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County legislators worked into the early morning---making two major votes during their meeting last night.... We had a crew at the county office building past midnight...tracking two major votes during the legislature meeting. Just after eleven last night...the monroe county legislature approved the one billion dollar county budget...18 to eleven. Then around midnight it unanimously approved 28-million dollars for the first round of funding for monroe community college's downtown campus. We spoke with m-c-c's president anne kress...after the six hour long meeting. Dr. Anne kress, president mcc: it was a night that lasted 20 years. M.C.C. Has been working for 20 years to get funding for a permanent for a downtown campus. We couldn't be happier. We would have stayed here until tomorrow....we almost did...if it was necessary. We are just delighted." we don't know where the downtown campus will be--- mayor richards would like it to stay in the sibley building--- but mcc has been looking at moving the campus to the kodak building on state street.

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It was a very long night at the monroe county legislature. Up for debate and vote was county executive maggie brooks' proposed budget for 2013...as well as the monroe community college bonding resolution. In the end, both were approved. After more than four hours of debate, the billion dollar budget passed. It's the first billion dollar budget in monroe county history. And in the end, legislators voted along party lines...18 republicans to 11 democrats. The m-c-c bonding resolution allows m-c-c to redevelop its current downtown campus at the sibley building, or to build a new campus near kodak headquarters on state street... Which is what the m-c-c board has said it would prefer. "it's larger, it provides room for growth, it provides room for the important student life programing that helps build the student leaders that you heard arguing for the campus on behalf of their colleagues and peers. It adds oportunities for new programs around workforce development and the arts. It allows us to co-locate with some of our important partners like rochesterworks to do more with pre-collegiate programs." the next step in this process... The county legislature will eventually come back and vote whether or not to buy the property at the kodak site.

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County Budget, MCC Bond Agreement Passes After Long Legislative Session WROC-TV - Online

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breaking news

County Budget, MCC Bond Agreement Passes After Long Legislative Session

By: Chris Wannagat

Updated: December 12, 2012

It was a long night at the Monroe County Office Building Tuesday, but legislators have approved County Executive Maggie Brooks' new budget.

The \$1.18 billion dollar budget passed on party lines.

It includes no increase in property taxes, but does include a snow removal fee for homeowners in the suburbs.

Democrats tried to fight it calling it a tax, despite Brooks' claims of no new taxes.

One reason Tuesday's meeting went so long was the debate over the MCC bonding agreement for a downtown campus.

Legislators had to even make a move to extend the meeting beyond midnight.

In the end, the move passed unanimously 29-0 and garnered applause.

This vote secures \$28 million for the school.

Many hope this will allow the school to move from the Sibley Building to an old Kodak building on State Street.

The plan though is not site specific.

MCC's president still called this a big win.

"Those are discussions that are continuing in terms of acquiring properties, so it makes complete sense for it to be not site specific at this point," said President Anne Kress. "The reality is we need the funds for a downtown campus and that's what we achieved this evening."

Despite the location debate, both sides agreed the new bond will be a huge benefit to MCC students.

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Let MCC move the Damon Center

I am the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the College at Mount Holyoke College, and I would not be where I am today were it not for Monroe Community College. During a recent visit to Rochester for my induction into the MCC Alumni Hall of Fame, I learned the exciting news about the college's effort to relocate its downtown campus. This relocation _ finally a campus students can call their own _is encouraging news and long overdue!

I began my college education as a non-traditional student at MCC's Damon City Campus in the mid-1990s. In addition to needing a college experience that taught me how to be a college student, I needed access to an institution that was in the downtown area and that would allow me to continue working full time. MCC was the right choice and taking classes at Damon was the best decision I could have made.

In my role at Mount Holyoke, I oversee everything related to student life on campus. I have seen first-hand the impact of quality services, facilities, and environments on student learning. I have learned that the institutions that commit the necessary time, energy, and resources to creating an exceptional college experience do the best job of inspiring student success and preparing our future leaders. By developing this new campus and expanding programs and services, MCC will be creating the kind of environment and experience that will serve students and the community for many years to come.

As I thought about my recent visit, the honor that was bestowed upon me, and my time as a student at MCC, it struck me that a new downtown campus can only enhance the college's role in the community. As an institution of opportunity, MCC helps people, like me, change their lives, and this strengthens all of Greater Rochester. That is exactly the kind of place we want our family members to begin their college education. That is exactly the kind of place we want as a launching pad for all careers.

It is my sincere hope that the people and leaders of Monroe County will see the same opportunity I see and do all they can to support MCC. Let us work together to create a downtown campus that students and the city deserve.

CERRI A. BANKS, SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

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CBS This Morning

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WROC-TV

12/12/2012

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**bond resolution for Monroe community college downtown
WHAM-AM**

12/12/2012

legislators unanimously passed a sign up on a bond resolution for Monroe community college downtown campus family 28 million still no word on exactly where that campus will be located.

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**Good Morning Rochester: Your need to know for Wednesday
Democrat and Chronicle - Online**

12/12/2012

County passes budget, OKs MCC bonding. The Monroe County Legislature on Tuesday adopted a \$1.2 billion budget for 2013, and legislators unanimously authorized issuing \$28 million in bonds for the construction and possible acquisition of new property for a MCC campus downtown.

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Monroe County passes budget, approves MCC bonding Democrat and Chronicle - Online

12/12/2012

The Monroe County Legislature on Tuesday adopted a \$1.2 billion budget for 2013 that assesses nearly \$6 million in new fees to homeowners for snow plowing in the suburbs and to subsidize the funerals of county residents who die penniless.

Legislators convened for more than five hours before approving the spending plan as it was proposed by the administration of County Executive Maggie Brooks by a party-line vote of 18-11.

Following the vote, legislators unanimously authorized issuing \$28 million in bonds for the construction and possible acquisition of new property for a Monroe Community College in downtown Rochester.

The resolution purposely did not indicate a site for the campus. Its language was carefully crafted to assure buy-in from Democrats by assuaging their concerns that relocating the college to Eastman Kodak Co. corporate headquarters, as college trustees want, is a foregone conclusion.

Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards, a Democrat, has advocated for keeping MCC at its current location in the Sibley Building on Main Street and some Democratic legislators have shown signs of falling in line behind him.

The vote on the budget was delayed for hours by a series of amendments proposed by Democrats that all failed along party lines.

None of the proposed changes involved substantial amounts of money, and on several occasions debate over them devolved into arguments over legislative process and procedure that held up the proceedings for minutes on end.

Most of the budget's highlights were revealed weeks ago, including the notable development that for the first time in nine years the county is predicting a reduction in projected deficits for the following two fiscal years.

The combined projected deficits for 2014 and 2015 fell to \$95 million from \$106 million last year.

But it was the snow removal fee that garnered the most attention. It had become the subject of intense public ridicule in recent weeks, less for its relatively modest out-of-pocket burden on suburban homeowners than for the administration's deadpan denial that the fee was akin to a new tax.

In unveiling her budget a month ago, Brooks highlighted her administration's commitment to holding the property tax rate flat at \$8.99 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the ninth consecutive year and denied that the spending plan contained any new charges for services.

It was only under questioning during budget hearings two weeks later that the administration acknowledged it planned to charge suburban homeowners a fee of roughly \$15 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation to cover \$5.3 million in snow plowing costs.

The move raised questions about the sincerity of the county executive's claims about keeping taxes flat and increased scrutiny on her administration's growing reliance on service fees, also known as "chargebacks," to pay for services that have traditionally been financed through the tax levy.

With the passage of the budget, the amount of chargebacks will have more than tripled during the Brooks administration

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to almost \$40 million. By contrast, the property tax levy next year is about \$353 million.

In casting his vote for the budget, Majority Leader Anthony Daniele, a Republican who represents Pittsford and East Rochester, described how people had stopped him in grocery stores to gripe about the fee.

Defending the administration, he called the budget “fiscally prudent and responsible.”

“It’s a philosophy, a discipline, a diligence this administration has” to maintaining the property tax rate, Daniele said.

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MCC Bonding Vote Approved WHTK-AM - Online

12/12/2012

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MCC's board of trustees and president, Anne Kress, want to move the campus to a Kodak site near Frontier Field.

County Executive Maggie Brooks and many Republican legislators agree that move would provide the most room for growth.

The legislature also approved Brooks' proposed budget for next year in an 18 to 11 party-line vote.

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Legislators Approve MCC Bond Vote & Budget Your News Now (YNN) Finger Lakes - Online

12/12/2012

It was a long night at the Monroe County Legislature. Up for debate and vote Tuesday night was County Executive Maggie Brooks' proposed budget for 2013 and the Monroe Community College bonding resolution.

Legislators approved both.

After more than four hours of debate, the billion dollar budget passed. It's the first billion dollar budget in Monroe County history. Legislators voted along party lines, 18 Republicans to 11 Democrats.

The process started around 6 p.m. Tuesday and was heavily debated as legislators reviewed the budget line by line.

One proposal that sparked a lot of debate concerned the Indigent Burial Program. The county provides up to \$1,250 for costs associated with cremation and burial for the poor.

County Democrats and some local homeless supporters called for restoring \$600 per case to the Indigent Burial Fund, but two separate amendments to the budget proposal were voted down 11 to 18 on a GOP party line.

Around midnight, legislators unanimously approved the MCC bonding resolution. It allows MCC to redevelop its current downtown campus at the Sibley Building, or to build a new campus at the Kodak site, which is what the MCC board has indicated it would prefer.

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Tuesday's night, however, was a brief pause in the debate as both sides celebrated the beginning of a project aimed at benefiting local students.

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13WHAM News at 11:00

13WHAM News at 11 PM - WHAM-TV

12/11/2012

the future of mcc's downtown campus in the sibley building hinges on a key vote tonight. Monroe county lawmakers are deciding whether to approve financing for mcc's downtown campus. Good evening, I'm ginny ryan. And I'm don alhart. The college's board wants to move from the sibley building to the kodak site on state street. The vote to bond for expenses-- is not related to the location.

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Fox First at 10

TVEyes National Ad Value: \$549,153.50

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Fox First at 10 PM - WUHF-TV

12/11/2012

A packed room tonight for the budget vote in monroe county. The legislature's considering a 1- point-8 billion dollar spending plan. But it's the portion of the plan that has to do with monroe community college, that sparked debate tonight. Vanessa herring joins us live from the county office building to explain. Tonight the legislature will vote on a 28 million dollar bond for the college, which many hope will help expand the campus to the Kodak Building on State St. Current and former students along with professors and staff all spoke, urging the legislature to vote in favor of the bond. They say the current campus in the Sibley Building doesn't provide any green space, enough places for students to eat, or affordable parking. Supporters say the expansion is desperately needed. The legislature has yet to vote on the bond.

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13WHAM News at 5:30

13WHAM News at 5 PM - WHAM-TV

12/11/2012

a big vote tonight- to determin the future of mcc's downtown campus! Good evening- monroe county lawmakers are voting on \$28 million in funding for an mcc downtown campus. But- just where will it be? The college's board wants to buy several kodak offices on state street and move the campus there. But rochester's mayor wants the campus to stay put! 13 wham's adam chodak joins us live with details. Both mcc and Mayor Richards are encouraging legislators to pass this bonding resolution.

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**Vote on MCC's downtown campus
Today Show - NBC News Network - Online**

12/11/2012

News10NBC will be tracking what happens at Tuesday's Monroe County Legislature meeting where officials will vote whether to move forward with moving Monroe Community College's downtown campus from the Sibley building to Kodak's location on State Street.

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Your News Now (YNN) Rochester**

12/11/2012

The monroe county legislature is scheduled to vote on next year's budget today. That tops your morning news in a minute. Democrats in the monroe county legislature held a news conference ahead of today's vote... Criticizing county executive maggie brooks' spending plan. They accuse her of "playing games" with your tax bill. Brooks says the spending plan is a fair way to pay for the increased cost of services. The legislature is also expected to vote on a bonding resolution today... That Monroe county legislature is also expected to vote on a bonding resolution today... That would pay for a new downtown campus for monroe community college. Brooks says the resolution would pay for rebuilding... And a possible property purchase for the downtown campus. Right now it's in the sibley building. Mayor tom richards supports the bonding resolution... But he wants to keep m-c-c at sibley. Brooks would like to see it moved to property next to kodak's world headquarters on state street. The resolutions would authorize the county to issue bonds worth 28 million dollars. The wording doesn't nail down a specific site for the new campus.

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**County Legislature Voting On MCC Funding Tuesday
WHAM-TV - Online**

12/10/2012

County Legislature Voting On MCC Funding Tuesday

Rochester, N.Y. - The Monroe County Legislature is expected to vote on funding for a new downtown campus for Monroe Community College on Tuesday night.

However, the location of the new campus has yet to be determined.

City of Rochester leaders want MCC to remain in the Sibley building, but MCC wants to move to Kodak offices on State Street.

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13WHAM News Midday
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**Borrowing For New MCC Campus - Rochester, News, Weather, Sports, and Events -
13WHAM.com
WHAM-TV - Online**

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Borrowing For New MCC Campus

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Vote could decide future of M.C.C.'s downtown location Today Show - NBC News Network - Online

12/10/2012

An important vote is set for Tuesday that could decide where the downtown campus for the Monroe Community College is located.

M.C.C. and county republicans favor the Kodak location on State Street, but they'll need at least two votes from democrats who want to keep the downtown campus in the Sibley Building. Rochester Mayor Tom Richards agreed not to stand in the way of the first round of funding for the \$72-million project.

Mayor Richards signed off to the county's list of capital projects including a new downtown M.C.C campus because language specifically identifying the Kodak site was removed. And he said Democratic lawmakers can vote their conscience on the funding. However, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks says the mayor's agreement moves the M.C.C. project forward to a likely "yes" vote at Tuesday's county legislature meeting.

In a taping of Rochester in Focus for Sunday morning, M.C.C. President Dr. Anne Kress outlined the benefits of the Kodak buildings over the Sibley building.

"Number one among the site criteria was the ability to build a true college campus for our downtown students," said Kress. "Not a couple of floors in a building, not part of a building somewhere, but really give our students that full college experience. That, plus the reduced cost of the Kodak location really pushed it over the top."

A student survey showed overwhelming support for moving to the Kodak site.

"Oh my goodness. It's bigger, it's brighter. It's very accessible," said M.C.C. student Veronica Alexander. "A lot of people say it's not downtown, but it is. If you ask city residents, it is downtown. We're comfortable with that location. I've asked several students how they feel about it. They like the move. They like the idea of having bigger classrooms."

Mayor Richards denies he favors the Sibley location because it would prop up the future of Sibley and its new owner, the Winn Companies of Boston.

"Downtown is different than it was a year ago, let alone 10 years ago when M.C.C first went down there. So that's what we have to think about. And by the way, the Kodak site is very different. When the decision to go there was made, Kodak was a viable entity and now it's bankrupt," said Mayor Richards.