

**Action Summary**  
**Expanded Budget and Capital Committee #10**  
**October 20, 2008**  
**3:15 p.m.**

**APPROVED**

Present: 14 Legislators Burbank; Chock; Dennis; Herrera; Kiefer; Koplinka-Loehr; Mackesey; Proto; Robertson; Shinagawa; Sigler; Stevenson; Hattery (arrived at 3:32 p.m.); McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 3:25 p.m.); Stevenson (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)

Excused: 1 (Legislator Randall)

**Call to Order**

Mr. Shinagawa called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m. (12 members present).

Ms. Kiefer reported she had been unable to get documentation of the likely decreases in the number of Tompkins County residents attending out-of-County community colleges, so she cannot report on likely decreases in those mandated payments.

**Ithaca Downtown Alliance**

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to approve \$15,000 in room tax money and a \$2,000 in Target funding for the Ithaca Downtown Alliance.

Mr. Hattery arrived at 3:32 p.m. (13 members present).

Mr. Shinagawa ruled that since the \$15,000 is already contained within the Strategic Tourism Planning Board budget, the motion is for an additional \$2,000 in Target funding.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Burbank, Kiefer, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 8 (Chock, Dennis, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Proto, and Sigler). MOTION FAILED.

**Office for the Aging/Facilities**

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Burbank, to approve \$30,000 in Target funding for Office for the Aging rental expenses.

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to amend the motion and to approve multi-year funding (\$30,000 in the first year, \$30,000 in the second year, and \$30,000 in the third year).

A vote by show of hands on the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Chock, Dennis, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 5 (Burbank, Hattery, Herrera, Kiefer and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

A vote on the original motion as amended resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 3 (Hattery, Kiefer, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

**Alternative Fuel**

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to earmark one-time funding in the amount of \$50,000 in the 2009 Contingent Fund for alternative-fuel and energy-efficient vehicle purchases.

A vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Burbank, Chock, Kiefer, Mackesey, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Sigler), and Noes – 6 (Dennis, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, and Proto). MOTION CARRIED.

### **Finance Department - Purchasing Division**

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve the following formula for the addition of a position in the Purchasing Division:

\$56,820 Target funding  
(\$17,609) Rollover to be returned to the General Fund  
\$28,410 Revenues from Solid Waste to Purchasing (Multi-year funding)

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to Separate the motion into three motions:

1. Approval of a half-time position, Target funding of \$28,410 and returning Rollover in the amount of \$17,607 to the General Fund.
2. Approval of a half-time position tied to Solid Waste revenue.
3. Approval of a half-time position, independent of revenue.

Mr. Stevenson arrived at 4:34 p.m. (14 members present).

A vote by show of hands on the motion to separate resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Chock, Dennis, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, and Shinagawa); Noes – 6 (Burbank, Hattery, Kiefer, Robertson, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE CARRIED.

A vote by show of hands on the first amendment to approve a half-time position, Target funding of \$28,410 and returning Rollover in the amount of \$17,607 to the General Fund, resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Burbank, Dennis, Kiefer, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, and Robertson); Noes – 7 (Chock, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Shinagawa, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Burbank, to amend the amendment to approve a fulltime position in the amount of \$56,820 in Target funding with the inclusion of \$17,607 in Rollover funds to the General Fund.

A vote by show of hands on the amendment to the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Burbank, Dennis, Kiefer, and Robertson); Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

A vote by show of hands on the original amendment to approve a half-time position tied to solid waste revenue resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Chock, Proto, and Shinagawa); Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

The motion to approve a half-time position, independent of revenue was withdrawn at this time.

**Other Revisits**

It was MOVED by Ms. Chock, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to reduce budgets by the following amounts for the purpose of achieving a three percent tax levy increase:

Public Library - \$10,000  
Sheriff - \$25,000  
Lansing Library - \$19,870 – move from Target to one-time  
Contingent Fund – \$23,500

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to separate the motion. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Claiborne, Proto, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 8 (Burbank, Chock, Dennis, Hattery, Kiefer, Mackesey, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Hattery, to Call the Question. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10; Noes – 4 (Chock, Koplinka-Loehr, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION CARRIED.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 2 (Chock and Koplinka-Loehr); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Proto, to apply \$80,000 of Contingent Funds to reach a three percent tax levy increase.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer to increase the tax levy to attain a \$1 million Fund Balance. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Chock, Dennis, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 8 (Burbank, Hattery, Herrera, Kiefer, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Sigler). MOTION FAILED.

Ms. Robertson again reminded Legislators that we don't absolutely need to vote until December 10, and the New York State Legislature is meeting on November 18 to consider additional budget cuts.

**RESOLUTION NO. - ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009 TENTATIVE  
TOMPKINS COUNTY BUDGET AND 2009-2013 CAPITAL  
PROGRAM**

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Herrera.

**Recess**

Mr. Shinagawa declared recess from 5:42 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Hattery was excused at 5:50 p.m. (13 members present).

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to add \$108,640 from the AES Cayuga PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) for the IDA to Unallocated Revenues and applying \$80,000 to reduce the tax levy with the balance (\$28,640) to be applied to the Fund Balance.

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It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to amend the amendment and add the total amount of \$108,640 to the Fund Balance. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Burbank, Kiefer, Proto, and Sigler); Noes – 9. MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Whicher said the amendment would not provide an impact until 2010. Ms. Robertson withdrew the amendment.

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to Call the Question. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 2 (Chock and Dennis). MOTION CARRIED.

A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Chock, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, and Robertson); Noes – 7 (Burbank, Dennis, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Shinagawa, Sigler, and Stevenson). RESOLUTION FAILED.

Ms. Kiefer said she voted in favor not because she supported this but because it is better than the County Administrator's proposed budget.

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to apply \$80,000 in Fund Balance monies towards the tax levy.

It was MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Ms. Chock, to amend the amendment and use \$80,000 of the Contingent Fund to reduce the tax levy: A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8, Noes – 5 (Burbank, Herrera, Kiefer, Proto, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

A vote by show of hands on the motion as amended resulted as follows: Ayes – 10; Noes – 3 (Burbank, Kiefer, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded Mr. Dennis, to approve the following resolution as amended.

Ms. Herrera called the question, seconded by Ms. Mackesey. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 11, Noes – 2 (Kiefer and Koplinka-Loehr). THE QUESTION WAS CALLED.

A roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Chock, Dennis, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 4 (Burbank, Kiefer, Proto, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, amendments to the 2009 tentative budget and 2009-2013 capital program were recommended and filed by the Expanded Budget and Capital Committee on October 20, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the Legislative Chambers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Expanded Budget and Capital Committee, That the 2009 Tentative Budget and 2009-2013 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 \$36,837,645, resulting in an approximate tax-levy increase of 2.99 percent and a County-wide average tax-rate decrease of 13.5 percent.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office