

**APPROVED**

**ACTION SUMMARY**  
**Expanded Budget Committee – Mtg. #7**  
**October 24, 2007**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Legislature Chambers**

Present: 14 Legislators. J. Dennis, T. Joseph, D. Kiefer, M. Koplinka-Loehr, M. Robertson, F. Proto, G. Stevenson, M. Hattery, M. Sigler, P. Mackesey (arrived at 3:18 p.m.), D. Randall (arrived at 3:18 p.m.), N. Shinagawa (arrived at 3:20 p.m.), K. Herrera (arrived at 3:20 p.m.), L. McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 3:27 p.m.), R. Booth (arrived at 3:30 p.m.)

**Call to Order**

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. (9 members present).

**Budget Adjustment - Tourism**

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Robertson, and unanimously adopted by a vote by show of hands, to approve the following budget adjustment:

REVENUE:	A889	Room Tax Reserves	\$31,400
APPROPRIATION:	6475.54626	Marketing and Adv. Grants	\$31,400

Explanation: To have a Fall, 2007 round of grants.

REVENUE:	A889	Room Tax Reserves	\$28,400
APPROPRIATION:	6475.54628	New Initiative Grants	\$28,400

Explanation: To have a Fall, 2007 round of grants.

REVENUE:	A889	Room Tax Reserves	\$24,000
APPROPRIATION:	6475.54628	Project Grants	\$24,000

Explanation: To have a Fall, 2007 round of grants.

**Correction – Assessment Department**

For the purpose of correcting an error at the last meeting, it was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to restore \$5,000 in revenue funds in the Assessment Department budget.

Mr. Randall, and Ms. Mackesey arrived at 3:18 p.m. (11 members present).

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Sheriff – Jail**

It was MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve OTR No. 87 – Funding for one Corrections Officer, in the amount of \$66,696 as target funding.

Ms. Herrera and Mr. Shinagawa arrived at 3:20 p.m. (13 members present).

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 3:27 p.m. (14 members present).

*Ms. Mackesey said she would like information showing how much overtime would be reduced by an additional Corrections Officer position.*

Mr. Booth arrived at 3:30 p.m. (15 members present).

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to amend the motion and approve the position as a one-time expense, with the stipulation that program measurements be reviewed and that measurements be developed prior to consideration of this being an ongoing expense. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Dennis, Kiefer, Proto, Robertson, and Stevenson), Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

A vote on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Booth, Dennis, Robertson, and Shinagawa), Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

### **Health Department**

#### **Seasonal Sanitarian**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to approve OTR No. 22 – Seasonal Sanitarian, in the amount of \$15,490 as target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 5 (Legislators Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, and Shinagawa). MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Well Inspection Program**

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to restore OTR No. 121 – Well Inspection Program, as target funding in the amount of \$13,565.

It was MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to amend the motion and approve the expense as one-time. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Herrera, Kiefer, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

A vote on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Booth, Dennis, Hattery, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Randall, and Robertson), Noes – 6 (Joseph, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Shinagawa, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

### **Human Services Agencies**

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Hattery, to eliminate OTR No. 51 - funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Alternatives Venture Fund Community Tax Program.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne disclosed she is a member of the Alternatives Venture Fund Board.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Booth, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, and Randall). Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

### **Multicultural Resource Center**

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to restore for OTR No. 59 – Multicultural Resource Center, as one-time funding in the amount of \$15,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Dennis, Herrera, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa), Noes – 6 (Booth, Hattery, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

**Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Booth, to reduce OTR No. 56 – Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance “Circle of Friends” program, from target funding in the amount of \$25,000 to one-time. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Booth, Hattery, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Randall, and Sigler); Noes – 7 (Dennis, Herrera, Kiefer, Proto, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

**Southside Community Center**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to reduce OTR No. 50 – Southside Community Center from target funding in the amount of \$10,000 to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 12, Noes – 3 (McBean-Clairborne, Proto, and Shinagawa). MOTION CARRIED.

**Better Housing of Tompkins County**

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler to approve a reduction in target funding OTR No. 52 – Better Housing of Tompkins County, in the amount of \$10,000 to zero. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

**History Center**

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer to approve one-time funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the History Center. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

**OAR Bail Fund**

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to release \$10,000 from the 2008 Contingent Fund and appropriate \$2,000 to the OAR Bail Fund in 2007. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Booth, Herrera, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa), Noes – 6 (Dennis, Hattery, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to earmark \$35,000 in the 2008 Contingency Fund for the Re-Entry Program pending a final report on the Re-Entry pilot program. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Booth, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, and Stevenson), Noes – 7 (Dennis, Joseph, Kiefer, Randall, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

**SPCA**

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to reduce OTR No. 24 – SPCA – Increase Service Capacity, by removing a target increase of \$5,000 and adding one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000.

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Herrera, to amend the motion to approve the \$20,000 appropriation to be \$5,000 in one-time funds, and \$15,000 to be placed in the Contingent Fund pending a future vote by the Legislature. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 12, Noes – 3 (Booth, Joseph, and Proto). MOTION CARRIED.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion as amended resulted as follows: Ayes – 13, Noes – 1 (Joseph), Temporarily Out of the Room – 1 (Mackesey). MOTION CARRIED.

### **TCAT**

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to amend funding for TCAT from a nine percent increase in the amount of \$64,584 to a six percent increase in the amount of \$43,333. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 4 (Kiefer, Mackesey, Shinagawa, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

### **Highway**

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Herrera, to approve a target reduction in the Highway Division's base budget in the amount of \$75,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and McBean-Clairborne), Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, Mr. Shinagawa, to approve a target reduction in Highway Division's base budget, in the amount of \$30,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa), Noes – 9. MOTION FAILED.

### **Facilities Division**

It was MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to approve a target reduction in OTR No. 89 – Deferred Maintenance, in the amount of \$35,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Robertson, Shinagawa); Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

### **Public Library**

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to eliminate target funding for OTR No. 13 – Library Acquisitions, in the amount of \$25,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, and Robertson); Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to amend OTR No. 13 – Library Acquisitions, in the amount of \$25,000 from Target funding to one-time funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Hattery, Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, Shinagawa); Noes – 8 (Booth, Dennis, Kiefer, Mackesey, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

### **DSS**

Ms. Carey withdrew OTR No. 31 – Workstations, in the amount of \$24,375.

### **Department of Emergency Response**

No action taken.

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No action taken.

**Personnel Department**

No action taken.

**Cooperative Extension**

No action taken.

**County Administration**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to reduce OTR No. 100 – Public Information, increase to 40 hours, in target funding in the amount of \$8,770. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and Sigler); Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

**Ithaca Downtown Partnership**

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to approve one-time funding for the Ithaca Downtown Partnership in the amount of \$10,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Dennis, Kiefer, Joseph, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 8 (Booth, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

**Use of Fund Balance**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to use \$50,000 in Fund Balance monies to reduce the tax rate. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Dennis, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 6 (Booth, Hattery, Herrera, Kiefer, Randall, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

**Recess**

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne was excused at 5:42 p.m. (14 members present).

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr declared recess from 5:42 p.m. to 6:42 p.m.

**Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance**

It was MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Ms. Herrera, to amend OTR No. 56 – Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance, in the amount of \$25,000 from one-time funding to target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 4 (Booth Hattery, Randall, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. - ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008 TENTATIVE  
TOMPKINS COUNTY BUDGET AND 2008-2012 CAPITAL  
PROGRAM**

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve the following resolution and submit to the full Legislature. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 8 (Dennis, Herrera, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 6 (Booth, Hattery, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson); Not Present – 1 (McBean-Clairborne). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Expanded Budget Committee  
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WHEREAS, amendments to the 2008 tentative budget and 2008-2012 capital program, were recommended and filed by the Expanded Budget and Capital Committee on October 22, 2007, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at the Legislative Chambers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Expanded Budget and Capital Committee, That the 2008 Tentative Budget and 2008-2012 Capital Program submitted by the County Administrator is hereby amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Expanded Budget Committee, the action taken by this Legislature on this date, and the Rules of the County Legislature and Article 7 of County Law for a total tax levy amount of \$35,808,757, resulting in an approximate tax rate increase of 1.6 percent.

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**Announcement by Legislator Booth**

At this time Mr. Booth announced he has been appointed by Governor Spitzer as a member of the Governing Board of the State Adirondack Park Agency and will be resigning his seat on the Legislature.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office