

Law and Finance Committee Minutes

August 12, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, Hargrave, Sausville, Thompson, Wood, Raymond, Southworth, Lucia, A. Johnson and Veitch; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Jim DiPasquale, Sewer District; Kathy Marchione, County Clerk; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Jack Murray, Auditor; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; M. Rider, County Attorney; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a Public Works Mutual Aid agreement with other municipalities to facilitate the sharing of departmental resources during a natural or man-made disaster.**

Mr. Wickerham said the reason for formalizing a Mutual Aid Agreement is that FEMA now requires this as part of the reimbursement process. This is the only way to obtain reimbursement for emergency construction needs.

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

- **Authorizing a change order with TVGA Engineers, consultants for upgrades of the Crescent Estates and Grooms Road Pump Stations from \$59,910 to \$85,810. This amendment is offset by a change order reduction for C.O. Falter Construction Company as settlement for liquidated damages.**

Mr. Wickerham said essentially there is an additional payment that has to be made to the engineers because of failure on timeliness by Falter Construction Company. Falter Construction Company has agreed to pay the county for all additional costs for the engineers, as well as additional costs for an electrical firm whom was also delayed by the extended time frame.

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to execute a Betterment Agreement with NYS DOT in the amount of \$86,250 for replacing approximately 1,500 lineal feet of force main during the replacement of the 9P Bridge over Saratoga Lake.**

Mr. Wickerham said the Department of Transportation intends to replace the 9P bridge over Saratoga Lake. Currently this bridge carries a sewer main across it. As part of the bridge the six-inch main will be replaced by an eight in main due to increased development in the area. The county will pay for the difference in cost of \$86,250.

Mr. Peck asked if it was September 2009 or 2010 that they were going to close the bridge? Mr. Wood said it would be Labor Day 2010.

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$59,608 Local Records Management Improvement Grant and amending the 2009 compensation schedule and budget in relation thereto.**

Mr. Wickerham said the County Clerk has her annual Local Records Management Improvement Grant that is done on a year to year basis when the grant money is available. This would allow the county to utilize those grant services, which is a 100% grant. Approximately \$10,765 would be spent this year and the remainder would be spent in 2010. The grant will not be extended until it has been approved.

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

- **Authorizing the extension of an agreement with IQS Systems for digitization and indexing of records in the Saratoga County Clerk's Office at a cost of \$.17 per page through November of 2011.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county clerk is using the services of IQS Systems for digitizing and indexing of records at a cost of \$.17 per page. IQS has agreed to hold that cost for two years. The total budget for this year is \$26,440.

Mr. Thompson asked, at \$.17 per page, how many pages are there? Mrs. Marchione said there are thousands of pages that have not been done yet, but only 26,000 pages can be done this year and then whatever is approved in the budget in the future.

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

- **Amending the budget to transfer \$135,200 from the Radio Communication Fund to the General Fund to pay for additional interest on the BAN.**

Mr. Wickerham said last year the county went out for bond anticipation notes for the radio communication system. At that time the budget was already in place and the interest came in higher than anticipated, resulting in a slight increase. The treasurer has been able to realize \$86,200 on the investment, in addition to that, there will be \$49,000 taken from the Radio Fund for a total of \$135,200. This will allow payment of the bond anticipation notes due at the end of October.

Mr. Sausville asked what the interest rate was on the note? Mr. Pitcherelle said it was 4%.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Thompson the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the meeting was reopened to public session. Unanimous.

No Action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom