

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: BUDGET

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
TAYLOR
KENNY
MERLINO
CONOVER
MONROE
WESTCOTT
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BEATY
FRASIER
SIMPSON
SOKOL
WOOD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR GIRARD

MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
ROBERT LYNCH, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 5, 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 11:33 a.m.

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

Commencing the agenda review Mr. Thomas presented further review of the Budget Officer's Tentative Budget, noting the following changes had been made since the October 27th Budget Committee meeting:

- Warren County SPCA funding increased from \$20,000 to \$80,000
- \$62,000 included in to complete alarm system upgrades for the Municipal Center Building
- \$100,00 included to replace boiler system at the Municipal Center Building
- Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) funding increased from \$35,000 to \$45,000
- Transferred \$250,000 from the Machinery Code and added \$50,000 to increase the Road paving fund from \$2 million to \$2.3 million
- \$29,000 included to cover stipends for weekend hours worked by Assistant District Attorney staff

Mr. Thomas advised he had contacted Dave Wick, *Executive Director, Lake George Park Commission*, who advised the Lake George Park Commission was able to decrease their invasive species funding request by \$50,000; therefore, he said, he had reduced the Lake George Park Commission funding by \$50,000 and moved that amount, as well as an additional \$44,000, into the contingent fund to be used in the future, possibly for the 2016 bond costs associated with proposed SUNY Adirondack NSTEM project if the Board chose to support it.

A discussion ensued relative to the Budget proposal during which Mr. Thomas responded to questions from Supervisors on various aspects of his 2016 Tentative Budget. Also, during this discussion Paul Dusek, *County Administrator*, indicated the changes to the Budget listed by Mr. Thomas would cause commensurate changes in the 2015 Multi-Year Plan and he noted that a copy of the revised Multi-Year Plan summary was included in the agenda packet, *a copy of the aforementioned summary can be found on file with the meeting minutes*. Additionally, in response to questions raised at a prior meeting with

regard to Corrections staffing, Mr. Thomas apprised all of the additional Corrections Officer positions mandated by the State had been filled with the exception of the Corrections Captain position, which had not been included in the Budget proposal. Mr. Thomas also indicated the Budget proposal included a 1.51% (\$607,659) increase, which Mr. Dusek indicated would translate to an increase of approximately \$3.00 for a \$200,000 home.

At the conclusion of the review and discussion, it was the census of the Committee to accept the Budget Officer's recommendations and forward same to the Board of Supervisors for review at their November 6th Special Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Kenny and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Senior Legislative Office Specialist