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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 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 4:01.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee(s)

Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee(s)

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

Ms. Soroka was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Mr. Barker and Ms. Roka were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Sue Means, John Palmiere and Paul Klein

Members Absent: 3 - Sam DeMarco, Bob Macey and Chuck Martoni

Members Phone: 1 - Nick Futules

Members 1 - Patrick Catena

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10860-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting held on October 17, 2018.

A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Means, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[10841-18](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that no budget can perfectly predict every cost that will be incurred when it is formulated, and indicated that the proposed changes in no way adversely affect that County's financial position. Mr. McKain indicated that the County Jail transfer would be necessary to cover unforeseen medical expenses, that the Human Services transfer would be desirable because Juvenile Court placements are down, and increasing Human Services funding would allow the County to leverage additional funding, that Emergency Services would require the additional funding to cover overtime and other extraordinary costs associated with landslides, active shooter incidents, and the like, and that the County Police transfer would be necessary to cover similar extraordinary costs.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that the populations are down at Shuman Center and the Kain Centers, which has lowered their costs and allows them to afford the reduced funding envisioned by the transfers, and Ms. Soroka and Mr. McKain discussed the typical year end transfer process, noting that these few transfers are being undertaken early due to the nature of the needs of the recipient departments. Ms. Soroka noted that there is quite a bit of overlap between funding sources for Shuman, the Juvenile Courts, and Human Services.

In response to questions from Mr. Catena, Mr. McKain noted that the \$2.5 million to be transferred to the Jail for medical expenses will cover a variety of expenses, including those arising under the County's contract with AHN, the expense associated with hiring agency nurses, and the cost of medication. Mr. McKain noted that the administration requested an increase in the Jail's 2019 appropriation in part to cover these types of expenses next fiscal year.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:12.