

APPROVED

**ACTION SUMMARY
Expanded Budget Committee – Mtg. #5
October 9, 2007
5 p.m.
Legislature Chambers**

Present: 15 Legislators. (Ms. Kiefer arrived at 5:04 p.m.); M. Hattery (arrived at 5:25 p.m.); L. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Call to Order

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Ms. Kiefer arrived at 5:04 p.m. (13 members present)

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2007

It was MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2007. MINUTES APPROVED.

RESOLUTION NO. – APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENT FUND FOR TERMINAL PAY – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

It was MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve the following resolution and submit to the full Legislature:

WHEREAS, the Health Department had a Senior Clerk retire effective August 11, 2007, and
WHEREAS, the Fiscal Policy of Tompkins County allows for terminal-pay reimbursement from the Contingent Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation:

FROM:	A1990.54440	Contingent Fund	\$1,631
TO:	A4012.51000518	Senior Clerk	\$1,173
	A4012.58800	Fringes	\$ 458

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Capital Program

Mr. Whicher announced a correction in OTR No. 115 (one-time funding for aquifer study); the amount \$82,180 should be \$75,930. No action taken.

Contingent Fund

Jail Overcrowding (Boardouts)

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve target funding in the amount of \$100,000 to be placed into the Contingent Fund to cover costs related to Jail overcrowding.

Mr. Hattery arrived at 5:25 p.m. (14 members present)

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 4 (Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, and Randall). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to approve an additional \$200,000 in one-time funding to be placed in the Contingent Fund to cover costs related to Jail overcrowding.

Ms. Robertson requested an explanation of what the numbers contained in the 9-10-07 Contingent Fund report represent.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Dennis, Booth, Joseph, Kiefer, Mackesey, Proto, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 5 (Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Randall, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

Workforce Development

It was MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to reduce OTR No. 66 (Sustainability of the Workforce Investment Board) in the amount of \$71,975 from multi-year to one-time funding.

It was MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, to amend the motion to reduce the amount of \$71,975 by \$36,000. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Booth, Proto, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 4 (Hattery, Kiefer, Mackesey, and Robertson). MOTION CARRIED.

Department of Social Services

It was MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to amend OTR No. 27 (1.0 FTE Social Welfare Examiner – Housing Specialist) in the amount of \$33,510 from one-time to target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes- 4 (Dennis, Kiefer, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to amend OTR No. 28 (Avert 20% reduction in JD/PINS preventive contracts) from one-time to target funding, and to use an equal amount of funding from the General Fund to reduce the tax levy. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Joseph, Kiefer, Mackesey, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Sigler); Noes – 8 (Booth, Dennis, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Randall, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer to earmark \$57,200 in the Contingent Fund for OTR No. 34 (CONNECTIONS Equipment Replacement/new initiative). MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Herrera, to reduce OTR No. 31 (Workstation Reconfiguration) in the amount of \$24,375 to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8, Noes – 5 (Dennis, Joseph, Kiefer, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Temporarily out of the room – 1 (Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

Rural Libraries

No action was taken.

SPCA

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 6:45 p.m. (15 members present).

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Mr. Randall, to amend OTR No. 24 (Increase service capacity) in the amount of \$5,000 to zero.

Ms. Kiefer requested a ten to fifteen-year history of the County's support to the SPCA and a copy of the current contract and clarification from the County Attorney of what is mandated in the County contract. Ms. Herrera would like a summary of what the contract includes and what the services are that the County receives for its funding. Mr. Proto asked for a response from the Municipal Official's Association.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne withdrew her motion so that members could obtain the requested information.

Sheriff

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to approve OTR No. 85 (Provide funding for Criminal Investigator position), in the amount of \$108,460 as target funding. This funding was not included in the County Administrator's recommended budget. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10; Noes – 4 (Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, and Randall); Temporarily out of the Room – 1 (Proto). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to approve OTR No. 87 (Provide funding for a Corrections Officer position), in the amount of \$66,956 as target funding. This funding was not included in the County Administrator's recommended budget. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Dennis, Kiefer, McBean-Clairborne, and Robertson); Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

County Attorney

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the County Attorney's 2008 budget submission.

Recess

Chair Koplinka-Loehr declared recess from 7:17 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.

