

## LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman A. Johnson; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, Hunter, Thompson, Wood, Sausville, Southworth, Wright and Yepsen; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Paul Pelagalli, Ass't County Attorney; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Sam Pitcherelle, Treasurer; Ed Tremblay, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Alan Kempf, Janet Glenn, Public Health; Jim DiPasquale, Richard Doyle, Sewer District #1; John Murray, County Auditor; Ed Hernandez, Larry Rogers, Delaware Engineering; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Kathy Marchione, County Clerk; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Jennifer Ciulla, Publications Specialist; Press.

Chairman A. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Thompson the minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the following was approved unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with NYS Department of Health for the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) for the period April 1, 2008, 2013 to enter into subcontracts and to amend the 2008 budget.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is something that was done through a contract the State had with the Upper Hudson consortium. They want to begin doing this with local Public Health nurses services. The cost for the program for this year would be \$38,000 and slightly over \$100,000 in 2009, which is all funded by the State.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Wood the following was approved by the following vote: Ayes – A. Johnson, Daly, Grattidge, Hunter Wood – Noes – Thompson.**

### **PERSONNEL**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into amended contracts for Contract Psychiatrists to increase the hourly rate to \$115 per hour.**

Mr. Wickerham said the Personnel committee has been looking at psychiatrist's salaries, as the county tries to increase the number of psychiatrists in the county Mental Health facility. One of the ways that they deal with this is by hiring contract psychiatrists rather than employees. Through negotiations, services were able to be secured at a rate of \$115/hr., which seems to be the going rate. The Personnel committee recommended that

the hourly rate for psychiatrists be increased from \$104/hr. to \$115/hr. This will allow for the hiring of one new psychiatrist, as well as retaining the ones that are currently on staff.

Mr. Thompson asked if the job was a 40/hr per week job? Mr. Wickerham said, the county works on a 35/hr week, but these positions are fillers, not full time employees. They bill for actual hours worked.

Mr. Angstadt said they are not full time employees. They work anywhere from 14/hr to 21/hr per week. They are only paid for the hours that they actually work with no benefits.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Daly the following was approved unanimously.**

### **SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into renewal agreements with Saratoga Bridges to conduct the Disability Navigator Program and amending the 2008 budget to accept \$75,000 in State Aid to pay for the program.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is a federal program, where Saratoga Bridges provides training for the disabled for specific jobs and also a work format for people to move into unsubsidized jobs. These are all federal funds, 100% funded through the Workforce Employment Act.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Thompson the following were approved unanimously.**

- **Authorizing the transfer of \$8,700 from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund and amending the 2008 budget to allow for the purchase of equipment needed for the neutering of male cats before adoption.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with Advanced Network Services (ANS) to erect radio towers in the Towns of Milton and Providence for a total cost of \$379,765.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item authorizes the purchase of some equipment for the neutering of male cats. The funds will be used from the Animal Shelter trust funds. When the new shelter is finally built, it will be used for the spaying and neutering of all cats and dogs.

The second item is authorizing contracts for the construction of the first two radio towers. This was put out to bid with Advanced Network Services as the low bidder. There were five responders to the bid with the second bid of \$383,754 with the highest bid over \$500,000.

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Thompson the following was approved unanimously.

**EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT**

- **Accepting tender offers on four parcels in the Town of Providence for a total repayment of \$2,896.44.**

**CHAIRMAN'S ITEM**

- **Re-appointing Thomas Lewis and Christopher Barclay to the Saratoga County Planning Board for terms to expire May 31, 2013.**

**LAW AND FINANCE**

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Wood the following was approved unanimously.

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements for the Saratoga County Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion as follows:**

<b>General Construction:</b>	<b>Jett Industries</b>	<b>\$37,949,000</b>
<b>Electrical:</b>	<b>Gross Electric</b>	<b>\$ 5,978,000</b>
<b>Plumbing:</b>	<b>Merit Plumbing</b>	<b>\$ 199,478</b>
<b>HVAC:</b>	<b>J&amp;K Plumbing &amp; Heating</b>	<b>\$ 1,137,000</b>
<b>Special Testing:</b>	<b>QC/QA</b>	<b>\$ 56,800</b>

Mr. Wickerham said the above item is a list of contract bids for the sewer expansion. Bids were received for all five contracts. The total for the bids is approximately \$45.4 million. The total project approved was \$50 million. Notification was received that the comptroller has approved this, therefore, if the bids are accepted construction will likely begin in 2008.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Wood the following was approved unanimously.**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$5,000 Legislative grant from Senator Joseph Bruno under the Clerk to the Board to be used for historical markers and amending the budget in relation thereto.**

Mr. Wickerham said approximately 10 years ago a program was put into place where money was made available to town historians for historical sites as well as cemeteries for a book to be made for a walking tour.

Ms. Ciulla said the money is strictly for the creation of the historical marker book and maps.

**On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the following was approved unanimously.**

- **Referring the petition of the Village of Stillwater to extend the boundaries of Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 to the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter the following was approved unanimously.**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with InfoQuick Solutions to provide digitization of additional County Clerk records beyond mortgages and deeds up to the full amount appropriated for digitization services.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county has a contract with InfoQuick Solutions (IQS), which is who the County Clerk contracts with to digitize various records. The original resolution called for the digitization of mortgages and deeds. These have all been brought up to date, but there are other documents that need to be done with additional funds still available through the grants. The rate would be the same at 17 cents per page.

Mr. Thompson asked if this was the end to the digitization? Mrs. Marchione said probably not, as the contract will only run for 1 ½ years. The funds will probably not be available to complete everything in the office that needs to be done.

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation. Unanimous.**

**No action was taken.**

**On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom