MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: Jack Moffitt, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: May 26, 2020

RE: Matters of Urgency – File Nos. 20-0198 and 20-0199

20-0198 Authorizing Contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated to Provide Employees and Contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 Testing to Comply with New York State’s Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 as it Relates to the COVID-19 State of Emergency - As a Matter of Urgency – County Executive Adam Bello


Per President Dr. Joe Carbone, the attached communications are declared to be Matters of Urgency pursuant to Section 545-24(A)(3) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature and eligible for consideration at the May 26, 2020 Special Meeting of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated to Provide Employees and Contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 Testing to Comply with the New York State’s Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 as it Relates to the COVID-19 State of Emergency

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, in a total amount not to exceed $1,500,000, to provide employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) with COVID-19 testing to comply with the New York State’s Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 as it relates to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, for the period of May 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

The Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 states that Nursing Home employees must be tested twice weekly to help stop the spread of COVID-19 to its vulnerable population. Quest Diagnostics Incorporated can handle the volume, approximately 1,500 tests weekly, that MCH’s staff will create. MCH must maintain a certain level of staffing to ensure proper resident care and safety.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 500 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, in a total amount not to exceed $1,500,000, along with any amendments necessary, to provide employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 testing to comply with the New York State’s Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 and any extensions or modifications thereof pursuant to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, for the period of May 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
Funding for this contract is included in the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Finance, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, nor its principal officer, Stephen H. Rusckowski, CEO, owe any delinquent Monroe County Property taxes.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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By Legislators _______ and _________

Intro. No. ___

RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2020

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS OF MONROE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WITH COVID-19 TESTING TO COMPLY WITH NEW YORK STATE'S GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.30 AS IT RELATES TO THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract, with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, in a total amount not to exceed $1,500,000, along with any amendments necessary to provide employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 testing to comply with the New York State’s Governor’s Executive Order 202.30, and any extensions or modifications thereof, pursuant to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, for the period of May 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Section 2. Funding for this contract is included in the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Finance, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 20-0

ADOPTION: Date: _______________ Vote: _________

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _______ VETOED: _______

SIGNATURE: ________________________ DATE: _______________

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: ________________________
May 26, 2020

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Bi-Partisan Legislative Action to Create of Six (6) New Positions in the Monroe County Board of Elections and Amend the 2020 Operating Budget

Honorable Legislators:

We recommend this Honorable Body create (6) additional staff positions within the Monroe County Board of Elections to be filled equally by three (3) Republicans and three (3) Democrats in accordance with New York State Election Law.

The Board of Elections conducts all national, state, county, city and town elections in Monroe County. Its two Commissioners and their staff provide the technical, clerical, and mechanical skills to provide services, including bilingual assistance, and information and statistical data to legislators, governmental agencies and to the public.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented and unforeseen changes to the way elections are conducted across the County - including right here in Monroe County. Attempting to hold traditional elections while adhering to social distancing guidelines and proper sanitation standards have drastically altered voting practices. Additionally, Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order to mail absentee ballot application to all who qualify has placed additional strain on an already overburdened workforce.

The impact of these changes will continue beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The new political calendar has turned what was once considered seasonal fluctuations into a year-round, full-scale operation. As a result, the Board of Elections must have adequate staffing to meet its mission of providing the highest degree of voter participation in honest and fair elections for all citizens of New York in compliance with all election laws and regulations.

At the joint-request of the Board of Elections Commissioners, we are recommending this Honorable Body authorize the creation of six (6) following new positions at the Board of Elections:

(2) Assistant Deputy Commissioners – Group 20
(1) Supervisor of Training and Recruitment – Group 15
(1) Supervisor of Information Services – Group 15
(1) Supervisor of Absentee Voting – Group 10
(1) Senior Trainer – Group 10
In accordance with Section 35(f) of the Civil Service Law of the State of New York, all Board of Elections positions are considered Unclassified service and therefore do not require classification action by the Civil Service Commission.

The estimated cost of these positions, including salaries and benefits, is approximately $220,000 for the remainder of FY 2020. No additional net county support is required, as already established intergovernmental charges for election services will fund these positions. The cost of these positions will be recouped via the 2021 chargeback for election services.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Create the following positions in the Monroe County Board of Elections:

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2. Amend the 2020 operating budget of the Board of Elections, by appropriating $220,000 of unassigned fund balance to general fund 9001, funds center 2003010000, BOE Support.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Brew  
Republican Majority Leader

Vincent R. Felder  
Democratic Minority Leader
RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2020

CREATING SIX (6) NEW POSITIONS IN MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND AMENDING 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The following positions are hereby created in the Monroe County Board of Election:
1. Two (2) Assistant Deputy Commissioners, Group 20;
2. One (1) Supervisor of Training and Recruitment, Group 15;
3. One (1) Supervisor of Information Services, Group 15;
4. One (1) Supervisor of Absentee Voting, Group 10;
5. One (1) Senior Trainer, Group 10.

Section 2. The 2020 operating budget is hereby amended by appropriating $220,000 of unassigned fund balance to general fund 9001, funds center 2003010000, BOE Support.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 20-

ADOPTION: Date: ________ Vote: ________

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: ________ VETOED: ________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ______________

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: ___________________________