Public Library

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Proto, to approve a portion of OTR No. 10 (Core Personnel – 1.0 FTE Library Clerk), in the amount of \$38,500 as target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Dennis, Kiefer, and Proto); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to increase OTR No. 13 (Library Acquisitions); in the amount of \$25,000 one-time to \$25,000 one-time and \$25,000 in target funding. A

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vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Booth, Dennis, Kiefer, Mackesey, Proto, Randall, Shinagawa, and Sigler); Noes – 7 (Hattery, Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to approve OTR No. 10 (Core personnel – 1.0 FTE Professional Librarian) in the amount of \$60,000 as target funding. This funding was not included in the County Administrator's recommended budget. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Dennis, Kiefer, and Proto); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

Department of Probation and Community Justice

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to approve OTR No. 81, 82, 83, and 84 (Day Reporting Center), for a total amount of \$39,332 from one-time to target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Dennis, Kiefer, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 11. MOTION FAILED.

Health Department

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to approve OTR No. 21 (New Initiative/Professional nursing position), in the amount of \$49,209 in target funding and \$3,311 in one-time funding. This funding was not included in the County Administrator's recommended budget. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Booth, Joseph, Kiefer, Mackesey, Dennis, Proto, McBean-Clairborne, Shinagawa, and Sigler); Noes – 6 (Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Randall, Robertson, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne requested information on the recent increase in autism cases.

The motions that followed were made by Mr. Sigler with the intent to offset the previous motion.

Better Housing

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Hattery, to reduce OTR No. 52 – Better Housing for Tompkins County by \$10,000 in target funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Booth, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, and Sigler); Noes – 11 . MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, to amend OTR No. 43 (Target Restoration for core funding), in the amount of \$18,000 in target funding to zero. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Proto, to amend OTR No. 79 (Reduction in Probation Services State Aid), in the amount of \$33,000 in Target funding and \$4,252 in one-time funding to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Booth, Proto, and Sigler); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Sigler, to amend OTR No. 79 (Reduction in Probation Services State Aid), in the amount of \$37,996 in target funding to all one-time funding. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, and Sigler); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

Multi-Cultural Resource Center

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Booth, to amend OTR No. 59 (Fund a part-time assistant program coordinator), in the amount of \$15,000 in one-time funding to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Dennis, Booth, Mackesey, Hattery, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 7 (Herrera, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION CARRIED.

Southside Community Center

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Booth, to amend OTR No. 50 (Southside Community Center maintenance of effort) in the amount of \$10,000 in one-time funding to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Booth, Dennis, Hattery, Mackesey, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 8 (Herrera, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION FAILED.

Social Services - Transportation Improvement Program

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Booth, to amend OTR No. 33 (Local match for Public Transportation Improvement Program), in the amount of \$10,000 in one-time funding to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 13, Noes – 2 (Herrera and Kiefer). MOTION CARRIED.

Offender Aid and Restoration

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to amend OTR No. 88 (Support of core services and Re-entry initiative), in the amount of \$65,000 in one-time funding to \$32,500. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Booth, Hattery, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 8 (Dennis, Herrera, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION FAILED.

Health Department

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to approve OTR No. 22 (Public Health Sanitarian to be hired on a seasonal basis), in the amount of \$15,490 as target funding. This funding was not included in the County Administrator's recommended budget. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Dennis, Joseph, Kiefer, Proto, Robertson, Shinagawa and Sigler); Noes – 8 (Booth, Hattery, Herrera, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Randall, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Joseph requested information showing the cost of the Water Well Program and the fees associated with that Program.

Ithaca Downtown Partnership

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to restore OTR No. 94 (funding for communications and retail services and operations), in the amount of \$10,000 in one-time funding to target funding.

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It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Randall, to Table this motion until additional information is received. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Hattery, Proto, and Randall); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Dennis, Kiefer, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 10. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Hattery, to amend OTR No. 94 (funding for communications and retail services and operation), in the amount of \$10,000 in one-time funding to zero. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Booth, Hattery, Herrera, Mackesey, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 7 (Dennis, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION CARRIED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Ms. Robertson, and unanimously adopted by a vote by show of hands, to reduce OTR No. 118 (Living wage for court attendants and miscellaneous County Administration expenses), in the amount of \$14,000 to \$3,000 in target funding.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office