

Finance, Ways and Means Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2022 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Matt Roberts
Vice Chairman Cliff Moses
Supervisor Ronda Winn
Supervisor Mary Cavanagh

ABSENT: Supervisor Jim Cunningham

OTHERS PRESENT: Samantha Field, Public Information Officer (Via Zoom)
Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance
Cindy Edick, Treasurer
Michael Keville, County Clerk
Ryan Chaires, Deputy Treasurer
Emily Burns, Clerk to the Board
Lou Anne Randall, Finance Director (via Zoom)
Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney
Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Kristin Guinto, Confidential Secretary to the Board (via Zoom)
John Becker, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Rex Vosburg
Supervisor Bill Zupan
Supervisor Pete Walrod
Dan Degear, Director of Emergency Management
Jenna, Illingworth, EMS Coordinator
Supervisor Eve Ann Schwartz (via Zoom)

A quorum being present, Chairman Matt Roberts called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers.

I. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by M. Cavanagh to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting; seconded by C. Moses. Motion unanimously approved.

II. Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the modification of the 2022 adopted County Budget (Highway Facility).
2. Authorizing the modification of the 2022 adopted County Budget (State Aid).
3. Authorizing the refund of 2022 and 2023 county, town and special district taxes and 2021-22 and 2022-23 Hamilton School Taxes.
4. Authorizing the modification of the 2022 adopted County Budget (6428 Promotion of Tourism).
5. Directing the County Attorney's Office to draft legislation for reauthorization for Madison County's Local 1 Percent Sales and Compensating Use Tax.
6. Authorizing the modification of the 2022 adopted County Budget (ARPA).
7. Authorizing the modification of the 2022 adopted County Budget (ARPA).

M. Cavanagh made a motion to review and approve resolution 1-7; seconded by C. Moses. . The Committee unanimously voted on and approved all resolutions.

Treasurer Cindy Edick is working on a budget modification resolution, for the December 1, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting. This resolution is for the one time White Collar Bargaining unit bonus funded by ARPA in the amount of \$274,800 and is expected to be paid out in a separate payroll to 253 employees on December 15, 2022. M. Cavanagh made a motion to approve this resolution; seconded by C. Moses. The Committee unanimously voted on and approved this resolution.

After Director of Emergency Services Dan Degear presented the Committee with an overview of goals and program objectives with costs and expenditures of the Emergency Medical Services in Madison County, a resolution to modify the 2023 budget was created for the funding of this program. J. Becker made a motion to approve this resolution; seconded by R. Winn. The Committee unanimously voted on and approved this resolution which was added as resolution number 8 on the agenda.

III. Preferred Agenda:

It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to allow any eligible resolution from today's meeting to be added to the preferred agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

IV. Other Committee Business:

Finance Director Lou Anne Randall informed the Committee they are seeking candidates for a recently vacated Payroll Specialist position.

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear shared a power-point presentation on Emergency Medical Services in Madison County. Hot spots within the county are in some areas of the County, where emergency services are limited. The Madison County EMS objective is to build a county-wide program model that is effective, efficient, sustainable, equitable, adaptable, stable, and supportive. The operational plan proposal for Madison County EMS includes four programs; medic car program, ambulance services in areas of need, training, and financial support to EMS Agencies.

Estimated cost for full program budget is as follows:

Medic Cars & Sullivan Station Programs	\$788,533
Training Program	50,000
EMS Financial Support Program	<u>1,250,000</u>
Total	\$2,088,533

The proposed average EMS protection cost for \$200,000 home is \$99.52 or .27/day which includes county training program costs, many agencies staffed 24/7, 2021 county-wide activations: 9,494 and is not considered an essential services in NYS. Potential options to split the costs of EMS Financial Support Program for towns include share by valuation, by call or by weighted population.

To remain status quo means continued loss of paramedic service to the most rural communities, loss of volunteer-based ambulance services, decrease in number of credentialed EMS caregivers, continued decline of active community volunteers, increased financial need by not-for-profit and commercial EMS services.

Supervisor Eve Ann Schwartz addressed the concern of funding not for profit agencies. Many have requested increases in funding. After discussing, the Committee agreed to submit a resolution to increase up to 5% those not for profit agencies that have requested increases.

V. Next Meeting: To Be Determined

VI. Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on the motion of C. Moses; seconded by M. Cavanagh. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Heidi LaSalle on behalf of Chairman Matt Roberts approved on January 26, 2023