

Law & Finance Committee Minutes

September 20, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wood; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, A. Johnson, Sausville, Wormuth, Kinowski, Lucia, Southworth, Lawler, Collyer, Rowland, M. Johnson, Wright, Veitch and Hargrave; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Richard Doyle, Grant Eaton, Susan Duff, James DiPasquale, Sewer District #1; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; John Murray, Auditor; Sam Pitcherelle, Treasurer; Denny Finneran, Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$286,733 Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of equipment, training, and amending the 2010 budget in relation thereto.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is a 2009 grant in the amount of \$286,733 to be put into the Fire Training budget for additional training, replacement of meters and other equipment.

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with RS Telecom to perform maintenance on the County's 6.7 GHz microwave system at a cost of \$24,000 the first year and \$26,000 the second year effective October 1, 2010.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is an agreement with RS Telecom for maintenance on the new microwave system. The warranty has expired, therefore, bids were sent out for a maintenance contract. There were three bids with the lowest bid from RS Telecom at \$24,000 for the first year and \$26,000 for the second year. The high bidder was \$41,000.

Mr. Sausville said there is some interest on the part of the Department of Public Works in Malta to use the radio network in times of emergency. Mr. Sausville asked if there would be opportunity for the Public Safety committee to review that? Mrs. Wormuth said, yes, she is going to setup a meeting with Mr. Lent to discuss it and then will bring it before the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- **Granting utility easements to National Grid Corporation and Verizon New York Inc. for power and communication equipment for the Town of Ballston water pump station.**

Mr. Wickerham said earlier this year there was an easement granted to the town of Ballston to access the county water lines within the town of Ballston. Part of that was a water pump station that was going to be utilized. The water pump station will need both electricity and communications; therefore, National Grid and Verizon will be granted easements at not cost.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements to accept \$89,000 in snowmobile funding.**

Mr. Wickerham said every year the county receives funding for snowmobiles that comes from snowmobile registrations. The money is a pass through back into the various snowmobile clubs that do grooming. The maximum that is available is \$89,000; however, it is anticipated that the county will received between \$60,000 to \$70,000 depending upon how many trails will be groomed for the year.

Mr. Wickerham said there would also be a negative declaration on the environmental impact of new trails that have been created since last year.

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Cooperative Extension to manage the MS4 Storm Water Management Program at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.**

Mr. Wickerham said this is authorizing a successor agreement with Cooperative Extension for the MS4 Storm Water Management Program. The county's contribution is \$50,000. Money is received from the State along with contracts with individual towns. The terms of the contract will remain the same.

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Saratoga Hilton for the annual Planning Conference at cost not to exceed \$32,000.**

Mr. Wickerham said the annual Planning Conference takes place each year in January. The cost will be \$32,000, which is approximately \$2,000 more than last year. All costs will be defrayed by registrations.

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

LAW AND FINANCE

- **Transferring \$149,393 from the Contingency Account to cover actual 2010 debt service payments for the Animal Shelter and the Emergency Radio System.**

Mr. Wickerham said after the budget was adopted last year, it was recognized that there was going to be a shortfall in the debt service account, and it was decided that it would be dealt with throughout the year. Mr. Wickerham said the contingency budget would be and reduced to \$76,427.

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

- **Declaring an emergency at the Sewer District and authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Troy Motor Service to provide a rental generator and rebuild the water pump at a cost of \$10,850.**

Mr. Wickerham said in late August, it was discovered that the generator at the Milton pump station was not working properly. Proposals were sent out immediately for the repair and the rental of a new generator. There were two quotes pursued with only one response from Troy Motor Service at \$10,850. The generator is a large generator that will be replaced in the 2011 budget and will cost approximately \$400,000.

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Johnson the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation.

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

No action was taken.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the meeting was adjourned. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom