

## LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Hargrave; Supervisors Gutheil, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Peck, Thompson, Wood, Daly, Keyrouze, Sausville, and Lucia; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Robert Kingbury, Data Processing; Rick Gardner, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Jack Murray, County Auditor; John F. Nolan, Republican County Chairman; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health, Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the September 5, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Gutheil, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the following was approved unanimously.**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to apply for and accept a snowmobile trail grant in an amount not to exceed \$89,000.**

Mr. Wickerham said the County is applying for the entire grant for the region, which is \$89,000. The clubs will actually do the grooming of the trails and will bill the county. The County is the pass through agent.

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

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Mid-State Industries, Ltd. for roof replacement on Buildings #1 and #3 in an amount not to exceed \$429,500 and amending the budget to transfer \$79,500 from contingency.**

Mr. Wickerham said one of the capital projects is the roof replacement of building #1. The Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Board of Supervisors decided to extend that and include building #3. The project went out for bid with the bids coming back higher by approximately \$80,000. The money will need to be transferred from the contingency budget in order to complete the project. When that is done the contingency budget will be down to approximately \$61,000.

Mr. Gutheil said “we are dipping quite a bit into the contingency budget, with the size of our budget we are going to have to watch it between now and the end of the year”.

**On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Johnson the following were approved unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$50,000 Legislative Member Item Grant in the District Attorney’s Office from Senator Bruno and amending the budget in relation thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Adirondack Network Services of Albany to install antennas on the National Grid Tower at a cost not to exceed \$99,250.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to provide structural analysis and onsite inspection of our tower equipment being installed on a FAA radio tower in Stillwater in an amount not to exceed \$26,700.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is a member item from Senator Bruno. This is actually for the District Attorney’s Association of New York State. District Attorney, Jim Murphy is the president of the organization this year and the money will be distributed by him for a conference that will be held in New York City in 2008.

The second item is the installation of antennas on the National Grid Tower. The \$99,250 is for both the antenna and the installation of the antenna. There were two bids and this was the low bid. The second bid was for \$113,000.

The third item is for tower work in the Town of Stillwater. The FAA has a tower and will allow the county to put their antenna on their tower provided that they do a structural analysis and on site inspection and will charge the county \$26,700 for that purpose.

Mr. Gutheil said with regard to National Grid, is there a fee and if so, how much? Mr. Lent said, there was no fee.

Mrs. Johnson said she understood that the grant from Senator Bruno was for two conferences.

Mr. Johnson said there are two conferences, the other will be held at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs.

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

### **SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Saratoga Bridges to provide a Disability Program Navigator at a cost of \$54,000 from October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.**

Mr. Wickerham said last month the Social Programs committee authorized a program, but did not have a provider for it. They have since gone out for proposals. This is to administer what is called a Disability Program Navigator. The program is designed to bring more disabled people into the workforce and give them the necessary training. The cost of the program is \$54,000, which is covered through a State grant with no County impact.

### **SUPERVISOR'S ITEM**

- **Honoring the memory of Joe Riley former Supervisor from the Town of Clifton Park.**

### **LAW AND FINANCE**

**On a motion made by Mr. Gutheil, seconded by Mr. Peck the following item was approved unanimously.**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Computer Professionals International (CPI) to provide computer system engineering at a cost not to exceed \$19,980.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is an agreement with Computer Professionals International to provide engineering. They are on a State contract and were selected by the county a few years ago to be the computer engineers for all configurations. The county is looking to migrate away from the T-1 lines that currently handle all the network and Internet facilities, and move to a cable system. It is expected that the savings will be approximately \$8,000 per year.

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Netsmart to provide services relative to the replacement of existing billing software and hardware for the Mental Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$89,600.**

Mr. Wickerham said the Mental Health department is looking for a replacement for their existing billing software. The current provider is Netsmart. As the system is rather outdated, there are only a few providers that provide this specialized software for Mental Health Departments in New York State. The Mental Health Department wishes to stay with Netsmart, but would like to upgrade the system. The total amount would be \$89,600. The funds are currently available within the Mental Health budget.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Netsmart to provide services relative to the replacement of existing billing software and hardware for the Mental Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$89,600.**

Mr. Gutheil asked if it was possible to estimate how much would be for software and how much would be for hardware and how will the hardware be purchased? Will it be out to bid or a State contract?

Mr. Kingsbury said the hardware would be purchased through a State Contract.

Mr. Gutheil asked how much of the \$89,600 might be hardware? Mr. Lehr said it was all software, training and development. There is no hardware included in the \$89,600.

Mr. Hellwig said the hardware piece could be purchased within the Mental Health budget. We needed the contract approval for the software, \$89,600. The purchase of hardware and software is done on an ongoing basis through departments when PC's and servers are replaced.

Mr. Gutheil said the total expenditure would actually be \$127,200 when money is spent for the hardware.

Mr. Gutheil asked about maintenance agreements on the software. Mr. Lehr said, there is an annual maintenance cost with this upgrade. The cost will go up \$2,000 from the current annual cost of approximately \$46,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Thompson to amend the original resolution to exclude hardware. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Netsmart to provide services relative to the replacement of existing billing software for the Mental Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$89,600. Unanimous.**

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

- **Reappointing Carol Holley to the position of Director of Real Property Tax Services III for a term to expire on September 30, 2013.**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Peck the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom