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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Mary Soroka, Director, Allegheny County Department of Budget & Finance

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Bob Macey, John Palmiere, Paul Zavarella and Paul Klein

Members Absent: 2 - Sam DeMarco and Nick Futules

Members Phone: 1 - Sue Means

Members 2 - DeWitt Walton and Cindy Kirk

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[11246-19](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting of the Committee on Budget & Finance.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[11231-19](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019 (Submission #06-19).

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 the proposed grant is for just over \$1.5 million from the Pennsylvania Department of State to aid in the purchase of new voting machines certified for use by the Commonwealth. Mr. McKain indicated that negotiations with the chosen vendor are ongoing, with a total cost for the purchase expected to be approximately \$12 million. Mr. McKain also noted that a capital appropriation was made in 2006 for voting machine upgrades and that there is approximately \$3 million remaining under that appropriation that could be put towards the purchase. Mr. McKain also indicated that there will also be an operating budget impact resulting from the purchase, because paper ballots require more pens, tables, chairs, and other supplies that will be used in the physical process of voting, and that there will be training and education costs associated with the switch to the new machines, as well as potentially different staffing needs and the need to pay for any result audits.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06.

Members Present: 7 - Sam DeMarco ,Nick Futules,Bob Macey,Sue Means,John Palmiere,Paul Zavarella andPaul Klein

Members Absent: 0

Members 2 - DeWitt Walton andCindy Kirk

Non-Members: