

BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

OF THE

DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Committee Chair Truitt called the committee to order at 5:50 p.m.

PRESENT 10 ATKINS, BOLNER, EDWARDS, JOHNSON, METZGER,
PAGE, POLASEK, PULVER, SAGLIANO, and TRUITT

ABSENT: 1 CASWELL

PRESENT/LATE: 1 KEITH

QUORUM PRESENT

Committee Chair Truitt entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, to allow the public to address the Committee on agenda items.

No one wishing to speak, Committee Chair Truitt entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, and the regular order of business was resumed.

Fiscal Update Presentation given by Budget Director Jess White. The presentation is attached hereto.

**2021135 PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY THROUGH
IN REM FORECLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS
CONVEYING SAID PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY**

The foregoing resolution was pulled by the Department of Finance on August 5, 2021.

**2021136 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018049 AS IT PERTAINS TO A RESERVE
ACCOUNT FOR THE SHARED SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM**

On motion by Majority Leader Bolner, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Metzger, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Budget, Finance, & Personnel Committee with Legislator Caswell being absent.

**2021137 AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (“ARP”) FUNDS
AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND
AMENDING THE 2021 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

On motion by Majority Leader Bolner, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Metzger, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Budget, Finance, & Personnel Committee with Legislator Polasek recused from voting and Legislator Caswell being absent.

2021138 AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY SELF-INSURED WORKERS COMPENSATION PLAN PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW # 6 OF 2013

At this time, Chair Pulver entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Public Officers Law 105, to discuss pending litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Chair Pulver entertained a motion from the floor, which was seconded and carried, to close Executive Session and resume the regular order of business.

On motion by Majority Leader Bolner, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Metzger, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Budget, Finance, & Personnel Committee with Minority Leader Edwards, Assistant Minority Leader Page, and Legislator Atkins voting no and Legislator Caswell being absent.

2021139 DENIAL OF A REFUND APPLICATION OF A TAX BILL – TOWN OF FISHKILL

On motion by Majority Leader Bolner, duly seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Metzger, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Budget, Finance, & Personnel Committee with Legislator Caswell being absent.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Fiscal Update



August 5, 2021

2020 Annual Update and Fund Balance:

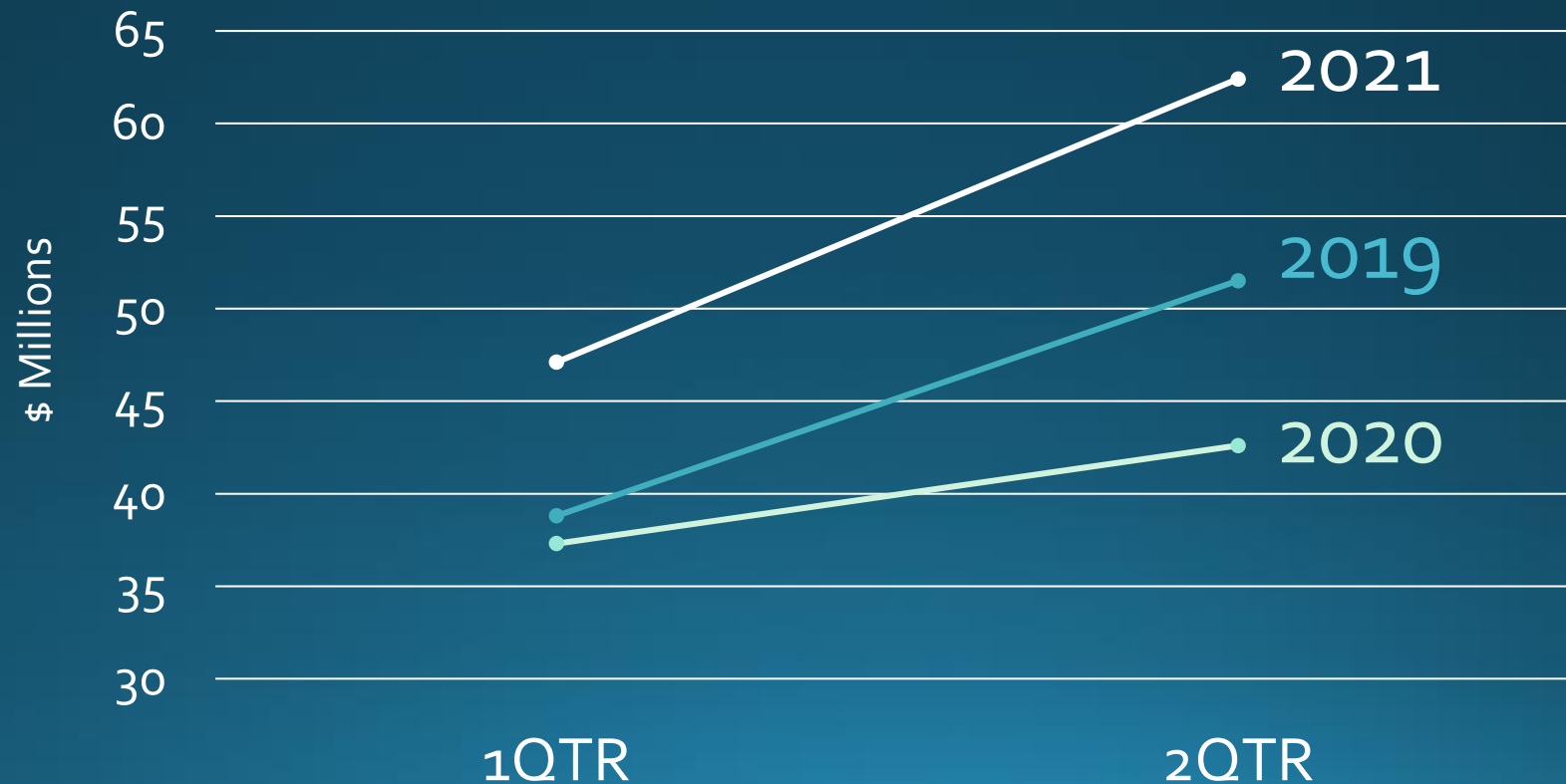
- General fund revenue decreased \$16.8 million
 - Sales Tax (\$8.6M)
 - State Aid (\$7.5M)
- General fund expense decreased \$13.7 million
 - Pandemic shutdown of programs and services
 - Mandated programs lower costs
- Fund Balance
 - Unassigned Fund Balance totals \$60 million
 - 1–2 months operating– \$38–76 million



2021

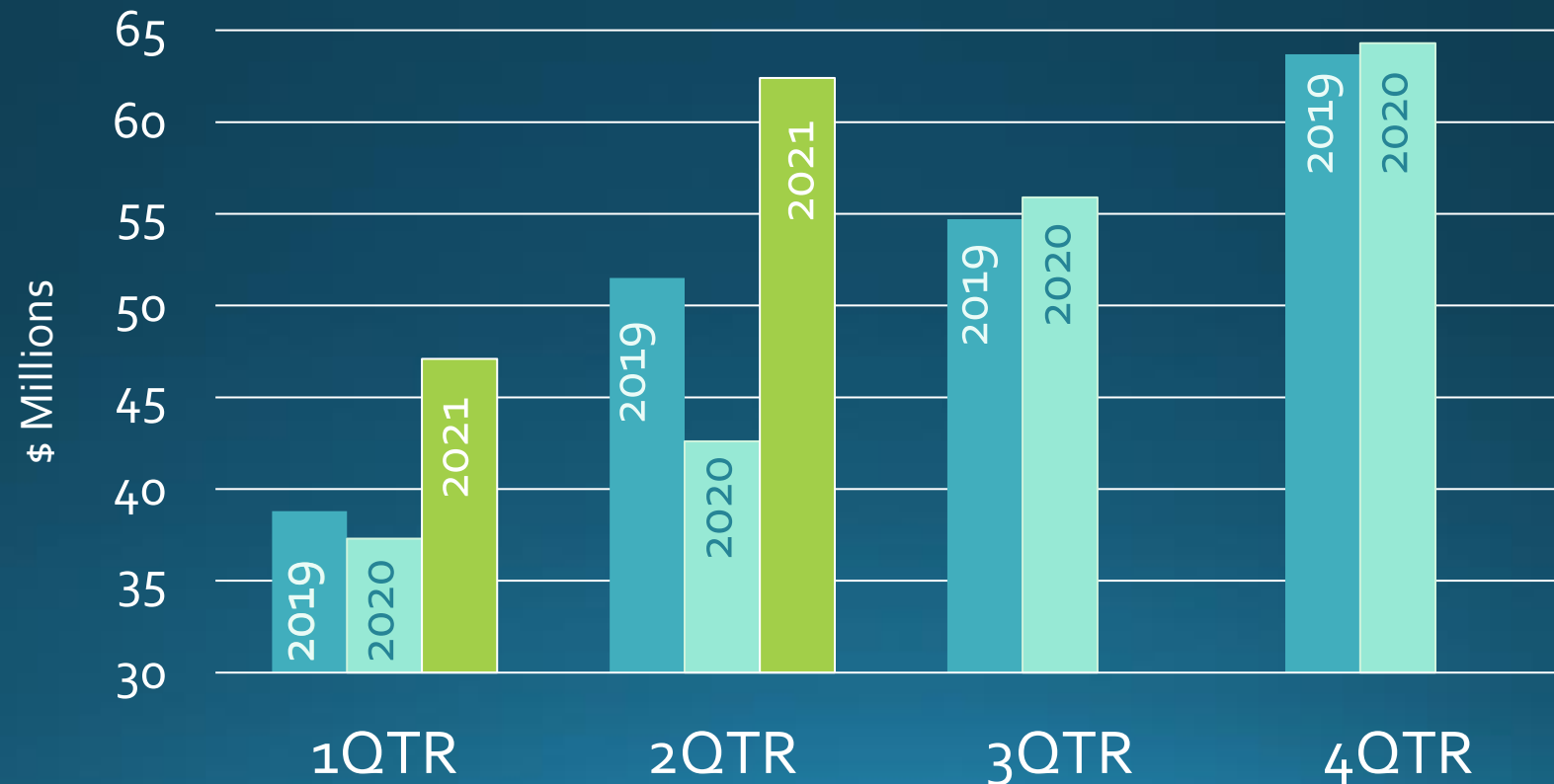
Sales Tax:

- 2021 Adopted Budget down (1.75%) compared to 2019 including the \$1.3M AIM withholding as well as \$1.2M distressed provider assistance
- Actual through 2nd QTR 21% higher than 2019



Sales Tax:

- Last 2 quarters of 2020 rebounded
- Actual YTD through 2nd QTR 21% higher than 2019



Other Revenue:

- Casino Revenue projected to meet budget projection
- Hotel Tax projected to meet budget projection
- Interest income and other revenues expected to be on budget

Expenses:

- DBCH, Emergency Response and other departments will submit a combined resolution to replenish funds that have been diverted to pay for vaccination clinics and outreach which were FEMA funded
- Primarily for COVID Resource Assistant positions and COVID Public Health Advisors with 65 positions approved and various positions filled. Latest count of 14 in the last pay period.
 - Used for contact tracing, data analysis and updating, and other related outreach and COVID-19 related tasks.

Expenses:

- We will be moving money around to the extent necessary to fund 19 positions:

Finance (4)

Comptroller (1)

HR (2)

DPW Roads (2)

Youth (1)

OCIS (1)

Legislature (1)

DCFS (4)

Planning (1)

Sheriff (2)

*Does not include positions funded at partial year who were filled early.

ARP:

- Allocated:

- Youth Center– \$10M
- Youth Grants– Learn, Play, Create– \$3.1 M
- Dutchess Stadium \$12.2M
- Parks Master Plan Projects– \$5M
- Municipal Investment Grant– \$1 M
- Build Now– NY Shovel Ready Certification at HV Regional Airport– \$350,000
- LDC– Small business economic assistance– \$300,000

- Timeline:

- Interim Report– August 31, 2021
- Project and Expenditure Report– October 31, 2021, then Quarterly
- Plan Performance Report– August 31, 2021



QUESTIONS?