The 2015 Tentative Budget

Tompkins County, New York
Economic and Fiscal Influences

Contradictory Trends

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  – Low inflation
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- Positive economic indicators
  - Moderate growth in consumer spending
  - Up 3.7% first half of 2015
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- Positive economic indicators
  - Continued growth in stock market
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• Continued indications of underlying need
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  – SNAP cases still rising
  – Rate of growth slowing
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• Continued indications of underlying need
  – Total Temporary Assistance cases up 17% since September 2012
  – Higher now than at depth of recession
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- Continued indications of underlying need
  - Safety Net cases still trending upward
  - 71% local cost share
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- Continued indications of underlying need
  - Family Assistance cases rising after years of decline
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- Continued indications of underlying need
  - Medicaid caseloads rising by 500+ per year
2015 Budgetary Goals
Maintain Current Levels of Service
Reinvest in Facilities and Infrastructure
Stabilize Airport Finances
Address emergent policy goals
Maintain fiscal strength and stability
Remain within Tax Cap
Starting Point:

Major Budget Influences
Wages

- No contracts in place for 2015
  - Most expire 12/2014
- Funds provided for restrained settlements
No Growth in Workforce
Stable Fringe Benefits

- Pension rates estimated to fall to 18.8% of payroll from 20.1%
- Health premiums up 5%
  - Consortium applying reserves to reduce rates
  - 8% underlying rate of growth
- Total pension and health costs down $190,000 (local)
Mandates
Up $211,000
Medicaid Cost History
Jail Medical and Board Out Costs

Jail Medical and Board Out Costs, 2009-2013

- Medical
- Board Outs
- Total

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Capital Reinvestment

- Levy increase of 0.5% for capital improvements
  - Lower than policy (+0.75%)

- Funding for capital up $225,344
  - Mainly debt service for projects already authorized
Sales Tax

- Modest growth
- Projected increase of 2.0% in 2014 and 1.5% in 2015
- $628,000 in added revenue
Town Plowing

• Payments based on prior winter’s experience
• Up $169,000 (to $600,000) from 2014
Revenue Losses

- Lansing (CPP) Plant PILOT
  - $96,400
- Finger Lakes Library Rent
  - $78,600
Sponsored and Partner Agencies

- **TC3**
  - 3% increase
  - $83,659

- **Tompkins County Public Library**
  - Baseline support now funded with recurring revenue, per 2013 plan
  - $140,000 shift from County reserves to target

- **TCAD**
  - $96,000 local dollar increase per 2013 Agreement
  - Will decline in following 3 years as Room Tax support increases
Directed Spending Cuts

- 1% ($400,000) across-the-board reduction in local dollar spending
- Applied to all non-mandated or fixed costs
Outcomes
Goal: Maintain Services

No reduction in service
Goal: Maintain Capital Investment

- Fully funds projects in Updated CIP
- Adds 0.5% ($225,000) to tax levy
Projected Capital Levy, Capital Costs, & Capital Reserve
Goal:  
Stabilize Airport Finances

- Proposes a 3-year suspension of County administrative charges
- Saves airport $126,000/year
- Mitigates factors affecting competitive position
- Funded by application of County reserves
Goal: Address emergent policy goals

- Jail Alternatives Task Force near-term recommendations funded
- Additional contracts covered by living wage
Goal: Fiscal Stability

- Use of Reserves at $0.6 mil
  - Down from $0.7 million in 2014 and $3.5 million in 2009
- Reserves used only for non-recurring expenses
Other Noteworthy Features

- Solid Waste annual fee reduced to $52 from $56
- 1.5 positions added to Facilities—within target
- DSS able to reduce roster by 3 FTEs
- Through OTRs, several agencies received increases beyond the 1% target
Goal: Stay within Tax Cap

- Recommended levy up 2.34%
- Cap now projected at 2.65%
Structuring the Budget within Fiscal Parameters

Financial Summary
Original Fiscal Target

- 2.36% tax levy increase
- $1.06 million in added levy authority
Recommended Levy Growth

2.34%
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Adjusts for budget-neutral new method of accounting for issuance and retirement of BANs
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