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**Tompkins County Legislature
Regular Meeting
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Call to Order

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call of Members

Members and guests participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: 11 Legislators. (Ms. Kiefer arrived at 5:34 p.m.) Excused: 4 (Legislators Booth, Herrera, Randall, and Shinagawa)

Certificates of Appreciation

Mr. Joseph presented Certificates of Appreciation to Kristina Belanger, who acted as host of the 2007 New York State Affirmative Action Association and to Larry Roberts as representative of the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Marketing Team.

Ms. Kiefer arrived at this time.

Privilege of the Floor by the Public

No one wished to speak.

Privilege of the Floor by Legislators

Ms. Mackesey, District No. 1 Legislator, reported on a public meeting she recently attended in Skaneateles regarding garbage transport on local roads. At the meeting representatives from the offices of Senators Schumer, Valeski, and DeFrancesco's were present as well as numerous municipal officials from throughout the area. The Department of Environmental Conservation issued a decision regarding these concerns as it relates to Seneca Meadows expansion, indicating the concerns were strictly a Department of Transportation issue rather than one for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Ms. Mackesey said although the decision was not favorable there are other steps being taken. At this time New York City Mayor Bloomberg is asking the Senate to assist with a special traffic plan within New York City; that could ultimately have an effect on traffic patterns in upstate New York. In addition, another bill before the New York State Senate requests that an agency to oversee the trucking industry be created. Another meeting will be held in August and Ms. Mackesey said she would set up a meeting for local people and welcomed anyone interested to become involved in the matter. Ms. Mackesey said that Mr. Dennis and Mr. Proto have expressed interest and agreed to be involved.

Ms. Robertson, District No. 13 Legislator, said she viewed the recording of the previous meeting she was unable to attend and was pleased to see that the Housing Strategy passed. She indicated that no concerns regarding the document were raised in June at either the Town or City of Ithaca; Common Council will be reviewing it on Thursday, and the Town will be meeting on Monday to take action on the matter.

Mr. Dennis, District No. 15 Legislator, offered his appreciation to the County Visitor's Bureau for their efforts in bringing the Schooner into town. He said it appears many individuals have availed themselves of the opportunity to see this unique vessel.

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Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, District No. 2 Legislator, announced the 2007 International Dragon Boat Festival would be held on Saturday July 14th and is a great draw for tourism in the County. She then announced that the Greater Ithaca Activities Center Teen Get-It-and-Go Food Cart Program, hiring teens through the Youth Employment Services (YES) Program, would be opening on July 5th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne said this is a wonderful opportunity for youth to gain an understanding of operating a business and she recommended people stop in for a quick lunch.

Mr. Proto, District No. 7 Legislator, said subsequent to his voicing concerns regarding disposal of compact fluorescent bulbs, the Solid Waste Division provided information on the correct procedure for disposing of them. In addition, the Solid Waste Division plans on an advertising campaign to heighten awareness of disposal methods, including education of incoming students. Mr. Proto then shared a concern brought to his attention by the Volunteer Fire Department Chiefs with regard to open burning fires and spoke of a recent situation involving a call to the Emergency Response Center via 911. Fire fighters are not authorized to enforce the Health Department regulations, and are concerned they may be erroneously sent to open burn situations which has the potential of being hazardous if another fire occurs during that period. He asked that the fire company representatives take up the matter with the Board of Health.

Mr. Proto also asked members of the community to proudly display their flag and attend events honoring the Fourth of July.

Report from Municipal Official(s)

Ms. Coles, City of Ithaca, reported the Housing Strategy would come before Common Council on July 5th. She then reported the Route 96 Corridor Management Study has gone through the Planning Committee, City Administration Committee, and will be brought before Common Council. The City's portion of the funds is \$8,000. Ms. Coles said there are many individuals concerned that the study only encompassed one road into the city from the western gateways, not including New York State Routes 79 and 89. It is felt that the County Housing Strategy needs to have more studies such as the one for Route 96.

Ms. Coles reported the sidewalks along the 100 block of North Aurora Street would be widened. Although the newspaper reported the cost to be approximately \$130,000, upon review of the situation, it was determined that the work could be completed in-house for approximately one-half the cost. The Water and Sewer Division and Streets and Facilities will participate in the construction project, with \$14,000 for street lighting coming from a State fund administered by the Ithaca Downtown Partnership (IDP). In addition, new trees and underground wiring will be included.

Ms. Coles then reported that the City has corrected a previous amendment in zoning to change Nates Floral Estates from a commercial zone back to a mobile home zone. The original amendment was to provide for the Southwest development area and the mobile home park was inadvertently included.

Ms. Coles reported the City is presently working on the State-required workplace safety review. A committee has been created by Mayor Peterson and is now at the point of hiring a consultant for the analysis work.

Mr. Proto inquired when the Aurora Street Bridge construction is due to be completed and was informed that it is expected to open at the end of August.

Mr. Proto then inquired about the widening of the sidewalk on Aurora Street, noting that business uses change. Ms. Coles explained that the benefit assessment district for the Commons has expired and due to the ongoing construction occurring within this block it would not be beneficial to wait until one is completed. Since the curbs are already removed and the streets were undergoing construction it would

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be beneficial. The assessment for the sidewalk will be in the customary manner. Ms. Coles said the funding is \$14,000 from IDP, \$13,000 sidewalk program and property owners, and \$73,000 from Water and Sewer and Street and Facility divisions. Ms. Coles noted the area is presently referred to as “restaurant row”.

Chair’s Report

Mr. Joseph shared a letter received from the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness stating that the three initiatives submitted by the County have undergone a preliminary review and are believed worthy of receiving State assistance. These projects include: (1) consolidation of justice courts in the County into a single-district or multiple-district court; (2) the shared service grant received to create a healthcare consortium to provide health insurance for public employees throughout the County, indicating a desire to have the State assist to remove barriers by possible amendments to present laws; and, (3) a smart growth proposal to implement the comprehensive plan calling for nodal development and smart growth practices, and included requesting the State follow through on its previous work of dredging the inlet, relocation of the State Department of Transportation, and completion of the Black Diamond Trail. Included within the letter were comments relating to the initiatives acting as a model to be replicated elsewhere. Mr. Joseph noted the response from the State was very quick as well as positive.

Report from the County Administrator

Mr. Whicher expressed appreciation to Mr. Joseph for sharing the letter received. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Marx and the Administration staff that worked on putting together the package referenced in the letter. Mr. Whicher has requested the budget schedule be delayed one week to provide additional time to work with departments. He is attempting to undertake a 3-5 year trend analysis that is assisting in calling attention to particular areas of departmental budgets. As a result, departments are able to find funds in their budget to place back in the General Fund, which he appreciates. Mr. Whicher said he remains slightly optimistic with regard to meeting the goal set by the Legislature and will do everything possible through financial budgeting versus program cuts, however, if he is unable to meet the goal he will make recommendations for things not normally included in the process.

Ms. Robertson requested an electronic copy of the document sent to the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness.

In response to Mr. Proto’s request for an update on the State Wide Communication Network Project, Mr. Whicher stated he spoke to Hanford Thomas this morning regarding the project. At this time Mr. Thomas had not heard from his vendor but indicated he will be working to move forward toward entering into an agreement with Tompkins County. Mr. Whicher found Mr. Thomas to be encouraging and supportive; he will continue the conversation on Tuesday and anticipates it will be for the same amount of funding as budgeted last year.

Report from the County Attorney

Mr. Wood had no report. In response to Ms. Kiefer’s inquiry regarding Financial Disclosure forms, it was stated that at this time there are two outstanding forms. Upon review he will report his findings to the full Legislature. He does not anticipate any problems.

Report from the Finance Director

Mr. Squires reported he would be hosting the New York State County Treasurer’s meeting in Ithaca during July. This meeting will showcase a number of county-specific items including economic development in community banks, uniform assessment, countywide assessment, technologies utilized that

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are unique to Tompkins County, and an Ithaca College professor will be speaking on the Tompkins County Economic Model. In addition, the GASBY 45 requirements and other pertinent financial items will be discussed.

Addition of Resolution(s) to the Agenda

There were no resolution(s) added to the agenda.

Withdrawal of Resolution(s) from the Agenda

There were no resolution(s) withdrawn from the agenda.

Approval of Resolution(s) Under the Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the following resolution(s) under the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - DESIGNATION OF TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the Strategic Tourism Planning Board has traditionally recommended the appropriate agency for designation of the New York State Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) designation as part of its review function for tourism matters, and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Tourism Planning Board has reviewed the matter with appropriate agency representatives, and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Tourism Planning Board feels qualified to make a recommendation of the best agency to have the TPA designation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the designation of the TPA for State Fiscal Year 2007-2008 be awarded to the Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention and Visitor's Bureau (I/TCCVB),

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of the I/TCCVB report to the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee if change occurs.

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RESOLUTION NO. 122 – AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH TOMPKINS COUNTY AREA DEVELOPMENT FOR TOURISM CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the County has provided funding for tourism entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax account, and the County Legislature appoints members to the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB) to make recommendations concerning expenditures from that account, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature approved an increase in the Room Tax in 2001 to support the development of tourism products and attractions, among other objectives, including the funding of feasibility studies, seed money, or funding for tourism capital projects, and

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WHEREAS, the STPB also recognizes the need to encourage the development of tourism products and attractions through the Tourism Capital Projects Grant Program, in order to increase the tourism business in the County, and to increase the income from the Room Occupancy tax, and

WHEREAS, the STPB has recommended that Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) continue to administer the Tourism Capital Projects Grants process that has a program budget of \$110,000 for 2007, and

WHEREAS, STPB will be responsible for recommending grants from this program to the appropriate Legislative committee, and TCAD will administer the application process, will review and analyze the feasibility and economic impact of a project, will provide oversight for each project, and provide such analysis with recommendations to the appropriate Legislative committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign an agreement with TCAD pertaining to this program,

RESOLVED, further, That, of the total program amount of \$110,000, up to \$11,000 (10 percent of program expenditures) shall be paid to TCAD for administrative evaluation and oversight services,

RESOLVED, further, That the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee or its successor is authorized to recommend expenditures be made from this Program Account, with the understanding that such expenditures shall be subject to the approval by the Tompkins County Legislature.

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Approval of Appointment Under the Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present to approve the following appointment(s):

Air Services Board

Edward Marx – Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; term expires December 31, 2009

Report from the Government Operations Committee

Mr. Stevenson, Chair, reported that the Committee would meet on July 13th at 2:00 p.m. At that time a demonstration of the Imagemate program that provides assessment information on the internet will occur. The Committee has been having a good deal of discussion regarding what to provide on the internet. In response to Mr. Proto's question, no decisions have taken place regarding amending present policy; a comparison of Imagemate Advanced versus Basic will be reviewed.

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee

Ms. Robertson, Chair, thanked Ms. Mackesey for providing the Committee report at the last Legislature meeting. The Committee has not met since the last meeting, it will meet next on Monday, July 9th.

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - AWARD OF TOURISM CAPITAL GRANTS FROM ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX FUND

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Dennis, and unanimously adopted by short roll call vote. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Tourism Program includes Tourism Capital grants and Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) administers the Tourism Capital Grants Process, which

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includes designing the application process, reviewing and analyzing the feasibility and economic impact of tourism projects, and providing oversight for tourism projects, and

WHEREAS, funding exists within the Room Tax Occupancy budget for Tourism Capital Grants, and

WHEREAS, TCAD reviewed the following projects with the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB), and the STPB anticipates that the following project will encourage the development of tourism products and attractions in order to improve community assets, to increase the tourism business in the County, and to increase the income from the Room Occupancy tax, and the following grant award has been reviewed and recommended by the STPB, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee and the Budget and Capital Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign all documents related to this project:

Entity		Project	
Historic Ithaca – State Theatre:		Phase 2 Renovations Reinstates the 2003 State Theatre Multi-year Tourism Capital Grant	
<i>Paid in 2003 (Year 1/5)</i>	<i>Paid Year 2004 (Year 2/5)</i>	2005 (Year 3/5)	2006 (Year 4/5)
\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized and directed to make the following appropriation from the Room Tax Reserve:

From:	0980.0000	Room Tax Reserve Fund Balance	\$50,000
To:	6475.54625	Program Expense	\$50,000

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RESOLUTION NO. 124 - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR BEAUTIFICATION, SIGNAGE, AND PUBLIC ART PLAN ENHANCEMENT

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Proto. Mr. Hattery inquired whether the work done through this program is countywide and was informed that it is. He then noted it appears that by undertaking the responsibility for these plantings, including watering, it would not provide any incentive for the local municipality to take responsibility in any fashion. Mr. Dennis noted the cost of the vehicle may in fact come in less than the \$12,500. Mr. Proto said Mr. Hattery’s comments raise an interesting question. He also noted that individuals have previously raised concern with regard to the amount of funds for the program spent in the City versus outlying areas. Mr. Proto asked if this vehicle would be used throughout the county, relieving some of the responsibility from the volunteers that are presently undertaking the task of watering the gardens. Mr. Dennis noted it would be used countywide for the areas associated with the program. In addition the vehicle will have appropriate signage to signify it is a part of the Beautification program.

A short roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 10; Noes – 1 (Legislator Hattery); Excused – 4 (Legislators Booth, Herrera, Randall, and Shinagawa). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the 2007 budget authorized spending \$102,731 from the Room Tax Fund for the County Beautification, Signage, and Public Art Plan to further the County's tourism program, and

WHEREAS, the scope of services for the Beautification, Signage, and Public Art Plan requires expertise in the area of landscape planning and architecture that is possessed by staff at Cooperative Extension and other sub-contractors of the Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce wishes to lead this project to completion by accepting the revenue to contract out the work with those who have expertise in this area, and

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WHEREAS, there is a desire to enhance the existing program by purchasing a watering truck for an efficient use of labor and immediate impact on plantings, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, Environmental Quality Committee and the Budget and Capital Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute an amendment to the Chamber of Commerce tourism promotion contract for \$12,500 to purchase a watering truck for the use of the Beautification Program which will be owned by Cornell Cooperative Extension,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized and directed to make the following appropriation from the Room Tax Reserve:

From:	0980.0000	Room Tax Reserve Fund Balance	\$12,500
To:	6475.4620	Beautification, Public Art & Signage	\$12,500

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Report and Presentation of Resolution (s) from the Budget and Capital Committee

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, Chair, reported the Committee met on June 25th. He said that a second draft of the proposed calendar for the expanded budget committee meetings is in mailboxes. He reminded Committee Chairpersons that this is an opportune time to request reports on issues and concerns from departments. He said the twenty-year capital plan was reviewed, with roll-out variations to level the expenditures toward one percent of the tax levy to be used for capital projects. Mr. Koplinka-Loehr reported that Administration is reviewing a fringe rate proposal that would centralize this expense in an effort to save time of reviewing each department's budget lines. A resolution regarding this proposal will be coming forward for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND APPROPRIATION OF UNSPENT GENERAL FUNDS FROM 2006 TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne. Ms. Robertson said it is necessary to pull the Planning Department's \$25,000 since it was not acted on at Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee. Mr. Proto agreed, and also referred to a County Clerk item. Ms. Mackesey said she would not support the resolution based on how rollover funds are administered. She feels the Legislature relies heavily on the County Administrator to guide the process, and she said that the Legislature does not always follow his advice. Although she recognizes it is the Legislature's right to reject the County Administrator's advice, the manner the process is set up does not allow all Legislators to have a clear understanding of how Mr. Whicher's determination was made.

Ms. Kiefer agreed with Ms. Mackesey's comments about not having a complete understanding of the decision-making process regarding rollover funds and for that reason may not support the resolution noting she is not on the Public Safety Committee and would like to understand why there was a split vote at that Committee. She referenced the Personnel Department's request for a vehicle under State contract and said it was her understanding that the amount is for a specific vehicle that was in question and since there is a less expensive alternative she is hesitant about voting for it at the higher amount. Mr. Koplinka-Loehr said the Personnel Committee and Budget and Capital Committee both requested that prior to a purchase the request is to come to the Committee for final approval.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Proto, to remove the Personnel Department rollover request in the amount of \$25,324 from the resolution pending the possibility of have a specific dollar amount. Mr. Dennis asked if the figure within the resolution represented the basic vehicle versus the hybrid. Mr. Whicher noted the reason he did not approve the Ford Escape four-wheel drive hybrid vehicle in the amount of approximately \$25,000 for the department is due to the low-mileage (8,000 annually). Mr. Whicher said that purchasing a hybrid vehicle would be a better choice for a department with higher mileage as the carbon imprint would be minimal savings if it was used in the Personnel

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Department. Mr. Sigler asked if committees are examining rollover as mentioned by Ms. Mackesey. HMr. Joseph ruled the discussion was out of order as it was not a discussion related to the amendment motion on the floor.

A voice vote on the motion to amend the resolution by removing the Personnel Department request in the amount of \$25,324 resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Legislators Kiefer, Mackesey, Proto, Robertson, and Sigler); Noes – 6 (Legislators Dennis, Hattery, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, and Stevenson); Excused – 4 (Legislators Booth, Herrera, Randall, and Shinagawa). AMENDMENT FAILED.

With regard to rollover policies, Mr. Koplinka-Loehr said every year it is reviewed for the same type of questions being raised today. He said the issues Ms. Mackesey raised are not specific to the rollover policy but how to utilize the Administrator’s recommendations in the process. Ms. Kiefer stated she believes it would be worthwhile to share all the rollover information with the entire Legislature to be informed. Mr. Hattery spoke of his votes at the Committee level specifying he feels rollover should be used for investments that provide services or save money. He is at odds with the current rollover policy and believes there are items that should be included in the regular budget. Mr. Hattery also said that when a recommendation for a reduction occurs he would like to see where the Administrator believes it should be. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne felt at this point the Departments should not be penalized and any change to policy could occur prior to next year.

A short roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Legislators Dennis, Hattery, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Robertson, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 2 (Legislators Kiefer and Mackesey); Excused – 4 (Legislators Booth, Herrera, Randall, and Shinagawa). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, various departments have been certified by the Director of Finance to have unspent appropriations and excess revenues from 2006 resulting in a surplus of \$1,362,865 on the County’s books as of December 31, 2006, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Fiscal Policy, surplus funds have been requested for use in the amount of \$1,138,132.00 in the current year budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services, Planning, Development and Environmental Quality, Public Safety, Government Operations, Facilities and Infrastructure, and Budget and Capital Committees, That the following transactions are approved:

BUDGET APPROPRIATION:

FROM: General Fund Balance \$ 1,138,132.00

TO:

DEPT	Use of funds	Account	Requested Rollover
Assigned Counsel	New phone system to replace 16 year old system that is failing	1170 52220	\$1,300.00
Assigned Counsel	Service contract for copier just purchased	1170 54425	\$476.00
			<u>\$1,776.00</u>
County Clerk	Archives grant completion - scanning backfiled land records into EDMS (Challenge Industries is vendor) \$17,407	1410 54442	\$57,107.00
	Microfilming of civil papers - \$3,500 (Challenge), conversion of microfilm to digital images - \$14,200 (Challenge), and microfilm duplication - \$12,000 (Challenge) \$29,700		
	Inventorizing and scanning archival records in Records Center \$10,000		

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DEPT	Use of funds	Account	Requested Rollover
County Clerk	Installing shelving for off-site records in Records Center	1410 52210	\$15,000.00
County Clerk	Blade Server (to replace Novell server, SQL server & web server) \$50,000	1410 52206	\$58,000.00
	Additional public access computer terminals in Clerk's Office \$8,000		
			<u>\$130,107.00</u>
District Attorney	Increase half-time Assistant District Attorney to full-time	1165 51000228	\$25,866
Emergency Response	Maintenance, Communications Systems	3410 54311	\$6,247.70
Emergency Response	Service Contract- Positron Phone System, Late Billing from '06	3410 54425	\$34,209.00
Emergency Response	Program Expenses- Emergency Management, Granted 12/06	3410 54400	\$28,950.30
Emergency Response	Communications Equipment- Grant Monies Carried Over	3410 52222	\$20,000.00
Emergency Response	Program Expense- Training Program Development/OHS Grants	3410 54400	\$40,000.00
			<u>\$129,407.00</u>
Facilities Division	Replace a total of 8 computers for administrative, supervisory, & support staff.	1620 52206	\$6,800.00
Facilities Division	Replace a 10-year old maintenance van.	1620 52231	\$16,887.00
			<u>\$23,687.00</u>
Health Department	Giveback to offset the deficit of \$21,113	4047 54440	\$3,482.00
Human Rights Commission	Training and Development is to complete mandatory human rights training and to continue legal education.	8040 54412	\$3,000.00
Human Rights Commission	Project Assistant to assist with case work and education outreach.	8040 51000049	\$5,577.00
Human Rights Commission	Office Supplies to offset the increase in education outreach	8040 54303	\$1,500.00
			<u>\$10,077.00</u>
Information Technology Services	Clarity Connect (Internet Service Provider-Upgrade of service	1680 54425	\$6,300.00
Information Technology Services	Purchase of used vehicle from Sheriff's Department	1680 54306	\$5,000.00
			<u>\$11,300.00</u>
Legislature	Professional Services - scanning and printing of Journal of Proceedings	1040 54442	\$20,000.00
Office for the Aging	To reimburse volunteers for mileage in Ombudsman Program	6798 54414	\$1,000.00
Personnel Department	Purchase a vehicle for the Central Services program.	1346 52231	\$25,324.00
Planning Department	Housing surveys	8020 54442	\$15,000.00
Planning Department	LIDAR grant match	8020 54400	\$7,000.00
			<u>\$22,000.00</u>
Probation	Administrative Assistant (salary increase for increase in weekly hours from 35 to 40	3141 51000535	\$562.00
		3142 51000535	\$2,246.00
Probation	To purchase one LaserJet Printer 4250DTN	3142 51000513	\$1,653.00

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DEPT	Use of funds	Account	Requested Rollover
	Q5403A#ABA with HP 75 Envelope Feeder Q2438B & 3 Year NBD Onsite Warranty Upgrade (replacement of old printer used by Sr. POs at CJC)	3141 51000513	\$413.00
		3142 51000529	\$1,927.00
		3141 51000529	\$482.00
		3142 51000507	\$1,571.00
		3141 51000507	\$393.00
		3141 52206	\$2,073.00
Probation	Fringes for salary increases for the four positions	3141 58800	\$722.00
Probation	Local Mileage (cost trend higher than anticipated)	3141 54414	\$500.00
Probation	Fringes for salary increases for the four positions	3142 58800	\$2,884.00
Probation	Local Mileage (cost trend higher than anticipated)	3142 54414	\$1,200.00
Probation	To purchase (to replace old equipment) two HP Desktop Computers DC5700 SFF PC KIT (RT792UT) with HP Monitors L1706 17-inch LCD (PX849A)	3142 52206	\$1,796.00
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			\$18,422.00
Sheriff's Office	New glock weapons with holsters, nightsights and attached lights to replace aging weapons and give deputies an additional tactical advantage. approx.\$800.00 x 27	3113 52222	\$21,600.00
Sheriff's Office	Added cost of gasoline and auto supplies, i.e. tires and flares	3113 54306	\$20,697.00
Sheriff's Office	Training for tasers, first phase	3113 512000049	\$10,000.00
Sheriff's Office	New 4 X 4 ATV vehicle for use in rescue and search operations, evidence collection and special patrols.	3113 52231	\$11,000.00
Sheriff's Office	Additional enhanced training funds (approx 20 eight hour shifts at OT rate and fringes)	3113 512000049	\$8,800.00
Sheriff's Office	Added money for enhanced traffic patrols (approx. 34 eight hour shifts of additional patrol OT and fringes)	3113 512000049	\$15,000.00
Sheriff's Office	New computers and servers for needed replacement above and beyond budget allocation.	3113 52206	\$12,000.00
Sheriff's Office	Joint SWAT/tactical team equipment and supplies that have never been budgeted but are needed to enhance the safety, operation and mission of the SWAT team	3113 52222	\$12,000.00
Sheriff's Office	Tasers and supplies for all sworn law enforcement officers to have another less than lethal choice to use in continuum of force. This will increase safety and should assist with helping to reduce serious injuries and further allow us another tool to avoid, if possible, the need for deadly physical force.	3113 52222	\$40,000.00
Sheriff's Office	Surveillance equipment to enhance crime solving capability	3113 52222	\$8,500.00
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			\$159,597.00
Social Services, Department of	The department will return all rollover to the general fund.		\$550,989.00
Weights and Measures	I would like to purchase a new 6' X 12' enclosed trailer for my 100gal. prover. It is currently setting on a very old, not road worthy, open utility trailer setting out in the weather.	3630 52220	\$3,011.00
Youth Services Department	Recreation Partnership reserve fund needs to be accessible in 2007 if needed, per intermunicipal agreement.	7021 54400	\$2,087.00

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Report from the Public Safety Committee

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, said the Committee would meet on July 20th. She did not have a report, however, called attention to the recent altercation occurring in Dryden when an individual resisted arrest by repeatedly striking public safety vehicles. She would like individuals to be aware of the dangers our public safety officers face during the course of their employment.

Report from the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, reported the Committee met on June 27th and held an in-depth discussion regarding the marketing plan and how to utilize the approved funds. She said some thoughts that were noted during the discussion for utilizing funds included: the possibility of hiring a Project Assistant, and developing an Inclusion Resource Library. In addition, it was noted that outside agencies the County contracts with as well as other County services such as the Library, Airport, Solid Waste Facility, and conference rooms should all be provided with the Diversity Statement and materials. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne indicated the Diversity Statement and Logo have been meeting with very positive responses. At the meeting the Committee selected a Vice Chair, Shawn Martel-Moore. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne reported the Civil Service Subcommittee will be meeting and is in the process of attempting to receive approval from the State for a pilot to allow civil service examinations to be a pass/fail system versus the present requirement of choosing one of the top three candidates for positions.

Ms. Kiefer inquired whether the pilot would be through a County department and was informed it would be. Although it would require State permission to do so there have been discussions between department heads and colleagues at the State level.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr said the Diversity Logo would be utilized by the County team wearing T-shirts during the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne spoke of other uses of the logo, noting the possibility of using it on the televised broadcasts of Legislature meetings, and on gateway signs. She said that although the gateway signs are already in production, the possibility of having a secondary sign has been discussed.

The next meeting will occur on July 25, 2007.

Report from the Health and Human Services Committee

Mr. Sigler, Vice Chair, reported the Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting will be on July 18th.

Report from the Health Department Building Committee

Mr. Proto, Chair, reported the Committee will be meeting on July 12th. He has requested that all Legislators receive a copy of the Health Department staff comments relating to the pros and cons of the potential sites for the department.

Report from the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

Ms. Kiefer, Vice Chair, reported that two members of the Legislature attended the annual Highway Road Tour on June 21. At the June 26th meeting, the Committee reviewed the Project Approval Request forms. Mr. Marx provided an update of the Air Service Board. Following the Request for Qualifications and review process, Courtney Consulting will be working with the airport to complete an in-depth market study. The Committee also heard that the Transportation Security Administration has informed the airport that they will be amending their contractual obligation which will create a shortfall in the airport budget of approximately \$100,000 due to reduced reimbursement rates on a mandated service.

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Ms. Kiefer said that Mr. Potter, Information Technology Director, provided information regarding the Committee Goal #1 – investigating the possibility of countywide Broadband Services. The Committee will be having a presentation by a Rochester firm regarding this goal. Mr. Joseph noted that the Federal government requested cooperation to provide airport security, yet it is costing the County more to do so. Mr. Dennis indicated he feels it is appropriate to let the Federal government know our displeasure with the proposed amended agreement.

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Personnel Committee

Mr. Dennis, Chair, reported the Committee would meet on July 11th. Since their last meeting there have been scheduled negotiation meetings with the Blue and White Collar Units as well as Road Patrol. Mr. Dennis anticipates the Committee goals will be completed and approved at the next meeting. He reported that volunteers are being selected to sit on the special committee for the selection of a new County Administrator he was appointed to Chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 126 - AUTHORIZING TOMPKINS COUNTY TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE IN PAY BETWEEN MILITARY PAY AND BASE COUNTY SALARY TO COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHILE PERFORMING ORDERED MILITARY DUTY

MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Hattery, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present. RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the New York State Military Law provides certain rights to public officers and employees absent on military duty as members of Reserve Forces or Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States, and

WHEREAS, County officers and employees on authorized military leave are entitled to all the rights and privileges set forth in said Military Law, and

WHEREAS, despite the rights and benefits afforded by said Military Law, calls to active duty often impose financial hardship on those summoned and their dependents, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 313 of 2002 and Resolution No. 231 of 2004, this Tompkins County Legislature authorized the payment of supplemental benefits to County officers and employees called to serve their country following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States through December 31, 2005, and more recent decisions by the Federal Executive, and

WHEREAS, there may be renewed need for activation of military personnel, now therefore be it RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital, the Government Operations, and the Personnel Committee, That effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008, the Tompkins County General Fund will pay the difference between base County salary and military pay for up to 90 work days per calendar year, when the employee is called to active military duty. If military pay is equal to or in excess of County base salary, no payment will be made,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance will establish and notify Department Heads and affected employees of the procedures by which the differential shall be paid.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 127 - ADOPTION OF REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 03-15
MILITARY LEAVE**

MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Hattery, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, there is a need to update Administrative Policies pertaining to military leave for County employees, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations, the Personnel, and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the following Administrative Policy is hereby revised:

03-15 Military Leave

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Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2007

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the minutes of June 5, 2007, as corrected.

Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, TC Legislature Office