I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Swackhamer called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES


III. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

A. Office for the Aging

1. Accept and Appropriate Unmet Needs Funds – Mrs. Baroody requested authorization to accept and appropriate Unmet Needs Funds in the amount of $47,179. She would like to appropriate the funds to Faith in Action, Institute for Human Services and Home and Health Care. First, she would like to appropriate $17,179 to Faith in Action as they provide volunteer transportation as well as in-home contact and support. Second, she would like to appropriate $20,000 to the Institute for Human Services. They also provide volunteer transportation and have been seeing an uptick in requests for wheelchair transportation which is paid at a higher rate and their volunteers are unable to do that. Third, she would like to appropriate $10,000 to Home and Health Care. They recently notified us that they will be increasing their rates which had not been increased since 2019. We wanted to follow what other counties have done in terms of increasing the hourly rate for aides an additional $2.00 per hour.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT $47,179 IN UNMET NEEDS FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICE PROVIDERS: FAITH IN ACTION - $17,179; INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES - $20,000 AND HOME AND HEALTH CARE - $10,000 MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. Accept and Appropriate Consolidated Appropriation Acts Funds – Mrs. Baroody requested authorization to accept $48,986 in Consolidated Appropriation Acts Funds. These funds are typically used for
home-delivered meals, but during a major disaster, we can use them any way that we would like to. She stated she would like to appropriate $40,000 to ProAction for the C-1 and C-2 congregate meal program and $8,986 to Corning Meals on Wheels.

**MOTION:** AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT $48,986 IN CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATION ACTS FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE $40,000 TO PROACTION AND $8,986 TO CORNING MEALS ON WHEELS MADE BY MR. ROUSH. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

B. County Clerk


**MOTION:** APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION AS PRESENTED MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

C. Public Works

1. Appropriate Additional State Funding – Mr. Spagnoletti explained for the 2021 budget we had estimated $3.5 million for State funding. We were notified a few weeks ago that we will be receiving an additional $5,375,040.71. Mr. Spagnoletti requested authorization to add 8 new road projects totaling $4,035,040.71. He explained these are road projects that we did not have enough money to do previously and now we will be able to blacktop them. He also requested authorization to add $1,030,000 to 13 existing road projects that are already in the budget. The bids are based on the price per ton of liquid asphalt from last November. The prices are going up quickly and that is why we are adding funding. He noted with this additional funding, CR 5 and CR 94 will now be blacktopped instead of chip sealed. He would also like to add $310,000 for 34 miles of additional chip seal projects.

**MOTION:** AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT A TOTAL OF $5,375,040.71 IN STATE FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE AS FOLLOWS: $4,035,040.71 TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS D 511200 – CAPITAL PROJECTS 5 250 000 FOR NEW ROAD PROJECTS; $1,030,000.00 TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS D 511200 – CAPITAL PROJECTS 5 250 000 FOR EXISTING ROAD PROJECTS AND $310,000.00 TO D 511000 5 460 100 FOR ADDED CHIP SEAL PROJECTS MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

D. Department of Social Services

1. Accept Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funds – Ms. Muller stated we have been awarded additional Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds in the amount of $120,000. This will be a State administered program and the State will take care of all applications and processing. The local districts funding is to do outreach and case management to assist landlords and clients in getting these funds. She requested authorization to accept this funding and appropriate $100,000 to ProAction and $20,000 to Catholic Charities.

**MOTION:** AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY RENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $120,000 AND APPROPRIATE $100,000 TO PROACTION AND $20,000 TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

E. Sheriff’s Office

1. Accepting Additional STOP-DWI Crackdown Funds – Mr. Wheeler requested authorization to accept an additional $3,000 in STOP-DWI Crackdown funds.
MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL $3,000 IN STOP-DWI CRACKDOWN FUNDS MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MR. MALTER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

F. Commissioner of Finance

1. Monthly Reports – Mr. Malter asked with the allocation of interest to capital projects, what was the total interest last year for everything? Mrs. Hurd-Harvey replied we earned $700,000 in interest countywide.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked on the financial summary for select departments, why is the revenue under the Public Defender and Public Health listed as a negative? Mrs. Hurd-Harvey stated they do estimates for the prior year and for the new year and when they bill, then we book the actual claim. They have not received any claims yet for the most part.

2. Capital Projects – Mrs. Hurd-Harvey requested authorization to close several completed capital projects and transfer any remaining balances in those projects to various other capital projects and operating accounts. She noted some of the unexpended balances will be going back to the unassigned fund balance.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO CLOSE SEVERAL COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TRANSFER ANY REMAINING BALANCES TO VARIOUS OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS AND OPERATING ACCOUNTS MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

G. County Manager

1. Finger Lakes SPCA Payment from Capital Project – Mr. Wheeler stated the Finger Lakes SPCA is requesting $24,008.57 in addition to the $10,000 retainer. This request is tied to two cruelty cases that are still pending. He requested authorization to pay this out of the Animal Cruelty Capital Project.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF $24,008.57 TO THE FINGER LAKES SPCA FROM THE ANIMAL CRUELTY CAPITAL PROJECT RELATIVE TO AN ANIMAL SEIZURE CRUELTY CASE MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU FOR DISCUSSION.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked did we talk about taking payment out of the District Attorney’s budget in the future when we have these kinds of cases? Mr. Wheeler replied it was discussed and that decision is up to you. Mr. Mullen had proposed a few years to build up the balance in the capital project. After we pay this amount, the capital project will be down to a couple of thousand dollars. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked will there be ongoing costs? Mr. Wheeler replied yes. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked what does it look like as we move into 2021? Mr. Wheeler stated the SPCA is racking up a few thousand dollars per month. We expect at the end of the year that we will get another request. Hopefully we can get that disposition in those cases. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated so it is in the hands of the District Attorney’s Office? Mr. Wheeler replied yes. Hopefully we will get the RFP back next month and if we have other options for boarding we can push that issue and decrease the costs.

Mr. Malter stated I would like a report from the District Attorney at next month’s Public Safety & Corrections Committee on the status of these cases.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS’ LAW, ARTICLE 7 § 105.1.H. THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY OR THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SECURITIES, OR SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES HELD BY SUCH PUBLIC BODY, BUT ONLY WHEN PUBLICITY WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECT THE VALUE THEREOF MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.
MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO CANCEL THE 2021 COUNTY TAX INCLUDING ALL FEES AND INTEREST RELATIVE TO PARCEL #349.12-01-050.000 SITUATE IN THE VILLAGE OF ADDISON MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO CANCEL THE 2020 AND 2021 COUNTY TAX INCLUDING ALL FEES AND INTEREST RELATIVE TO PARCEL #332.17-02-021.000 SITUATE IN THE VILLAGE OF ADDISON MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MALTER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Wednesday, June 2, 2021