

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 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 4:04.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee

Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee

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

Ms. Soroka and Mr. Cox were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Mr. Biondo was present from the Law Department.

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: 2 - Sam DeMarco and Chuck Martoni

Members Phone: 2 - Nick Futules and Bob Macey

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[10498-18](#)

A Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing participation in the 2017-2018 Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer Program proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; authorizing the transfer of funds as required by the said program and further granting authorization for any and all lawful actions necessary to effectuate Allegheny County's participation in said program.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain described its provisions, noting that this marks the third consecutive year of participation for Allegheny County and indicating that the program essentially temporarily pools nursing home appropriations made by a number of counties for the purpose of leveraging additional federal funding through the Medicaid program.

Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that the revenue turnaround has been rapid, so the County is without the cash in question for less than a month, and the expected result this year is an additional \$4 million or so, depending upon market conditions. Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that the County's contribution would be about \$15 million this year.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Biondo noted that the timing of the resolution has varied somewhat in years past, but the funding is actually sent in May, and Ms. Soroka noted that returns in the previous two years have been \$2.8 million and \$3.8 million in additional funding.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13.