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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 30, 2018

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

*Paul Klein, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Sue Means
and John Palmiere, Members.*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or Designee

Mary C. Soroka, Allegheny County Budget Director or Designee

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Ms. Soroka, Ms. Berbekic, and Mr. Rambo were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Ms. Roka was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 2 - Sue Means and Paul Klein

Members Absent: 5 - Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni and John Palmiere

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[10722-18](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2018 (Submission #07-18).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Roka read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions. Mr. McKain noted that the prisoner welfare fund has been around for many years and the revenues are derived from the commissary. Mr. McKain noted that for every one dollar, 54 cents goes into this fund. Mr. McKain indicated that this special account would be used to track revenue collected from the commissions of the commissary. These funds would be used for the benefit, education, and welfare of inmates as approved by the Jail Advisory Board. Mr. McKain noted examples for use of these funds, such as GED testing, clothing upon discharge and tablets for educational purposes.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain noted that this account now needs to be classified as a special revenue fund. Mr. McKain indicated that these appropriations are being requested because these changes are being made mid-year. Mr. McKain noted that this process would have been easier to do in January, but the rules changed mid-year. These rules were part of a collaborative effort between the auditors, Controller, and as a result of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. McKain noted that this special account will be accounted for in the 2019 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that there is approximately \$300,000 in the account currently and on an annual basis, there is approximately \$1.4

million.

Mr. McKain summarized the provisions of the grant and noted that it will enable the Jail to expand its Medication Assisted Treatment program for individuals with an opioid dependency. Mr. McKain indicated that the program would include approximately 50 participants, with the goal of helping these individuals reduce the risk of overdoses and recidivism post-release.

Ms. Soroka noted that this program will help reduce the cravings of opioids and help individuals stay in treatment. Ms. Soroka noted that this is one treatment method for individuals that will help them stay on the right track post-release.

Mr. McKain noted that this program is an addition of helping to reduce recidivism and recommended receiving this grant in order to implement this program to see how it goes for approximately 50 individuals.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that this grant will help with post-release and this would be one component of helping to treat inmates who are coming off of opioids. Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that these funds would help inmates who are going to be leaving jail.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that there is no County match for this grant. Ms. Means noted her support of this grant.

A motion was made by Means, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19.