

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: BUDGET

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
TAYLOR
KENNY
MERLINO
CONOVER
MONROE
WESTCOTT
GIRARD
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BEATY
BROCK
SEEBER
SOKOL
WOOD
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
ROBERT LYNCH, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
BRIAN LAFLURE, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
BETSY HENKEL, FISCAL MANAGER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 21, 2015 meeting of the Budget Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/budget/>

Mr. Thomas called the meeting of the Budget Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Budget Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The Committee meeting commenced with a review of the agenda which included the following:

- Review of Referrals from Committees (*budgetary changes suggested pursuant to oversight Committee review of Departmental budget requests*)
- Discussion regarding the need for additional reviews, inquiries and discussions concerning Department revenues, expenses, programs and/or operations and appropriations requested by any authorized agency or other non-profit entity
- Discussion regarding appropriate sales tax revenue projections for 2016
- Review and discussion regarding the unfunded project list

Note: the agenda packet on file with the meeting minutes includes copies of the Revised Unfunded Project List and the Preliminary/Draft of Possible Priority Listing.

Discussion was held on each of the aforementioned items, following which the Committee indicated they were in favor of including a 2.5% salary increase for all non-union employees; the Committee also requested an additional meeting be held on the following week which SPCA representatives would be asked to attend to provide more detail on their operations in relation to their request for \$100,000 in funding for 2016. Lengthy discussions were also held relative to funding for the SUNY Adirondack NSTEM Project and the possibility of privatizing the Warren County Airport to reduce expenses. At the conclusion of the privatization discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that the County Administrator would be asked to research and determine whether it was possible for Schemerhorn Aviation to assume operation of the County Airport; develop an estimation of the savings available through this effort; and to confer with the County Attorney to determine whether a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be required.

Messrs. Strough and Westcott left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Dusek indicated that the Preliminary/Draft of Possible Priority Listing attachment included in the agenda packet provided a chart listing breakdown by priority of the items included on the Revised Unfunded Project List which was also included in the agenda packet. He explained that the x's in the numbered columns reflected the priority rating given by those Supervisors who had responded; he also noted that a few additional items had been added to the Unfunded Project List since the chart was developed. Mr. Dusek assured that he would provide an updated version of the chart at the next Budget Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Kenny, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Senior Legislative Office Specialist