

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

VETERANS & SENIORS COMMITTEE

Of the

Suffolk County Legislature

Capital Budget Minutes

A special joint meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee & the Veterans & Seniors Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on May 20, 2009, to discuss the matter of the 2010-2012 Capital Budget.

Members Present:

Legislator Kate Browning - Chairperson/Health & Human Services
Member/Veterans & Seniors
Legislator Steve Stern - Chairman/Veterans & Seniors
Legislator Jack Eddington - Member/Health & Human Services
Vice-Chair/Veterans & Seniors
Legislator Thomas Barraga - Member/Health & Human Services
Legislator DuWayne Gregory- Health & Human Services

Members Not Present:

Legislator Ricardo Montano - Member/Veterans & Seniors
Legislator Jay Schneiderman - Member/Veterans & Seniors
Legislator John Kennedy - Member/Health & Human Services
Legislator DuWayne Gregory - Member/Health & Human Services

Also In Attendance:

Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk/SC Legislature
Jack Caffey - Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Maxvel Rose - Aide to Legislator Gregory
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Leader Losquadro
Gail Vizzini - Director/Budget Review Office.
Lance Reinheimer - Assistant Director/Budget Review Office
Craig Freas - Budget Review Office
Benny Pernice - Budget Review Office
Joe Muncy - Budget Review Office
Jill Moss - Budget Review Office
Bob Doering - Budget Review Office
Ben Zwirn - Chief Deputy County Executive
Steve Tricarico - County Executive Assistant.
Suzanne Martin - County Executive's Budget Office.
Steven Forst - County Executive's Budget Office.
Janet DeMarzo - Commissioner/Department of Social Services
Matt Miner - Deputy Commissioner/Department of Health Services
Margaret Bermel - Dir of Health Adminis./Department of Health Services
Suzanne Martin - County Executive's Budget Office
Steven Forst - County Executive's Budget Office.
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

*(*The meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM*)*

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

We will start the Health & Human Services Capital Budget meeting and we'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Barraga.

Salutation

I've got have a funny feeling this is going to be short and sweet. I don't have anyone who wants to speak. Is there anyone in the room who would like to speak? Okay, with that, we have no one.

BRO, would you like to make any comment?

MS. VIZZINI:

Just very briefly. I'd be happy to highlight some of the recommendations that we made in terms of the Health Department's Capital Budget request, and that is for Project 4003, the renovation of the laboratories. We've actually -- there is funding in the 2012 Proposed Capital Program. We've actually recommended that we advance \$10 million from 2012 to 2011 as the department had originally requested, and this pertains to the construction of the new Public Health Laboratories.

Project 4041, equipment for Foley. We are recommending that \$70,000 be added for the purchase of a Therapeutic Recreation Program van. We've also just conferred with the department that if the van money is restored and purchased, that there would be -- a driver would be made available.

Project 4055 we have recommended an additional \$498,000 for equipment for the new South Shore Regional Health Center in 2011 so that we -- we consider this a planning document. We know we're going to be constructing the new South Shore Regional Health Center and we want to make sure that we have equipment for that facility.

And lastly, we are recommending in Project 4079 an additional \$135,000 in 2012 for a maspectrometer; Medical Examiner?

MR. FREAS:

No, this is the Environmental Health Lab.

MS. VIZZINI:

For the Environmental Health Lab. Oh, one more; 4081, we're recommending \$300,000 in planning and 600 in equipment, as it was previously adopted in the current Capital Program for the Environmental Quality Geographic Information and Database Management System. So it does change the funding somewhat from what's proposed.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Any questions? Anybody have any questions, comments? Okay. One was the lab facilities and the John J. Foley equipment. I'm trying to see, the County Executive proposal is 2012, \$10 million and we want to move it up to 2011; you want to move it up to 2011?

MS. VIZZINI:

Yeah, we expect the master plan for the health laboratories to be completed by mid 2009 with the planning in 2010, so we think that we could be ready to go to bid for the construction in 2011. But again, the money is in but it's in 2012.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Okay. And can you go back to the John J. Foley? I know they currently have a van; is this a second van or is this a replacement?

MR. FREAS:

This would be a second van for the Therapeutic Recreation Program. The program is currently over subscribed. The department is currently in conversations with para transit to see if it can be provided that way; if it can't, the money is scheduled so that they can purchase the additional van.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Okay. Do they have a driver, a second driver?

MR. FREAS:

Yes, they would use a current employee to get a commercial driver's license or, you know, an 80 -- whatever the license is that's required.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

So they don't currently have one with a CDL license. They have one with a CDL license, they don't have two with CDL's; correct?

MR. FREAS:

Correct.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Okay.

LEG. STERN:

Madam Chair, a quick question on that.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Okay.

LEG. STERN:

I just wanted to -- thank you. When you say the program is over subscribed; how many participate in the program and how -- is there a waiting list?

MR. FREAS:

I believe there's a waiting list, I don't have the exact number. I would have to ask the Health Department specifically for the amount of the waiting list.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Matt, you've got something you want to say?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MINER:

Just on the numbers. Matt Miner. We have approximately 60 registrants in the Adult Day-Care Center. On any given day there's between 30 and 40, plus we have the residents at the facility and that's two hundred and -- today it's 262, I believe. So when we have recreational events, obviously not all of them go out, but there are times that we do not have sufficient transportation for the recreation events that we try to sponsor for the residents and for the day-care center.

LEG. STERN:

All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BROWNING:

Is that good? Okay. Any other questions? No comments? Okay. Well, I guess with that, I'll make a motion to adjourn. Second, Legislator Eddington, and we are adjourned. Thank you.

*(*The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM*)*