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COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES – MAY 20, 2025 DEBRA J. CODY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Knapp, Dr. Kelly, Ms. Hernandez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Brown

ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Burtis, Mr. Romeo, also see attached list

Chair Cody called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. **ONONDAGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (OCPL):** Amanda Perrine, Executive Director
 - a. **Amending the 2025 County Budget to Make Funds Available for use by the Onondaga County Public Library for the Purchase of a Vehicle (\$67,000.00)**

PURPOSE:

Onondaga County Public Libraries is seeking legislative approval and financial support for the purchase of a replacement vehicle with wrapping to be used to deliver materials to the 10 City Library locations.

BACKGROUND:

Onondaga County Public Libraries is currently facing the dilemma of operating its materials delivery system using an aging fleet of vehicles. The delivery system's vehicle inventory includes 4 cargo vehicles ranging in age from 10 to 14 years and have all been driven at or above 100,000 miles. There have been over \$80,000.00 in repair expenses incurred by this fleet of vehicles and as the fleet ages, the maintenance costs rise exponentially. The two oldest vehicles (2 ford E350 cargo vans) account for 64% of the total fleet maintenance.

One of the Ford Transit 350 XLT cargo vans was replaced in 2024 to deliver materials to the 19 Suburban Libraries in the System. The requested funding for 2025 will replace the other cargo van that services the 10 city locations. The MSRP is approximately \$62,000 and the vehicle wrapping is approximately \$5,000. It will take approximately 10 months after placing an order to procure this vehicle. Keeping this vehicle fleet current is a critical component to having a viable delivery system. Not addressing the need to replace these aging vehicles would begin to cause major delays in the transport of library materials. Currently our delivery time is 2.5 days which is down from 5 days when we have been short staff or vehicles in the past.

Total ask = \$67,000.00

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A671500 - \$62,000.00

A694100 - \$5,000.00

- This is for a replacement for one vehicle
- There are 4 vehicles, one was replaced last year
- Looking to replace a second one that has almost 150,000 miles on it
 - It drives all around the city five days a week
 - Goes to all 8 branches to pick up items to deliver
 - Items are shared among all 32 libraries in the county
- Viewed as a moving billboard designed for OCPL so that people walking or driving around the bus can see the library and be reminded of it

- This one is similar to the one replaced last year that had 145,000 miles on it, less than current one; 3 days later it was not in service

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- There are some vans designated for the libraries around the county, and this one is for the city, correct?
 - Yes, there are 2 for the county suburbs, 1 for the city and 1 for backup
 - Takes about 9 months to get the vehicle (same vehicles that Amazon uses-high demand)
- Rural libraries like LaFayette and Tully, depend on sharing everything with the other libraries

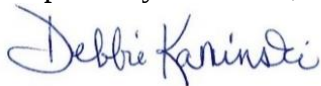
A motion was made by Mr. Knapp to approve this item.

- Is the maintenance for the vehicles already in the budget?
 - Yes, it has all the bells and whistles that new vehicles have
 - For the safety aspects, it has been fantastic; good to have all safety features
- Are the vehicles maintained in-house at WEP?
 - Yes
- If the vehicle (being replaced) lasts for more than 3 days, what is the plan?
 - Trying to figure out whether to keep it for another one just in case, or auction it off if it continues to work

Dr. Kelly seconded the motion. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBBIE KAMINSKI, Assistant Clerk
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ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

DATE: MAY 20, 2025

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Sandy Miller-Martin	FinOps
Amanda Perrine	OCIL
Mark Canten	OCRA
Dan Krantz	CE
Cydney [signature]	CE
John Desantis	Leg
Ethan LaMontagne	Leg
Tim Beebe	Leg
Joe Frateschi	Counsel