

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: BUDGET

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
TAYLOR
KENNY
MERLINO
CONOVER
MONROE
WESTCOTT
GIRARD
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE WARREN COUNTY SPCA:

JAMES FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT
CHRIS HICKEY, TREASURER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BEATY
BROCK
FRASIER
SEEBER
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
ROBERT LYNCH, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 27, 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 11:22 a.m.

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

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

The Committee meeting commenced with a presentation by Chris Hickey, Treasurer of the Warren County SPCA, regarding the Warren County SPCA's request for the County to increase their funding amount from \$20,000 to \$100,000 in 2016. The presentation included a review of the Warren County SPCA Draft Operating Budget, *a copy of which was included in the agenda packet and can be found on file with the meeting minutes*, and an outline of the services that would be provided. During the conversation following Mr. Hickey's presentation, Mr. Thomas suggested that the County fund the Warren County SPCA \$80,000 in 2016 with the understanding that the services provided would be reduced from 24-hours per day to 16-hours per day. Also during this discussion, Mr. Strough advised he was a member of the Warren County SPCA Board, and therefore, he would abstain from voting on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Monroe and carried by majority vote, with Mr. Strough abstaining, in favor of the recommendation made by Mr. Thomas in regards to funding for the Warren County SPCA in 2016.

The Committee meeting continued with review and discussion on the following documents included in the agenda packet:

- Departmental Budget Requests and Budget Officer Recommendations
- 2016 Budget Officer's Recommendations

- 2016 Non-Bargaining Salary Increases
- Personnel Requests - 2016 Warren County Budget
- Unfunded Project List Priority Rating
- Department Head responses to email seeking further thoughts regarding further budget reductions or increases in revenues

Note: all of the aforementioned documents can be found on file with the meeting minutes.

During the Committee's discussions, Paul Dusek, County Administrator, noted the 2015 Multi-Year Plan would need to be updated to include the revised Budget figures; he advised the amended Plan would be emailed to each member of the Board of Supervisors no later than Monday, November 2nd.

Mr. Strough left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Another topic of discussion during the Committee meeting related to whether the Sheriff's Office had already filled the additional mandated Corrections Officers positions; it was the consensus of the Committee that Mr. Dusek should contact the Sheriff's Office to determine whether this had occurred as possibly delaying the hiring for a year could provide a budgetary savings in 2016.

As there was no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Westcott and seconded by Mr. Monroe, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Senior Legislative Office Specialist