

Action Summary
Expanded Budget Committee - #2
September 24, 2007
5 p.m.

APPROVED

Present: 12 Legislators. J. Dennis, M Koplinka-Loehr, T. Joseph, P. Mackesey, F. Proto, D. Randall, M. Robertson, M. Sigler (arrived at 5:05 p.m.); D. Kiefer (arrived at 5:07 p.m.); N. Shinagawa (arrived at 5:07 p.m.); R. Booth (arrived at 5:08 p.m.); M. Hattery (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)
Excused: K. Herrera, L. McBean-Clairborne, Stevenson

Call to Order

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. (7 members present)

Health Department

Mr. Sigler arrived at 5:05 p.m. (8 members present)

Ms. Kiefer and Mr. Shinagawa arrived at 5:07 p.m. (10 members present).

Ms. Cole, Public Health Director, provided an overview of the Health Department's 2008 budget submission. Ms. Cole was accompanied by the following divisions heads: Sylvia Allinger, Brenda Grinnell-Crosby, Elizabeth Cameron, and Sigrid Connors, who gave presentation of their program areas.

Mr. Booth arrived at 5:08 p.m. (11 members present).

Mr. Hattery arrived at 5:16 p.m. (12 members present).

There was discussion of various Health Department contracts. Mr. Proto asked why this appears as a new contract and who now owns Birnie Bus service; an answer could not be provided at this time.

Department of Social Services

Ms. Carey, Commissioner, and Tom Herden, Director of Administrative Services, provided an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

Mr. Shinagawa was excused at 5:59 p.m. (11 members present).

Workforce Development (WIB)

Julia Mattick, Director of Workforce Development, provided an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

Tompkins County Area Development

Michael Stamm, TCAD President, provided an overview of TCAD's 2008 budget submission.

Recess

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr declared recess from 6:55 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

Public Library

Henrik Dullea, President of the Library Board of Trustees, provided an overview of the Library's 2008 budget submission

Rural Library Services

Lois Maki, Town of Newfield Library Director, gave an overview of the budget requests for the rural libraries. *Ms. Kiefer requested to be provided with information with regard to the number of Internet connections that exist in each of the rural libraries.*

History Center

Gary Reinboldt, Executive Director, and John Suter, History Center Board President, provided an overview of the Center's 2008 budget submission.

Mr. Whicher noted that a very long search of County records was conducted. From a review of historical information Mr. Whicher said he has concluded that the History Center provides a valuable service of housing and preserving a collection of County artifacts at a very reasonable cost. He also noted the History Center could bill the County for this service.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.