

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
MINUTES MARCH 22, 2010**

MEMBERS B&A: **Chair:** Jose Alvarado, **Legislators:**
Rogowsky, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto,
Ryan, Spreckman, Williams, Jenkins

OTHER LEGISLATORS: Alfreda Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: **Law:** Linda Trentacoste, Stacey Dolgin-
Kmetz; **CEO:** Katy Delgado; **Youth:** M.
Cabaleiro; **Budget:** Arthur Vietro

Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. On the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky, the minutes of March 15 were accepted.

A31. Act Resource Allocation Plan OCFS: This act authorized the County to submit to the State a resource allocation plan that would qualify the County for certain reimbursement through the Office of Children and Family Services. The amount of \$1,418,306 is to be distributed as follows: \$632,602 for municipal agencies which includes \$50,000 for Parks and \$154,781 for the Youth Bureau Administration. The balance of \$785,704 is to be distributed to not for profit agencies. Some municipalities do not accept any money as it is a small amount and the paper work is too involved. Legislator Burton pointed out that there is no Town of Ossining Recreation Department but there is a Village of Ossining Recreation Department. Legislator Rogowsky said it is the Board's responsibility to monitor the money that is going to the municipalities. Ms. Cabaleiro pointed out that the Youth Bureau does monitor this. There were several errors that needed to be corrected on the hand out. It was agreed that the legislation would be signed out "without prejudice" and if the corrections were received before the evening meeting, the item would be passed. On the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Harckham, the motion was passed by a vote of 9-0 (Alvarado), ("without prejudice" Rogowsky, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Jenkins, Spreckman, Williams, Pinto).

Chair Jenkins asked if we have received the back-up spread sheet from the Budget Department for the County Executive's \$16 million savings. We have been told that we will receive it by mid-week. Chair Alvarado asked that all budget requests and information be funneled through Bob Boland, Olivia Rhodes and/or Anne Reasoner. Chair Jenkins also wanted to know if any information had been received on the \$166 million deficit for 2011. We are still waiting for

that.

A37. Act Authorizing Retainer for a Consultant: This item came out of the Special Committee on Insurance and Legislator Lyndon Williams said the health insurance issue is not looked at from one side of the coin but as a comprehensive analysis approach. There are two sides to the analysis – one is the contribution side, what the employee pays in, and the second side is the benefit side. On the contribution side, the committee presented an interim plan. As the premium escalates, so does the cost to the County and the employees. How much are we paying for the benefits? POMCO is very expensive as they are limited by so few doctors in the network. There are other broader networks that are less expensive than POMCO. The networks would negotiate with the doctors to receive a favorable rate. The employees would be given choices as to which plan works for them – a self insurance plan, POMCO, another HMO, etc. This legislation would require the Board to hire a consultant. An RFP would be put together and sent out to get competitive quotes on the various plans available. Based on what we pay, there will be a substantial savings. Legislator Myers said Section 1 should be changed to read “the County is hereby authorized...” not the County Board of Legislators and an amount needs to be inserted. There was much discussion as to the role of the consultant and the various RFP’s in the legislation. Legislator Williams said he did not expect this to be placed on Budget’s agenda, he expected it to be placed on the Communication’s portion of the Board’s agenda. Chair Alvarado stopped discussion on this item and on the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Spreckman, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.