

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, FARWELL, SHANNON
November 12, 2019**

**Also Present: Representative Lapin, Karen Sullivan (Planning), Leslie Orzetti and Jeff O’Handley of the Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA)
Absent: Representative Oberacker**

VETERAN’S AFFAIRS- SID LOEFFLER

Sid Loeffler, Veteran’s Service Officer, requested the following budget transfer:

-Transfer from:	Lodging, Meals, Tolls, Etc.	6510-4010-A	\$200
-Transfer to:	Materials & Supplies	6510-4500-A	\$200

Representative Farwell moved to approve the budget transfer as listed above. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393. Ayes: 1,469. Absent: 924- Oberacker, Marietta. Motion carried.

Mr. Loeffler exited the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION- TAMMIE HARRIS

Also Present: Matt Hazard, Leatherstocking Trolley

Tammie Harris, Planner, and Matt Hazard, Operating Officer of Leatherstocking Trolley, and the Committee discussed 2019 program updates, including but not limited to:

- ridership was up 15% as compared to 2018
- ticket sales were up 12% as compared to 2018
- new in 2020, 2 trolleys and credit card payment option
- possible challenges to address: meeting personnel needs with consideration of strict licensing criteria for CDL class (issue also facing County, schools), and advertising as related to federal guidelines

Representative Marietta and Leslie Orzetti entered during the above discussion.

The Committee thanked Mr. Hazard for the updates, and Mr. Hazard and Ms. Harris exited the meeting.

TREASURER- DEPUTY TREASURER ANDREW CRISMAN

Deputy Treasurer Crisman and the Committee discussed the consideration of raising the occupancy tax from 4% to up to 6%. The Committee discussed the required steps necessary to increase the tax, challenges associated with raising revenue for County infrastructure, the NYS property tax cap, consulting partner agency stakeholders, and next steps. Representative Marietta moved for a resolution in support of increasing the occupancy tax from 4% up to a maximum of 6%. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393. Ayes: 1,859. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Mr. Crisman exited the meeting.

PLANNING- KAREN SULLIVAN

Karen Sullivan, Director of Planning, requested approval to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with Otsego Rural Housing Assistance (ORHA) for housing funding project CDBG 868HR330-19 (\$700,000 grant). Total compensation to the sub-recipient over the life of the contract will not exceed a total of \$88,000, which is broken down as follows:

- Program Delivery Services in the amount of \$63,000, and
- General Administration in the amount of \$25,000

Funding to be appropriated under Planning Contracts 8020-4900-A.

Representative Farwell moved to enter into the sub-recipient agreement as listed above. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393. Ayes: 1,859. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan and the Committee discussed RFP responses received regarding the four Town consolidation planning. The Committee and Ms. Sullivan decided to invite the respondents to meet with the Committee next month.

Representative Farwell moved to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular corporation, and invited Representative Lapin, Leslie Orzetti, Jeff O'Handley, Karen Sullivan, and Greg Mattice to remain present for the discussion. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,393. Ayes: 1,859. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Representative Shannon moved to come out of executive session, Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,393. Ayes: 1,859. Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee set their next meeting date for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:00am at the County Office Building and adjourned.