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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2022 BRIAN F. MAY, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Burtis, Ms. Abbott, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Kinne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Olson

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Rowley, Mr. Bush, Ms. Gunnip; also see attached

Chair May called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. *The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed, and there were no objections to waiving the reading. There were no corrections to the minutes, and the minutes were approved.*

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

a. 2022 Transfer Resolution (\$3,420) (*Sponsored by Mr. Olson*)

2. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

a. Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Renovations and Upgrades to the Department of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center Located at 420 Electronics Parkway (\$1,000,000) (*Sponsored by Mr. Olson*)

b. Transfer Resolution (\$25,000) (*Sponsored by Mr. Olson*)

3. **SHERIFF:**

a. Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant Funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$1,229,781) (*Sponsored by Mr. Olson*)

4. **WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:**

a. Authorizing the Sale of County Property Located at 102 Dickerson Street, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York known as the Trolley Lot South (\$1,053,000) (*Sponsored by Ms. Abbott*)

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Ms. Abbott, to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Mark Manning, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

a. A Resolution Authorizing the Reconstruction and Expansion of the Whitney Applied Technology Center at OCC to Create a Micron Cleanroom in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$10,000,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,000,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$5,000,000) (*Sponsored by Ms. Cody*)

- Article in early October said the county was offering money to SU and OCC towards a skills development program associated with Micron; want to leverage that with state support

- Capital projects – if OCC can get county resolution, will submit to state for submission to the budget
- Deadline for budget submission Dec. 15th, but due to critical importance of Micron, if Legislature approves at Dec. 20th session, then SUNY would allow it for the state budget proposal (match of \$5M)
- The capital projects approved earlier this year have already been submitted to the state budget

Questions from Committee:

- From 30,000-foot view, explain what OCC is expecting for this program with enrollment, preparedness, etc.
 - Understand Micron announced 9,000 jobs; majority are not engineers with 4 year degrees
 - Majority of jobs will be certificate or associates degree - falls into OCC wheelhouse
 - Dr. Hilton and others went to Virginia to check out other areas that have cleanrooms and training with Micron
 - Working on curriculum development – DACUM process
 - Demand is there; OCC is sending outreach to students previously enrolled at OCC, but never completed a degree
 - Pushing students by enticing them with Micron and the opportunities involved
 - Hard to say what enrollment will be, but there will be certificate and associate degree programs for what Micron is hiring for
- Does someone need certification to work in a chip plant?
 - Understanding there will be requirements for engineers at Clay Micron plant
 - Majority of workers (8-1) will be associates degree or certificate
- What is the timeframe?
 - Plan starts with getting resolution to state
 - On time budget of April 1st, 2023 – OCC will know at that time if they have funding and can start hiring architects for engineering and design
 - Hope it will be completed no longer than 12 months after the start; possibly April 2024 cleanroom in place
 - Barnes and Nobles in the space for cleanroom; looking to relocate the book store to another space on campus
- How excited is OCC for this and are they ready?
 - Very excited; construction management team is nervous
 - This should be life changing for the community and college
 - Hopeful to get previous students to come back; enrollment declining at all colleges
 - If OCC can promote high paying jobs for 2 years or less, then they could get traction on that
- Spending \$5M; all county bonds contingent on need standardly; is there assurance beyond what the county typically does? Is there protection if something changes?
 - Law Dept. - typical county bond, including language; it is expected to be this amount, but as needed basis
 - Finance - if project was determined to not go forward, county would not bond for it; standard bond issuance
 - OCC – this is max; if move forward and it was less, then the bond would be adjusted (\$9M would be \$4.5M from state and county); will be funded as bills come in
- If something changes or is substantially delayed, this is a good sign of county/state commitment to this project; What if it does not happen? Will it be 10,000 jobs?
- If county will bond up to \$5M for cleanroom, OCC has ability to get matching from state, and once that is in place, then OCC will bid for it and bond for what is needed, correct?
 - Next April, when state approves, if Micron says they are not coming, then OCC would back out of the project
 - If by April everything is going as planned, OCC would be ready to launch
- If it is less, can the county choose not to bond and pay cash?
 - Always an option for a capital investment

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Kinne, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

a. Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. FINANCE: Donald Weber, Real Property Tax Director

a. Delegation of Authority to Approve Corrections to Tax Bills Resulting in Refunds or Credits Not Exceeding \$2,500

- Will be an annual resolution from now on; been standard operating procedure for a long time, but new to codifying
- Anything under \$2,500 is CFO approval; anything over \$2,500 goes to Legislature for approval

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Southwood-Jamesville Water District Tax – General Apportionment**
- c. Southwood-Jamesville Water District Tax Town of Dewitt Apportionment**
- d. Southwood-Jamesville Water District Tax Town of Onondaga Apportionment**
- e. Warners Water District Tax – General Apportionment**
- f. Warners Water District Tax, Town of Camillus Apportionment**
- g. Warners Water District Tax, Town of Van Buren Apportionment**
- h. 2023 Town Tax Rates, Fixed, Ratified and Confirmed**

A motion was made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

- i. Authorize the County Comptroller to Transfer 2022 Unencumbered Appropriations and Appropriate Revenue After Expiration of the 2022 Fiscal Year Upon Approval of the County Executive and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

- j. Authorizing the County Comptroller, Upon Approval of the Finance Department, Division of Management and Budget and the County Executive’s Office, to Transfer 2022 Unencumbered Appropriation Account Balances in Excess of \$7,500 Into, Between, and Among All Interdepartmental Chargeback Appropriation Accounts and Adjust the Corresponding Interdepartmental Revenue Accounts**

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

COMMITTEE: WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

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