

Law and Finance Committee Minutes

June 9, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wood; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, A. Johnson, Sausville, Thompson, Wormuth, Southworth, M. Johnson, Wright, Hargrave, Jenkins, Lucia, Collyer, Veitch, Raymond and Peck; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Mark Rider, Steven Dorsey, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Jack Kalinkewicz, Personnel; Janet Glenn, Alan Kempf, Public Health; Joe Ritchey, Public Works; John Murray, County Auditor; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Press.

Chairman Wood 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 May 12, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with the NYS Department of Health to accept \$34,890 in ARRA funding for the immunization program and amending the 2010 budget in relation thereto.**
- **Amending the 2010 budget to increase appropriations and revenues by \$81,791 in Federal Aid for various activities related to emergency planning and public health preparedness.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is a grant for Public Health that is coming out of stimulus money to be used for the immunization program. The total is \$34,980, but the budget will be amended by \$13,000, which will be used for expenses.

Mr. Wickerham said, earlier this year there was a \$694,000 Emergency Planning and Public Health Preparedness grant that was accepted. At the time that it was accepted the funds were not appropriated. We since have had a number of items to be expended for a total of \$81,791, with some of these expenses dating back to 2009.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- **Authorizing an easement on the Zim Smith trail in the Town of Malta to NYSEG for the installation of an electric transformer to power a water connection for the Clifton Park Water Authority.**

Mr. Wickerham said, last month an easement was awarded to the Town of Clifton Park so they could make the tie in to the county water system. One of the things that they need is an electric transformer to power the pumps to bring the water down. Clifton Park will not own this, it will be owned by NYSEG; therefore, an easement has been requested in order for NYSEG to proceed.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Amending Resolution 199 of 2009 to state that the landowner contribution, towards the purchase of Purintondale Farm in Northumberland be no less than \$33,504.**

Mr. Wickerham said last year the Land Preservation Committee under the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors approved \$750,000 for development rights and the purchase of land and open space. The largest purchase was a \$300,000 grant for Purintondale Farm in Northumberland. At the time they put a number on it of \$50,000 as the landowners portion of the value. Always as the Land Preservation Committee moves forward they look for some involvement from the landowner, the State or other agencies as well as from the county. When the actual appraisals were done on the Purintondale Farm it came in less than anticipated, which means there will be additional costs to the landowner; therefore, they have lowered the match from \$50,000 to \$33,504. This does not change anything with regard to the county.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Granting an easement to Luther Forest Technology Corporation across County Route 75 in the Town of Stillwater for electric company connections.**

Mr. Wickerham said as part of the development of the Luther Forest Technology Corporation electricity needs to be brought in to various areas. As they do that, they will be looking for various easements.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a Crime Victims Board Grant in the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$68,352.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$5,000 legislative grant from Senator McDonald for the District Attorney's Office and amending the 2010 budget.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is an annual grant that was received for the Crime Victims Board, used to specifically assist crime victims. The grant is approximately \$3,000 less than last year's grant of \$71,200.

The second item is a legislative grant from Senator McDonald for the District Attorney's Office to be used for various equipment and renovations.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Ms. Daly, the above resolutions were approved unanimously.

LAW AND FINANCE

- **Establishing standard workdays for Elected and Appointed County Officials.**

Mr. Wickerham said, in January the Law and Finance Committee brought forth the standard workday, which at that time there were questions about it, and it was tabled. At Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting it will be brought off the table in the form of a resolution.

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

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

Mr. Wood introduced Andrew Davis. He said the committee of six persons including supervisors Peck, Wood, A. Johnson, M. Johnson; County Administrator, David. Wickerham, and Personnel Director, Jack. Kalinkewicz conducted a series of interviews of seven candidates, initially reviewing thirty applications, of which nine of the candidates were outside the county. Interviews were conducted on May 19th and 25th, and as a result it was determined that Andrew Davis was the candidate recommended for the position of Director of the Veterans' Service Agency.

Mr. Davis was active duty in the US Army, and an Airborne Ranger. He served in the Minnesota National Guard and the Defense Alliance of Minnesota, in addition to having worked for Senator Norm Coleman. Mr. Davis lives in Saratoga Springs, and will complete his Bachelors Degree from Empire State College in December.

A motion was made by Mr. Daly, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to appoint Andrew Davis as the Director of the Saratoga County Veterans' Service Agency, effective June 15, 2010. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom