sigler, and Stevenson).

Youth Services

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to approve OTR No. 076 in the amount of \$19,618 as Target funding.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne was excused at 6:16 p.m. (12 members present)

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Hattery, to amend the amendment, approving one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000 with the intention of funding going to agencies and not to the

van expense. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8, Noes – 4 (Burbank, Kiefer, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to amend the motion in the amount of \$10,000 to Target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Burbank, Chock, Kiefer, Mackesey, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 6 (Dennis, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

A vote by show of hands on the main motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 8, Noes – 3 (Hattery, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

Recess

Mr. Dennis declared recess from 6:27 p.m. The meeting returned to open session at 6:35 p.m.

Department of Social Services

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to approve OTR Nos. 065 and 072 as Target funding in the amount of \$38,698 and approving OTR Nos. 067, 068, 69, and 070 as one-time funding in the amount of \$150,000 local share.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Burbank, Chock, Kiefer, and Robertson); Noes – 8. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to approve OTR Nos. 065, 066, 67, 68, 69, and 072 in the amount of \$188,346 as one-time funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Burbank, Chock, Dennis, Kiefer, Mackesey, Robertson, and Shinagawa; Noes – 5 (Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

Capital Program – Pay off Debt Early

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to pay off Capital Program debt early in the amount of \$258,000.

Following discussion the question was called by Mr. Proto and a vote by show of hands on calling the question resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 1 (Chock). THE QUESTION WAS CALLED.

A vote by show of hands on the motion to amend the Capital Program resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Chock, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 7. MOTION FAILED.

Pension Costs

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to increase the tax levy to pay \$195,000 for increased Pension costs. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 2 (Burbank and Robertson). MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.