

## Law and Finance Committee Minutes

November 12, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, Hargrave, Sausville, Thompson, Wood, A. Johnson, Richardson, Veitch, Southworth, Rowland, Wright, Jenkins, Yepsen and M. Johnson; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Jim DiPasquale, Bill Davis, Sewer District; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; John Murray, County Auditor; Barb Thomas, League of Women Voters; Ed Kinowski, Stillwater Resident; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.**

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

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Dentserv to provide dental services to Maplewood Manor residents at an annual cost of \$50,127.48 effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with one renewal authorized at the same rate. Unanimous.**
- **Increasing the private pay rate at Maplewood Manor to \$255 per day plus the 6% State Cash Assessment for a total of \$270.30.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item provides dental services to Maplewood Manor Nursing Home. Every couple of years the county sends out new bids, with only one respondent this year from Dentserv. The contract will be extended at a 5% increase.

The second item is to increase the private pay rate. Currently the county is reimbursed at the lower of Medicaid or actual expenses, therefore, it is important that the private pay rate be kept up to the level that it really is. The Maplewood Manor Administrator believes that \$270.30 per day is the actual cost, which is an \$11 increase over last year.

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

### **EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT**

- **Authorizing the withdrawal of seven (7) parcels from the current foreclosure proceeding and canceling prospective taxes.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county tries to sell all properties, but there are some small parcels that nobody wants, sometimes resulting in mapping errors. Canceling the taxes on all seven of the parcels will result in less than \$900 owed on back taxes. In canceling the prospective taxes, the county will notify the appropriate town assessors.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$3,394,534 Economic Recovery Project Grant for the rehabilitation of the CR7 Stewart Dam Bridge and amending the budget and capital plan in relation thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with NYSDOT to accept an Economic Recovery Project Grant for the rehabilitation of CR7 Stewart Dam Bridge in the Town of Hadley in the amount of \$3,394,534.**

Mr. Wickerham said both resolutions relate to a stimulus grant. The Stewarts's Dam Bridge has been on the capital program for some time. The county is looking to fund the project with HBRR funds, which are 80% federal and 20% local.

Mr. Peck said this is a substantial savings to the county to move it to the stimulus funds. To those involved and Commissioner Ritchey, nice job!

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with the Ballston Spa Veterinary Hospital to perform spaying/neutering and other medical procedures for the Saratoga County Animal Shelter in accordance with fee's listed in the current fee schedule effective September 1, 2009.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$47,475 Companion Animal Shelter Grant and amending the budget in relation thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Nextel to allow for the rebanding of 800 mhz frequencies as required by the FCC.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county has had a number of Veterinarian's on contract for doing spaying and neutering under minor contract up to \$10,000. One particular firm, Ballston Spa Veterinary is definitely going to go over \$10,000. In order to make payment there will need to be a resolution.

The second item is a Homeland Security Grant dealing with animals in terms of emergency. The funds will be used for the purchase of a trailer and stock for animals in case of an emergency.

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

### **SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with agencies to implement the 2010 annual Implementation Plan for the Office for the Aging.**

Mr. Wickerham said annually the county has an implementation plan for the Office for the Aging, which includes legal, transportation and a number of other services that they provide. The plan is approved on an annual basis and is a part of the budget that will be approved by the Board. All of the services are going to the same providers with no increase in those services.

### **LAW AND FINANCE**

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Northern Engineering, Inc. for incinerator emissions monitoring services at the Saratoga County Sewer District at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.**

Mr. Wickerham said the Sewer District will be doing incinerator emission monitoring. They did go out for proposals, with five bids received. The low bid was from Northern Engineering, Inc.

Ms. Daly asked if Northern Engineering would correct the problems should there be any? Mr. DiPasquale said they are doing accuracy reports and sometimes the equipment needs some work. In order to complete the test the cost will exceed the \$10,000 limit.

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Toski, Schaefer & Co., PC to perform the Single Audit of County Finances for 2009 at a total cost not to exceed \$87,560.**

Mr. Wickerham said this item authorizes a contract with Toski, Schaefer & Co. to perform the single audit and requirements. This audit will be for 2009. An RFP will be done next year.

Mr. Thompson asked why there wasn't an RFP done this year? Mr. Wickerham said the firm that was doing the audit originally asked not to do the third year. The county went back to the second bidder, which was actually the low bidder for the third year, saving approximately \$4,000 in the process.

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

- **Authorizing the Chairman to execute the necessary documents to facilitate the swap of forest parcels in the Town of Moreau.**

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

- **Authorizing levy for unpaid 2009 Sacandaga Lake Maintenance Assessment.**

Mr. Wickerham said the County Attorney has been told this has to do with the re-levy of vacant property belonging to National Grid.

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

- **Setting December 3, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room as the date, time and place for the Public Hearing on the Revised Tentative 2010 Saratoga County Budget.**
- **Adopting the 2010 Saratoga County Budget. (TO BE TABLED)**
- **Appropriating Amounts Finally Set Forth in the 2010 Saratoga County Budget. (TO BE TABLED)**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom