



# Sullivan County

## Management & Budget, Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman George Conklin  
Vice Chairman Michael Brooks  
Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen  
Committee Member Joseph Perrello  
Committee Member Ira Steingart

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**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Government Center**

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Conklin called the Management and Budget Committee to order at 9:07AM.

Alan Sorensen was not present at Roll Call.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairman George Conklin, Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, Joseph Perrello and Ira Steingart  
**Arrived Late:** Alan J. Sorensen

#### Comments:

Luis Alavarez, Nadia Rajs, Robert Doherty, Nicholas Salomone

Josh Potosek, Dan Hust, Mike McGuire, Tom Cawley, Nancy Buck, Janet Young, Angela Chevalier

Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Martha Scoppa, Cat Scott, Rebekah K.

#### Reports:

##### 4. ITS

Chief Information Officer Lorne Green stated he has resolutions on today's agenda. They are #1 and #3 on this agenda.

##### 1. Budget Office

Janet Young, Director of Finance highlighted some affects on Sullivan County of items in the Governor's proposed budget.

At this point, Alan Sorensen joined the meeting at 9:14AM.

##### 2. County Treasurer

County Treasurer Nancy Buck gave an update on the Treasurer's Office.

### 3. County Audit & Control

County Auditor Angela Chevalier had nothing to add to her report.

#### Public Comment

1. Rebekah Kreshnoff made a public comment.
2. Ken Walter made a public comment.
3. Lise Kennedy made a public comment.

Martha Scoppa Public Comment

[ID-5311](#)

**Attachments:** [Public Comment 02-09-23 Mgt & Budgt - Scoppa](#)

Good morning, I'm Lise Kennedy, from Neversink. I'm speaking today about today's Special Meeting agenda. Both resolutions could have been included in the committees which were more appropriate, and then they would have garnered public input and legislative discussion, but as it is, in the Special Meeting format, there will be not public input. This is one of the Chairman's favorite strategies, to call a Special Meeting in order to force his resolutions through fast. It shows disrespect for the legislative process, the democratic process, and towards his fellow legislators, the public, and his constituents. The first agenda item is to assign the county as lead agency for the SEQRA process of development of a new airport terminal, which is supposedly time sensitive. Of course, this resolution could have been brought forward last month in order to give time for discussion and due diligence. Due to environmental factors, there seems to be a conflict of interest for the county to act as lead agency, because the county may not prioritize protecting the public from the dangerous levels of environmental contamination found at this superfund site appropriately over business interests.

[ID-5309](#)

The second resolution is to create a fiscal analyst position in the Budget and Management Department, functioning primarily to analyze fiscal processes at the Adult Care Center and Public Health. Obviously, this could and should have gone through the Management and Budget Committee, but it is being rammed through by Special Meeting. I'm not taking issue with the fact that both Public Health and Management and Budget are have fiscal staff vacancies, as Ms. Buck described recently, and as the PHS report documents. As far as the Adult Care Center, the fiscal staff there are employed by Infiniticare at a cost to the county of \$30,000 per month, but since there have been no reconciliations and very minimal reporting during the year and a half of their contract, financial analysis by the county ASAP would be prudent, to say the least. Fiscal analysis at Public Health seems a bit pointless to me without an FAO in place and the Public Health Director on leave. The top ranking fiscal staff in place there is already a budget analyst. I don't understand why this pricey fiscal analyst position is so urgent when there are other key operational fiscal vacancies which apparently are difficult to fill. It also seems to me quite disrespectful to existing fiscal staff to add this top level position which will not help ease their current work overloads. I suggest that both agenda items on the Special Meeting be tabled so that they can go through committee at least.

### Resolutions:

1. Authorize Software support Agreement for the Allen Tunnel Tax Collection System

[ID-5265](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, seconded by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

2. TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF LIBERTY TO SELL VILLAGE-OWNED PARCELS [ID-5270](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Ira Steingart, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

3. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY MANAGEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES MCGUINNESS & ASSOCIATES, INC. [ID-5275](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

4. To Modify the 2022 Budget [ID-5284](#)

**Attachments:** [Year End #2 2022 Resolution Needed.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

5. To Modify the 2023 Budget [ID-5285](#)

**Attachments:** [January 31 2023 Resolution Needed.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

6. To Amend Resolution # 19-23 to include a clear indication of the fiscal years in which the Fund Balances were created and funded [ID-5286](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Chairman George Conklin, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

7. To Modify the Current Contract with PKF O’Connors Davies [ID-5287](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Ira Steingart, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

8. To Authorize the Award and Execution of an Agreement with Drescher & Malecki, LLP for Countywide Auditing Services [ID-5289](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Ira Steingart, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 2/16/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Conklin, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Sorensen, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Steingart

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Alan Sorensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Ira Steingart. The Management and Budget, Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee was adjourned at 9:46AM.