

Government Operations Committee
Regular Meeting Notes – FINAL
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 3:30 PM
Legislature Chambers

Attendance

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Daniel Klein	Chair	Present
Dooley Kiefer	Member	Present
David McKenna	Member	Present
Nathan Shinagawa	Vice Chair	Present
Glenn Morey	Member	Present
Mike Hall	Interim Director - Ithaca Tompkins Airport	Present
Joe Mareane	County Administrator	Present
Paula Younger	Deputy County Administrator	Present
Ed Marx	Planning Commissioner	Present
Amie Hendrix	Director of Youth Services	Present
Karen Baer	Director of Human Rights	Present
Jonathan Wood	Tompkins County Attorney	Present
Marcia Lynch	Public Info. Officer, County Administration	Present
Rick Snyder	Finance Director	Present
Anna Smith	Personnel	Present
Karen Fuller	Minute Taker, Legislature Office	Present

Guests: Linda-Grace-Kobas, George V. Kobas, Virginia Marques, Daniel Yokum, Nancy Gould, Deborah Grier, Steffen Schuhmann, Krys Cail, Indian Creek Neighborhood Association; Roy Luft, Town of Ithaca; Yvonne Fogarty, Town of Ithaca Planning Board; Keri Blakenger, Finger Lakes Times; Susan Currie, Sarah Glowkowski, Tompkins County Public Library; Ari Lavine, City of Ithaca Attorney

Call to Order

Mr. Klein, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Comments from the Public

Linda Grace-Kobas, Town of Ithaca resident and member of the Indian Creek Neighborhood Association, spoke of the previous involvement of the group to keep the County land located on Harris B. Dates Drive as a natural habitat and asked that the County reconsider the property as needed for public use and recognize its importance related to flood mitigation and that it has a historic background. She does not support development of the property.

Steffen Schuhmann, Town of Ithaca resident, said he had purchased the building known as the “K- House” building and if the County decides to sell its property on Harris B. Dates Drive, he and his wife would be interested in purchasing the property and maintain it as a green space.

Krys Cail, Town of Ulysses resident, spoke of the County's Harris B. Dates Drive property and expressed a desire to have the County and residents of the neighborhood work together and explore new ideas that may be available. She noted the Regional Economic Development Council stressed public input and feedback as important factors. Ms. Cail also spoke of the possibility of utilizing the land for

solar energy.

Roy Luft, Town of Ithaca resident and neighbor of the Indian Creek area, said if a development project is desired it should be on open land rather than a wooded area. He offered to trade some of his open land for the County's Harris B. Dates Drive property to maintain the wooded acreage if it would assist in preserving the area.

Airport

Resolution (ID # 5482): Authorizing Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 12 with C&S Engineers, Inc., for Design, Bidding, Administrative and Part Time Construction Observation Services for the ARFF/CFR (Aircraft, Rescue, and Fire Fighting/Crash, Fire, and Rescue) Building Roof Repair at Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (ID #5482)

Mr. Hall said the roof is now twenty years old and the resolution is to accept a State grant with a local match. He stressed it is important to undertake this work prior to any potential damage within the building from roof failures.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Morey, Member
SECONDER:	Dooley Kiefer, Member
AYES:	Klein, Kiefer, McKenna, Shinagawa, Morey

WHEREAS the total roof project is estimated to be \$150,000 and the State Grant is \$120,000 (80%) with the remaining \$30,000 (20%) coming from Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's), and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has awarded the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport a Grant under the 2014 Aviation Capital Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 12 is \$31,200, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That Supplemental Agreement No. 12 with C&S Engineers, Inc., for Design, Bidding, Administrative, and Part Time Construction Observation Services in the amount of \$31,200 be approved and financing of the contract is as follows:

NYSDOT - 2014 Aviation Capital Grant Program (80%)	\$24,960.00
Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's)	\$ 6,240.00

, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to execute the required documents,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be authorized to make payments for this project until reimbursement is received from the NYSDOT.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE 1-6

Resolution (ID # 5483): Authorizing Acceptance of a New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) "2014 Aviation Capital Grant Program" Grant to Accomplish Repairs to the ARFF/CFR (Aircraft, Rescue, and Fire Fighting/Crash, Fire, Rescue) Building Roof - Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (ID #5483)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Nathan Shinagawa, Vice Chair
AYES:	Klein, Kiefer, McKenna, Shinagawa, Morey

WHEREAS, the County has received a grant offer from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) under the "2014 Aviation Capital Grant Program", in the amount of \$120,000 (Total Project \$150,000) to assist with Repairs to the ARFF/CRF (Aircraft, Rescue, and Fire Fighting/Crash, Fire, Rescue) Building Roof, and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of this project is as follows:

NYSDOT Share (80.0%)	\$120,000
Local Share (20.0%)	\$ 30,000
Total	\$150,000

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WHEREAS, the local share will come from the Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's) and have no impact on the Airport's operational budget, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature will review and approve all proposed engineering and construction contracts prior to any work commencing, and

WHEREAS, in the event that said engineering or construction contracts are not approved by the Legislature, this grant will be returned to the NYSDOT for use at another airport, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the grant offer from the NYSDOT of \$120,000 be and hereby is accepted and that the County Administrator is authorized to execute the required documents.

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Departmental Update (ID # 5485)

Airport Operations

Mr. Hall provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining operations at the Airport. He noted that issues are reduced enplanements, poor service reliability in two of the three destinations in the North East Corridor, higher fares in Ithaca, and Airport serviceability. Since he became Interim Director he has taken a proactive management role and is doing the following:

- Preventive Maintenance on Airfield Avionics - there has been only two hours of down time at the Airport
- Developed a responsive, web-based work schedule
- Reduced operating costs
- Revamped the Operations Center

- Developed Countywide cooperation with Department of Emergency Response and the Highway Department

Other work is being done to build better relationships with airlines through face-to-face meetings with senior executives and to write an application for a Small Community Air Service Development Grant. Mr. Hall said an overall plan for the airport will include:

- Cut Operating Costs
- Manage Proactively to reduce equipment failures
- Personally engage the airlines to look for new hubs outside the North East Corridor (Chicago and Charlotte) and find “Day of Week” options for flights to the south
- Leverage the Airport’s purchasing power (Tens of millions of travel dollars)

The Committee discussed the concerns of the current hubs being eliminated due to future preference given to larger planes that increase enplanement numbers at airports. Mr. Shinagawa asked if there are any changes in costs due to the reduced oil prices. Mr. Hall said there is not and the only means to reduce pricing would be through negotiations such as the one that took place for the Corning Airport.

De-Icing Concerns

Ms. Kiefer asked for an update on the de-icing contamination concerns. Mr. Hall said following the correspondence about the potential spill into a creek he has conducted a study of the de-icing procedures. He believes that the problem, in part, is due to the severe weather conditions experienced that prevent the polyethylene glycol from breaking down as it normally does. As an alternative solution he has also amended the de-icing procedures to reduce the amount that would be utilized. Although all de-icing procedures are within the SPEDES permit he would like to fully mitigate the situation. He also noted that a new de-icing area with a larger catch basin will be constructed that should fully resolve the matter.

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Planning Department

Status of County Property on Harris B. Dates Drive (ID # 5477)

Mr. Marx reported that due to the discovery of a larger than anticipated wetlands area, Better Housing of Tompkins County and their partner NRP chose not to proceed with the project. As part of the initial project the County had determined the land was no longer needed for public use. As a result of the changed circumstances, Mr. Marx said the County now has to reconsider what to do with this land. Mr. Marx has spoken to the Town of Ithaca and at their last Board meeting a decision was made that they were not interested in the property at this time. Another possibility was a smaller-scale development project that could be built outside of the wetland area and be used for home ownership versus rental, for nearby employees such as those working at Cayuga Medical Center or as a senior/aging housing. It was believed the smaller build and/or the proximity to surrounding businesses would not require commuting.

Mr. Marx stressed that the County has not been doing any work on site since the decisions to drop the initial proposal. He has spoken to Cayuga Medical Center to determine if they have anything to suggest as well. If none of the potential recommendations are viable the other option would be to sell the property.

Ms. Kiefer asked Mr. Marx if consideration has been given to sending out another Request for Proposals. Mr. Marx said he does not recommend it at this time and would like to explore further what interest there may be. He will continue to speak to parties in the community about what might be possible and after considering all options would determine how to proceed.

Mr. Klein informed Mr. Marx that earlier in the meeting there were four public speakers providing input and ideas regarding the property. Mr. Marx said he is open to other ideas and public opinion.

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Administration

Resolution (ID # 5451): Authorizing an Appropriation of \$20,000 from the Contingent Fund to Support a Community Outreach Worker Program in Downtown Ithaca (ID #5451)

Mr. Mareane explained this program was discussed during the 2015 budget process and it was determined to set aside \$20,000 in the Contingent Fund to be used after more information was received. Originally, the funds were to have gone into the Library budget to be sure to include the Green Street Corridor in the area covered. At the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee meeting it was determined that it has been made clear that area would be included and a decision was made to put the money into the general County budget versus the Library.

Mr. Lavine said the program will provide an opportunity to improve the level of services of all stakeholders and reduce problems in the area covered. He clarified that this approach is believed to be better than having law enforcement called for many of the issues that occur and noted when necessary, law enforcement would be available. The program is a partnership between the County, City of Ithaca, and the Downtown Ithaca Alliance and hopefully will start in May 2015. The position will be supervised through Family and Children Services.

Discussion followed with clarification made that the position would not be one of standard mediation services but to head off potential conflicts. Ms. Kiefer asked where the funds would be placed for the position and was informed by Mr. Lavine that the funds would be given to Family and Children Services. Ms. Kiefer commented there are no community members on the advisory board. Mr. Lavine said that suggestion had not been made and he will incorporate it in future discussions.

Mr. Shinagawa said when the idea of this program was first brought out there were many unanswered questions. Now with the information provided he is comfortable and supportive of the program.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to delete the word "lenders" from the second WHEREAS. MOTION CARRIED.

Additional changes agreed to as friendly were also made to the resolution.

Ms. Kiefer asked when a program review would take place. Mr. Mareane said an initial review would take place as part of the budget process. He would start inquiries in August and would come back during late September, early October with additional information to consider.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Morey, Member
SECONDER:	David McKenna, Member
AYES:	Klein, Kiefer, McKenna, Shinagawa, Morey

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca has been engaged in the long and thoughtful process of rebuilding its downtown, including the complete redesign of the Ithaca Commons in an effort to create a downtown space where every person feels welcome and where businesses and services thrive, and

WHEREAS, much attention has been paid to understanding the needs, concerns, and wishes of the various downtown stakeholders (e.g., merchants, shoppers, tourists, visitors, restaurant goers, eatery owners, service providers, landlords, tenants, etc.) in order to effectively provide and promote continually positive and inclusive stakeholder experiences for those living in, working in, and visiting Ithaca's downtown area, and

WHEREAS, a Steering Committee comprised of designees of the City, County, Downtown Ithaca Alliance (DIA), and Family and Children's Service (F&CS) ("the Funding Partners") was tasked with looking into ways to help promote an inclusive and positive downtown experience, and the result was development of the Community Outreach Worker Program, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Outreach Worker Program is to create an effective infrastructure for developing, monitoring, and promoting a universally-applied standard of conduct for individuals in the targeted downtown that is both inclusive and encourages tolerance by way of referral, education/outreach, equal access, mediation, and conflict resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca has authorized the expenditure of \$20,000 to support the Community Outreach Worker initiative, and the DIA \$10,000 for the same, and

WHEREAS, F&CS has committed to serve as the employer of the Community Outreach Worker position envisioned by this initiative and has graciously committed to devote substantial overhead and other resources in addition to the above-noted funding in furtherance of the success of this program, and

WHEREAS, the Funding Partners will have an opportunity to evaluate a sizable portion of the inaugural year of this initiative when considering funding ensuing years of this initiative, and

WHEREAS, in support of the City of Ithaca's exploration and potential implementation of such a Community Outreach Worker Program, the Tompkins County Legislature appropriated \$20,000 to the 2015 County Contingent account to contribute to the program, subject to additional legislative review of the details of the program and also to confirm that funding had been committed to the program by the City of Ithaca and other funding partners, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature directed that if the funds are released from the Contingent account, they be allocated to Tompkins County ~~Library~~ Administration to assure that Community Outreach Worker Program will extend to the Green Street corridor adjacent to the Library, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services, the Government Operations, and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees, That the County Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the City and Family and Children's Service in furtherance of the initiative detailed in this resolution,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized to make the following budget appropriation:

FROM:	A1990.54400	Contingent Fund	\$20,000
TO:	A1230.54400	County Administration Program Expense	\$20,000
TO:	A7411.54400	County Library Program Expense	\$20,000

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Note: Highlighted changes as adopted by the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee on March 23, 2015.

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Minutes Approval

For the record Ms. Kiefer stated she voted against the minutes because she believes there should be headings of each item listed on the agenda. She would like to have Government Operations Committee reconsider the minutes policy. Ms. Kiefer noted the previous meeting had a presentation by Assessment that resulted in what she believes to be an action item requesting a resolution be prepared to send to New York State Association of Counties.

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RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Nathan Shinagawa, Vice Chair
AYES:	Daniel Klein, David McKenna, Nathan Shinagawa, Glenn Morey
NAYS:	Dooley Kiefer

County Attorney

Resolution(ID # 5478): Adoption of Local Law No. a of 2015 - Allowing for Sparkling Devices to be Excluded from the Dangerous Fireworks Definition as Permitted by New York State Penal Law Section 405(5)(b) (ID #5478)

Ms. Kiefer said she would prefer to pass the resolution to hold a public hearing prior to the resolution adopting the law.

Mr. Wood said he amended the local law for clarification purposes and added a sales and use section.

Mr. Klein noted the use of “Common, Safe Items” and said he would prefer to replace that with “Sparkling Devices”. He explained that people often think of sparklers and such as not dangerous, however, there have been injuries as a result of their use. The use of “Sparkling Devices” would not imply their safety. The suggestion was accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder.

Ms. Kiefer said most sparklers acquired have the metal rod and she is pleased to see the law specifies the wooden sparker devices.

For the record, Ms. Kiefer noted that she believes the Committee should only be acting on the resolution to hold a public hearing.

Ms. Kiefer said often sparkers and items contained within the law are used for weddings and other special events and she expressed concern on the limited dates contained in the law.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Glenn Morey, Member
SECONDER:	Daniel Klein, Chair
AYES:	Daniel Klein, David McKenna, Nathan Shinagawa, Glenn Morey
NAYS:	Dooley Kiefer

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2014, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 477 of the Laws of 2014 which amends the New York State Penal Law, the Executive Law, and the General Business Law to place further restrictions on the sale of dangerous fireworks, while at the same time recognizing that certain fireworks should not be labeled as "dangerous" when they pose little to no danger to the public, and should therefore be available for retail sale and public sale, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 477 of the Laws of 2014 allows for certain fireworks identified and described as "sparkling devices" to be excluded from the definition of "dangerous fireworks" and "fireworks" set forth in the Penal Law, and to be sold and used in counties that enact a local law authorizing such actions, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 477 of the Laws of 2014 limits the sale of sparkling devices in the State to the time periods from June 1st through July 5th of each calendar year and December 26th through January 2nd of adjacent calendar years, and to people eighteen years of age or older, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature believes that allowing our County residents the use of safe "sparkling devices" will benefit them and our local businesses, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law and Chapter 477 of the Laws of 2014 are compliant with safety standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1124) for the manufacture, transportation, storage, and retail sale of fireworks, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Tompkins County Legislature on April 21, 2015, to hear all persons interested in proposed Local Law No. a of 2015, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That Local Law No. a of 2015 - Allowing for Sparkling Devices to be Excluded from the Dangerous Fireworks Definition as Permitted by New York State Penal Law Section 405(5)(b) is hereby adopted,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall publish in the official newspaper of the County a notice of adoption containing a synopsis of said local law and shall within twenty days file one certified copy in the Office of the County Clerk, and one copy with the Secretary of State.

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Resolution (ID # 5481): Scheduling a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. a of 2015 – Allowing for Sparkling Devices to be Excluded from the Dangerous Fireworks Definition as Permitted by New York State Penal Law Section 405(5)(b) (ID #5481)

The Committee agreed to amend the resolution to reflect the changes in the title of the law as on the previous resolution.

For the record, Ms. Kiefer stated she would be voting against the resolution as she would like the public hearing to be held earlier and requested that if that was possible that the Committee consider it.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Glenn Morey, Member
SECONDER:	Nathan Shinagawa, Vice Chair
AYES:	Daniel Klein, David McKenna, Nathan Shinagawa, Glenn Morey
NAYS:	Dooley Kiefer

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 477 of the Laws of 2014 that amends the New York State Penal Law, the Executive Law and the General Business Law to place further restrictions on the sale of dangerous fireworks, while at the same time recognizing that certain fireworks should not be labeled as "dangerous" when they pose little to no danger to the public, and should therefore be available for retail sale and public sale, and

WHEREAS, the County is considering adopting a local law allowing for sparkling to be excluded from the dangerous fireworks definition as permitted by New York State Penal Law section 405(5)(b), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, That a public hearing be held before the Tompkins County Legislature in the Legislative Chambers of the Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, 121 East Court Street, Ithaca, New York, on April 21, 2015, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening thereof concerning proposed Local Law No. a of 2015 - Allowing for Sparkling Devices to be Excluded from the Dangerous Fireworks Definition as Permitted by New York State Penal Law Section 405(5)(b). At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is authorized to place proper notice of this public hearing in the official newspaper of the County.

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Administration - Continued

Resolution (ID # 5489): Authorizing the Tompkins County Public Library to Utilize for Library Purposes the Space Formerly Occupied by the Finger Lakes Library System within the Tompkins County Library Building (ID #5489)

Ms. Currie provided a brief history of the co-location with Finger Lakes Library Service (FLLS) and that when initially moving to the Green Street location a plan was made to have FLLS vacate the space at a future date for the Tompkins County Public Library to expand. Ms. Currie said the space will allow the Library to create a 21st Century Learning Lab, a long-planned young adult/teen services area, and support for the Library's collections. An overview of each space was provided and Ms. Currie said the Foundation's fundraising efforts will provide the technology, facility updates, and assist to organize and refresh/increase the Library's collections. Ms. Currie invited members of the Committee to tour the Library if they had any questions.

Mr. Mareane said the reason the resolution is brought forward was a request from Mr. Lane to have the Legislature go on record for supporting this expansion. The original purchase of the building was for Library use and although there will be a loss of revenue from the FLLS move it was already reduced as part of the 2015 budget.

Ms. Kiefer offered friendly suggestions to the resolution. She spoke of a restriction placed on the building by the Park Foundation when purchased that a second floor could not be added. She suggested adding that information in the fourth WHEREAS, "renovate the Woolworth's Building on Green Street for use as the County Library, using a substantial gift from the Park Foundation to assist with the cost of acquiring and improving the property for Library purposes (while at the same time forbidding the addition of a second story)". Mr. Mareane expressed concern adding the language referencing the addition restriction. He said it would not change the intent of the resolution and there have also been discussions of "air rights" over the Library as an opportunity. Mr. Morey believes the addition would take away from the benefactor as well. Ms. Kiefer disagreed and believes it is only stating a fact. Mr. Mareane said he was not sure that it would not impair the potential use of "air rights" and, in addition, if the original agreement stated the restriction it is not necessary to include. Ms. Kiefer replied some members of the current Legislature may not be aware of the restriction and it is a historical fact. Mr. Wood said he does not recall this restriction.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer to amend the fourth WHEREAS paragraph of the resolution as follows: "...renovate the Woolworth's Building on Green Street for use as the County Library, using a substantial gift from the Park Foundation to assist with the cost of acquiring and improving the property for Library purposes (while at the same time forbidding the addition of a second story)".
MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Ms. Kiefer requested Ms. Currie's document be included in the Legislature agenda information.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Dooley Kiefer, Member
AYES:	Klein, Kiefer, McKenna, Shinagawa, Morey

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature recognizes the great value of the Tompkins County Public Library ("TCPL") in serving the varied needs of our diverse community, and

WHEREAS, for generations, Tompkins County has provided substantial support to the TCPL, both in direct and substantial financial contributions and also in the provision of high-quality, well-maintained space provided without charge, and

WHEREAS, after study of various alternatives, the County determined that the relocation of the TCPL from its facility on Cayuga Street to the former Woolworth's Building at the intersection of Green Street and Cayuga Street would be the most cost-effective approach to maintaining a quality library that served the community's needs, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 233, dated September 28, 1998, this Legislature amended the 1998 Capital Program to purchase and renovate the Woolworth's Building for use as the County Library, using a substantial gift from the Park Foundation to assist with the cost of acquiring and improving the property for Library purposes, and

WHEREAS, since the relocation of the TCPL to its current space on Green Street in the year 2000, the number of users of the Library has grown steadily to 430,000 users in 2013 and the scope of services and programs provided to the public has expanded significantly; and

WHEREAS, over that 15-year period, library utilization patterns have changed markedly, particularly as the digital “revolution” has become an ingrained part of our lives and culture, and

WHEREAS, after occupying the Green Street location for 15 years, the opportunities and limitations of the existing space configuration have become evident, and

WHEREAS, with the 2000 relocation of the TCPL to its current location, the County has leased a 6,112-square foot portion of the facility to the Finger Lakes Library System under a 10-year lease that was extended for five additional years in 2010, and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, the Finger Lakes Library System has now relocated its operations to a facility within the Town of Dryden, leaving the space within the Library vacant, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Library System’s annual rental payment to the County was eliminated in the 2015 budget, and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the County’s intent when it acquired and improved the property for the purpose of housing the County Library, and consistent with a 2008 space study commissioned by the Library, the TCPL has a strong and vital interest in utilizing the space vacated by the Finger Lakes Library, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that interest, and as a means of minimizing the cost burden to the County, the TCPL Foundation has embarked on a fund-raising campaign that has raised \$2.4 million to date and has a total fundraising goal of \$2.75 million, and

WHEREAS, prior to proceeding with design and other work related to the use of the space vacated by the Finger Lakes Library System, the TCPL has requested an affirmation by the County Legislature that the vacated 6,112 square feet shall be made available by the County and without charge to the Tompkins County Public Library, provided that the space is used for Library purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature wishes to provide such assurances to TCPL, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature does hereby grant the Tompkins County Public Library the authority to utilize the space formerly occupied by the Finger Lakes Library System under the same terms as the TCPL’s occupancy of the remainder of the County Library facility.

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Designation of Newspaper - Discussion

Mr. Mareane provided a PowerPoint that showed a breakout of legal advertising expenses in the County. Included were expenses required by law as well as optional advertisements for transparency purposes. He noted the largest expense for advertisements is within the Finance Department and due to legal requirements associated with real property. He had heard interest in expanding public notice to other publications as well as the potential cost of a larger-print advertisement.

Mr. Wood said what the County has done satisfies the legal requirements and that he does not believe it is necessary to do more in order to fulfill the County’s obligation. He also said this form of notification is becoming obsolete.

Mr. Klein noted that if a choice was made to use another publication the obligation to use the Ithaca Journal would remain as it is the legally designated official newspaper.

Ms. Kiefer said rather than an additional publication her concern is ensuring the public has access and ability to read the notice. Often the print is excessively small for segments of the local population.

Mr. Klein thanked Mr. Mareane for the information and said the members of the Committee could review it and discuss it further if needed.

Legislature

Resolution (ID # 5370): Approval of 2015 Succession of Members of the County Legislature to Serve in the Absence of the Chair and Vice Chair (ID #5370)

Mr. Morey asked why there was a change from the previous meeting. Mr. Klein said it was the result of previous discussions as well as seniority.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Glenn Morey, Member
AYES:	Klein, Kiefer, McKenna, Shinagawa, Morey

WHEREAS, Section 2.06 of the County Charter, specifies the succession of members of the Legislature be designated annually by resolution to serve in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee recommends the chairs of standing committees be designated taking into consideration availability and Legislative experience, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the following order of succession of County Legislators for the year 2015 or until successors are appointed be approved to serve in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair:

- Dooley Kiefer
- Martha Robertson
- Nathan Shinagawa

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Appointments

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Morey, Member
SECONDER:	Dooley Kiefer, Member
AYES:	Klein, Kiefer, McKenna, Shinagawa, Morey

Library Board of Trustees

Janet Corson-Rikert - At-large representative; term expires December 31, 2017

Air Services Board

Michael Stamm - At-large representative; term expires December 31, 2016

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Reports

Committee Chair

Mr. Klein did not have a report.

County Administrator

Mr. Mareane spoke of discussing the County's apprenticeship program as it relates to capital projects exceeding \$1 million last year. He said based on discussions of whether changes should be made he will be bringing information forward for discussion next month and anticipates Mr. LeMaro, Facilities Director, and Mr. Talarski, IBEW representative, will be present.

County Attorney

Mr. Wood did not have a report.

Director of Finance

Mr. Snyder reported the Tobacco Securitization, Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency and Development Corporation's Audits are complete. The Tompkins County Health Consortium audit began today and will continue through the end of the month and the full County audit will take place during the month of May.

Public Information Officer

Ms. Lynch reported the Public Information Advisory Board will be meeting on Thursday and will continue discussing outreach to recruit additional members. In addition the Committee will be discussing the website. She reported attending the Tompkins Connect Jump on Board event to recruit young professionals.

Legislature - continued

Parking Spaces for Legislators

Mr. Klein said after looking into options for parking spaces for Legislators it does not appear there is any simple solution. He said one suggestion is to utilize spots adjacent to the Old Courthouse, however, due to the number of staff working in that building it was not met well. In discussing this issue with the Courts, they too are not willing to trade their spots adjacent to Dewitt Park, citing the reduction of parking spaces during the winter months due to snow piles. The District Attorney and County Clerk, both elected positions, are permitted to use the spots designated for Legislature use. Ms. Kiefer believes Judge Mulvey was agreeable to changing parking spaces at one time.

Mr. Shinagawa said regardless of where the spots are if they are not open for Legislator use, the problem is enforcement. The Committee was informed there were regular checks of the parking

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lot when the Court system had staff manning the downstairs handicap entrance to the Main Courthouse; however, due to budget cuts that position was eliminated.

Mr. Mareane also noted that when there are limited parking spots having six spots open all day and not used could cause discontent with staff.

It was decided to continue this conversation at a future meeting.

Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.