

## LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2007–4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Hargrave; Supervisors Gutheil, A. Johnson, Peck, Thompson, Wood, Daly, Callanan, Trottier, Grattidge and Sausville; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Jasper Nolan, Saratoga County Republican Chairman; Wes Carr, Water Project Coordinator; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Diane Wade, Bill Fuci, Elections; Jack Murray, County Auditor; Alice Richmond, Office for the Aging; Jim DiPasquale, Sewer District; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Jack Kalinkewicz, Personnel; Helen Endres, Alan Kempf, Public Health; Jamie O'Neill, Planning; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Peck the minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.**

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

### WATER COMMITTEE

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept Financial Assistance to Business Funds to pay expenses at the water project and amending the budget in relation thereto.**
- **Supporting the Water Project Business Plan adopted by the Saratoga County Water Authority and committing the County to the Service Agreement therein.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is accepting the Financial Assistance Business funds made available by Senator Bruno. The money will be used to reimburse the County for all the expenditures on the Water Project prior to its transfer to the Water Authority. Any funds remaining will then be transferred to the Water Authority.

The second item supports the Water Project Business Plan that was adopted by the County Water Authority, committing the County to the Service Agreement. The Service Agreement is the one under which the County would co-sign the \$24 million note, which would be paid back to the County at an interest rate of 4%.

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

- **Amending the Consolidated Agricultural District #2 to include the Dakota Ridge Farm located in the Town of Malta.**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$7,100 Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Grant to facilitate an inter-municipal gathering of local officials, residents and land use boards.**
- **Authorizing the re-appropriation of \$344,000 in MS4 Stormwater grant funds**

Mr. Wickerham said the County continuously updates the agricultural districts. There are currently only two within the County. The Dakota Ridge Llama Farm in Malta, which was supported by the Ag District Committee, made an application to District #2.

The second item is a \$7,100 Ag and Farm Protection Board Grant, which would facilitate an inter-municipal gathering of local officials, residents and land use boards. The idea is to have a bus tour, bringing local officials to see some of the best practices, not just in the agricultural business, but in Agricultural Tourism as well.

The third item is a re-appropriation for the MS4 Stormwater grant funds in the amount of \$344,000. Additional monies were received in 2006 and only a small portion was spent. The revenues and expenditures are being re-appropriated for the Stormwater grant.

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

### **SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Capitaland Taxi to provide senior transportation services to the Towns of Charlton, Galway, Edinburg, Providence and Saratoga for an annual cost of \$29,850.**
- **Authorizing a County contribution of \$15,000 to the Town of Stillwater for the purchase of a senior transportation van.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a renewal of expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) contracts necessary to deliver home & personal aide care to the elderly.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is a renewal agreement with Capitaland Taxi who provides senior transportation services. Up until now, the services have been provided in the towns of Charlton, Galway, Edinburg and Providence. This year the Town of Saratoga is being added in. The current annual cost is \$29,850 or \$150/day. There is no change in the per diem cost.

The second item is the county contribution for a van to the Town of Stillwater in the amount of \$15,000.

The third item is the renewal for the Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program. This is a series of contracts with personal care agencies where their rates are set by the State.

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

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

- **Amending the 2006 Saratoga County Budget under Maplewood Manor to appropriate \$132,000 from the Maplewood Manor Fund Balance to cover shortages for general medical supplies.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Capital District Physicians Health Plan (CDPHP) to accept patients carrying this insurance for treatment at Maplewood Manor.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended Maplewood Manor speech therapy contract with Christie-Britton Hare to authorize an additional 8.25 hours of service at a total cost of \$371.25**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with NYS Department of Health for the Early Intervention Program beginning October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2011.**

Mr. Wickerham said the second item is authorizing a contract with CDPHP for patients carrying their long-term health care insurance. The authorization will allow the county to accept payments from these agencies, which is always higher than the Medicaid rate.

Mr. Wickerham said that 520 hours are authorized a year toward speech therapy services. Some additional services were provided increasing the hours to 528.25.

The final item is an annual resolution to accept the Early Intervention Funds of which the total is \$4 million. The program supports the State's Preschool Handicapped Children's Program.

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

### **Legislative and Research**

- **Adopting a County Legislative Program for 2007.**
- **Authorizing the Chair to enter into an agreement with General Code to consolidate County Local Laws and important resolutions at a cost not to exceed \$18,250.**

Mr. Wickerham said General Code has proposed consolidating all county laws into one volume and also important resolutions for a cost not to exceed \$18,250.

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

- **Proclaiming April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as “Crime Victims Rights Week” in Saratoga County.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services to accept \$18,000 in State Aid for the recruitment and retention of Assistant District Attorneys and amending the 2007 budget in relation thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with NYS Office of Homeland Security to accept \$98,400 in aid for equipment purchases and amending the budget in relation thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with Chazen Companies to pay for an additional \$9,900 in services relative to the relocation of Fraker Mountain radio tower site.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Stratton Air National Guard Base to allow for County HazMat Team mutual aid response.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Blue Wing Services to design emergency radio system specifications and prepare a system RFP/Procurement and Award at a cost not to exceed \$261,000.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Chazen Companies to provide engineering services relative to site preparation for the radio system at a cost not to exceed \$247,500 and for regulatory agency assistance at a cost not to exceed \$27,500.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county has received part of the Homeland Security Funds. Part of the funds go to law enforcement and part to emergency services. The Sheriff will be using some of the funds to purchase emergency equipment including cars and emergency vehicles that will be equipped for Homeland Security purposes.

Item four is authorizing an amended agreement with Chazen Companies adding \$9,900 in services relative to the relocation of the Fraker Mountain radio tower site. DEC, as part of their approval of that site, required that a buffer zone be designed.

Mr. Wickerham said the County HazMat Team has always worked with the Stratton National Air Guard as their backup. The Stratton National Air Guard is the back up for

the southern section of the county. This has been, in the past, an informal agreement. The Federal Government now requires a formal agreement.

Mr. Wickerham said the County is now in a position where they are designing the radio system specifications and also preparing a RFP/Procurement and Award bid. Blue Wing is the current contractor and is now being contracted for the next phase, for a total not to exceed \$261,000. A large part of this is the design phase, and it is possible that they may be able to purchase those designs from the State at substantial savings.

The last item is a contract with Chasen Companies who have been working with the County to provide engineering services relative to the radio system site preparations in the Adirondacks. They are proposing to do site work for all the sites as well as providing assistance for the regulatory agencies, specifically for the FCC and FAA for a total of \$247,500 for the site work and \$27,500 for the regulatory work. This will be on a contract and will be paid as a reimbursement as the services are provided.

### **SUPERVISOR'S ITEM**

- **Congratulating the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 2006-2007 Girls Varsity Cross County Team for becoming the New York State Class A Champions.**

### **LAW AND FINANCE**

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with E.S. & S. Election Systems in the amount of \$10,050 for coding the primary and general election ballots for Plan B Accessible Voting Ballot Marking Devices and printing of the ballots for that system.**

Mr. Wickerham said this year, new requirements went into effect requiring special voting machines for the handicapped and disabled. The machine was purchased by the State using Federal funds. The Elections department had to select one of the three that were certified. After the selection was made, the machine was programmed for the primary and general election for a total of \$10,050.

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

- **Amending the budget to re-appropriate capital funds under the Saratoga County Sewer District in the amount of \$2,122,187.**

Mr. Wickerham said there were approximately eight planned capital projects in the Sewer District for a total of \$2,122,187 in carryovers.

Mr. Wickerham said the Equalization and Assessment Committee did not meet for the month of February, however, there will be two items that will come directly to the Board of Supervisors; the correction of tax rolls, and tender offers. The tender offers were on parcels in the towns of Greenfield, Wilton and Northumberland. There were two corrections on tax bills, one in the town of Halfmoon and Malta, where there were county sewer rents placed on them that were not within the County Sewer District.

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Gutheil the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom