

ACTION SUMMARY
Expanded Budget and Capital Committee #3
September 15, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Legislative Chambers

APPROVED

Present: 15 Legislators: Burbank, Chock, Herrera, Kiefer, Mackesey, Proto, Randall, Robertson, Shinagawa, Sigler, Stevenson, Hattery (arrived at 5:10 p.m.); Dennis (arrived at 5:18 p.m.); Koplinka-Loehr arrived at 5:23 p.m.); McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 5:39 p.m.)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mr. Shinagawa (11 members present).

Probation and Community Justice Department

Ms. Jayne began by reviewing the revised budget information distributed as there was a transition of a new Director of Probation being appointed during the early phase of the budget process.

Mr. Hattery arrived at this time (12 members present).

Ms. Buechel, Director, continued with explaining her 2009 budget requests and program highlights.

Mr. Dennis arrived at this time (13 members present).

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr arrived at this time (14 members present).

Discussion concerned OTR No. 54 (Transition Workforce Specialist), No. 55 (Professional Nurse, no aid) and No. 48 (Systems Analyst).

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit

Mr. Turcotte, General Manager, provided an overview the 2009 budget submission, noting the Upstate formula. The Fund Balance is dangerously low; it should be 10% (\$1.2 million), but is only \$400,000.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at this time (15 members present).

Tompkins County Public Library

Ms. Steiner, Director, provided an overview of the Library's 2009 budget submission, including OTR Nos. 3-6. The Finger Lakes Library System will be an cut by an unknown amount by New York State; Friends of the Library made less on it's book sale this year. Support staff now have a signed contract, but professional staff is in mediation.

Mr. Stevenson was excused at 6:21 p.m. (14 members present).

Workforce Development

Ms. Mattick, Director, reviewed the 2009 budget submission and the County Administrator's recommendation.

Mr. Randall was excused at 6:53 p.m. (13 members present).

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Following discussion on over-target request #42 and Ms. Mattick's explanation that it is less than what was originally proposed, Ms. Kiefer requested the information be revised and distributed.

Employment and Training

Ms. Bradac, Director, provided an overview of the 2009 budget submission.

Cooperative Extension

Mr. Schlather, Executive Director, reviewed Extension's 2009 budget requests. He noted that Cornell Cooperative Extension has 8:1 leveraging of Tompkins County funds.

Soil and Water Conservation

Mr. Schutt, District Manager, provided an overview of the 2009 budget submission. The Natural Resource Conservation District can no longer accommodate the Soil and Water Conservation District in its space and efforts are underway to find an alternative.

Proposed 2009 Budget Update

Mr. Squires, Finance Director, noted a correction in the budget and identified \$80,000 in unallocated revenues changing the tax levy from 2.77 percent to 2.55 percent.

Capital and Debt Program

Ms. Jayne distributed and briefly reviewed the revised Capital and Debt program.

Ms. Chock requested a summary sheet showing State and Federal expenses for each department and agencies such as Workforce Development and Soil and Water Conservation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.