

*APPROVED 10-6-05*

**Special Meeting  
Public Safety Committee  
September 6, 2005  
5:20 p.m.**

Present: L. McBean-Clairborne, G. Totman, M. Robertson, M. Koplinka-Loehr  
Excused: P. Penniman  
Staff: S. Whicher, Administration; D. Squires, Finance Department; M. Pottorff, Legislature Office

**Called to Order**

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne called to order at 5:20 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO.      –  APPROPRIATION OF UNSPENT GENERAL FUNDS FROM 2004  
TO PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR ASSIGNED  
COUNSEL**

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Robertson. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 3, Noes - 1 (Legislator Totman); Excused - 1 (Legislator Penniman). MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel has been certified by the Director of Finance to have unspent appropriations and excess revenues from 2003 resulting in a surplus of \$4,455, and

WHEREAS, Assigned Counsel has computer equipment in excess of six years old and is experiencing serious computer errors putting a strain on their daily operation, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Services Department has reviewed Assigned Counsel's computer equipment and made a recommendation to replace the computer equipment costing \$4,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is authorized to make the following adjustment to the 2005 budget:

FROM:	A599	Assigned Counsel Rollover Balance	\$ 4,000
TO:	1170.52203	Computer Equipment	\$ 4,000

RESOLVED, further, That this is a onetime expense and there is no need for a target adjustment.  
**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II - 20

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**RESOLUTION NO.      –  APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENT FUND - REPLACEMENT  
PAY – DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND COMMUNITY  
JUSTICE**

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Robertson. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 3, Noes - 1 (Legislator Totman); Excused - 1 (Legislator Penniman). MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Department of Probation and Community Justice had an employee out on maternity leave for greater than two months in the Core Probation Services Program, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Policy of Tompkins County allows for replacement pay from the Contingent Fund, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to make the following adjustment to his books for 2005:

FROM:	A1990.54440	Contingent Fund	\$11,406
TO:	A3142.51000585	Probation Officer	\$8,206
	A3142.58800	Fringes	\$3,200

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20

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**Budget Adjustment - Sheriff's Department**

The following budget adjustment was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Totman:

REVENUE:	T2083	Drug Forfeiture	\$31,000
APPROPRIATION:	3113.5220	Vehicles	\$31,000

EXPLANATION: Revenues from drug forfeitures to vehicles

Questions were raised as to the details of this vehicle purchase. It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to postpone this to the next regular Committee meeting (10-6-05). A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 3, Noes - 1 (Legislator Totman); Excused - 1 (Legislator Penniman). MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED.

**Budget Transfer - Sheriff's Department**

A question was raised with regard to a budget transfer presented for information only by the Sheriff's Office, specifically why transfers from the "R" accounts are being done in this manner. Mr. Squires explained a transfer from this account represents a prior year encumbrance to the current year. He said the Department has \$68,000 which was committed to a certain purpose last year that was not used; by doing this type of transfer the Sheriff would have use of those funds and noted it would also increase the base budget of the Department.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office