

Law & Finance Committee Minutes

March 10, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wood; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, A. Johnson, Thompson and Wormuth, Wright, Rowland, Southworth, Collyer, Kinowski, Veitch, Lucia, Hargrave, Yepsen, Peck, M. Johnson, and Raymond; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Jim DiPasquale, Bill Davis Sewer District; John Murray, County Auditor; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Terry Stortz, Alan Kempf, Public Health; Rick Gardner, Public Works; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau; Press.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

- **Accepting a tender offer on a parcel in the Town of Ballston totaling \$23,341.**
- **Authorizing a \$4,250 correction to a tax bill in the Town of Halfmoon.**

Mr. Wickerham said there would probably be four or five more tender offers presented before the Board Meeting. At the current time there are approximately 70 parcels still on the auction.

The second item is a tax correction in the town of Halfmoon. Apparently, there was an error made, and 20 sewer units were charged to a parcel of vacant land.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Johnson the above items were approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Amending the Zim Smith Trail Capital Fund to appropriate an additional \$1,686,589 in expenses and revenues.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with Greenman Pederson, Inc. to authorize an additional \$150,000 in expenses for inspection services on the Zim Smith Trail.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is dealing with stimulus funds that were received for the Zim Smith Trail. Not all the money was spent in the first year; therefore, the Capital Fund will be amended to appropriate approximately \$1.6 million into the Capital fund. There will be no budget impact.

Mr. Wickerham said the second item is an amendment to the contract with Greenman Pederson who is doing the work for inspection services. This is a stimulus project and the Federal Government requires that there be a full time on site engineer to oversee the construction. The costs are part of the \$1.6 million; therefore, there will be no additional costs.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Johnson the above were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$10,000 grant from the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) and amending the 2010 budget.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with NYS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to accept an additional \$2,665 in State Aid and amending the 2010 budget.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept an additional \$20,402 in State Aid and amending the contract and 2010 budget with Saratoga Bridges.**

Mr. Wickerham said there is a \$10,000 grant that the county has been awarded from the National Association of County and City Health Officials. This is for work in the Medical Reserve Corp in the event of an emergency. The \$10,000 will go to hiring a consultant for the Medical Reserve Corp.

The second item is a grant from the State on Childhood Lead Prevention. The \$2,665 will be used for educational purposes.

The third item is accepting an additional \$20,402 in State Aid for Saratoga Bridges. Mental Health operates as a pass through and the money from the State goes to the Community Services Board and then they send it out. This money will go to Saratoga Bridges at no cost to the county.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the above were approved unanimously.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Saratoga Hospital to lease space for the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic (Cramer House) for \$22.38 per square foot for 2010 with an annual 3% escalator clause through December 31, 2014.**

Mr. Wickerham said the County leases space for Cramer House from Saratoga Hospital. The agreement has expired, and this is the new agreement at \$22.38 per square foot for 2010 for a total of \$210,000. There will be an escalated annual 3% clause for a term of five years. In addition, Saratoga Hospital has agreed to do some specific work worth approximately \$15,000.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Johnson the above was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Proclaiming April 18th – 24th as Crime Victims Week**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$38,832 Violence Against Women Grant in the District Attorney's Office.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$40,000 Operation Impact Grant from New York State for costs incurred in the prosecution of certain serious felony cases in the District Attorney's Office.**
- **Authorizing acceptance of State Grants for Community Work Order (\$12,220) and Pre-trial Services Programs (\$20,304)**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to amend the budget to \$159,251 in State Aid for the Department of Social Services to pass through to the Probation Department for Juvenile Delinquency Services.**
- **Authorizing acceptance of a \$77,160 Emergency Management Performance Grant from the New York State Emergency Management Office.**
- **Authorizing Chairman to enter into renewal contracts for the Expanded in Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) to provide personal aide care to the elderly.**

Mr. Wickerham said the Violence Against Women Grant of \$38,832 is an increase from last year's grant of \$34,000.

The second item is an Operation Impact Grant that can be applied to some of the more difficult prosecution cases. This years grant is \$40,000, which is a cut from the previous years grant of \$45,000.

The third item is the Alternative to Incarceration program that is used in conjunction with the classifications at the jail where the county runs a very aggressive work order program and pre-trial services program that is run by the Probation Department.

The fourth item is a grant that was approved by the Board of Supervisors last month for Social Services. Social Services is now contracting with Probation to actually run the program. This will allow the money to be transferred to the Probation Department where the Commissioner of Social Services will oversee it.

The last item is a contract between the Sheriff and the Town of Corinth for additional police services. When Corinth decided to do away with their police agency, they contracted with the County for additional services. The contract has expired for the PBA, where they are in the midst of negotiating a new contract; therefore, the contract will be renewed on a yearly basis, and paid for by the Town of Corinth.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the above were approved unanimously.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Capitaland Taxi to provide transportation for seniors in the Towns of Charlton, Edinburg, Galway, Providence, and Saratoga at a cost not to exceed \$27,000.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into renewal contracts for the Expanded in Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) to provide personal aide care to the elderly.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is the senior transportation program that exists in the western part of the county in the towns of Charlton, Edinburg, Galway Providence and Saratoga. This is under a special grant from the State for a total of \$27,000. Capitaland Taxi will provide the service for the same price as last year.

The second item is the renewal contracts for the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program. There is a long list of different providers and home health service agencies all at different rates, and approved by the State.

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson the above were approved unanimously.

LAW AND FINANCE

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Environmental Design Partnership, LLP for the design, contact administration and field inspection of Saratoga County Sewer District's projects at a cost not to exceed \$78,000.**

Mr. Wickerham said in the sewer district one of the major projects coming up is the relining of approximately ½ mile of the 54" interceptor sewer line in the town of Halfmoon and also an upgrade in the Cashmere pump station in Clifton Park. Engineers will be needed to oversee the project. The sewer district went out for an RFP with eight responses. The low proposal was from Environmental Design Partnership LLP for \$78,000. The second bidder was approximately \$80,000 and the high bid was \$163,000.

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Daly the above were approved by the following vote: Ayes – Wood, Daly Grattidge, A. Johnson, and Wormuth. Abstained –Thompson – Absent Sausville

Mr. Thompson said he abstained due to ongoing litigation between the Environmental Design Partnership and the Town of Milton.

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom