

ACTION SUMMARY
Expanded Budget and Capital Committee #1
September 13, 2010
Legislature Chambers
4 p.m.

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Present: W. Burbank, C. Chock, J. Dennis, K. Herrera, F. Proto, P. Pryor, M. Robertson, B. Robison, S. Stein, D. Kiefer (arrived at 4:06 p.m.), M. Lane (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), L. McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 5:22 p.m.), D. McKenna (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

Excused: P. Mackesey and N. Shinagawa

Call to Order

Mr. Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. (9 members present)

Announcements

Mr. Dennis reminded Legislators that the Special Legislature meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2010, at 7 p.m. in Legislature Chambers.

Mr. Lane arrived at 4:05 p.m. (10 members present)

Ms. Kiefer arrived at 4:06 p.m. (11 members present)

Overview of Budget Information

At this time Mr. Sutherland, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator, provided an overview of the Tentative Budget as presented by the County Administrator and highlighted the following areas:

- 121 Over Target Requests (OTRs)
- 3 Administrative Negative OTRs
 - 2 cuts to target (both requested as OTRs)
 - 1 reduction in requested mandate increase
- 7 evenings of department and agency presentations
- Public forum on September 27th
- 4 days of voting
- 2 days of revisits (if needed)

Tompkins County Area Development

Mr. Stamm, Executive Director, presented information concerning the Agency's 2011 funding request from Tompkins County.

Animal Control – SPCA

Ms. Smith, Executive Director, presented information concerning the Agency's 2011 funding request from Tompkins County.

District Attorney

Mr. Johnson, Assistant District Attorney, introduced Kari Stamm, of the District Attorney's office. Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the Department's 2011 budget submission.

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Ms. Robertson asked if a breakdown of caseloads could be provided including misdemeanors and felonies for the last couple years.

Ms. Robertson requested that Mr. Mareane and Mr. Potter provide an estimate to have District Attorney's office linked to the Computer Aided Dispatch system, a case management software program, recently purchased through Spillman consultants, to be used by local law enforcement agencies.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 5:22 p.m. (12 members present)

Recess

Mr. Dennis declared recess at 5:23 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

Mr. McKenna arrived at 5:30 p.m. (13 members present)

County Clerk

Ms. Valenti, County Clerk, introduced Maureen Reynolds, Deputy County Clerk, and Roxanne Iocavelli, Motor Vehicle Supervisor. Ms. Valenti presented the Department's 2011 budget submission.

Following Ms. Valenti informing Ms. Kiefer the County Clerk's office did not have any contracts, Mr. Dennis requested a list of contracts by departments be provided. *Mr. Mareane said he would provide a separate document containing all contracts.*

Mr. Proto referenced a new law regarding sales tax on real property and asked if Ms. Valenti had any information. Ms. Valenti said she was not aware of the law, but would look into it.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Mareane agreed to provide for the next budget meeting an example and explain how departments are impacted when the fringe benefits are increased, but is referred to as maintenance of effort.

As the numbers in the expenditure slide were incorrect, Mr. Mareane provided the corrected amounts later in the meeting.

Airport

Mr. Nicholas, Airport Manager, presented the Department's 2011 budget submission. Ms. Kiefer asked what the \$4,200 was for in the Interdepartmental Charge line. Mr. Nicholas said he would provide that information at a later date.

Solid Waste

Ms. Eckstrom, Solid Waste Manager, provided an overview of the Department's 2011 budget submission.

Ms. Chock asked what was saved by not landfilling waste. Ms. Eckstrom said that is called the avoidance costs, but that the answer is more complicated than just providing a number and will get that information at a later date.

General Revenue Summary

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Ms. Chock requested and Mr. Mareane agreed to provide an overview of the General Revenue summary at the beginning of the meeting tomorrow evening.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.