

LAW AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2006 – 4:00 P. M.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors DeCerce, Hargrave, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Peck, Wood, Yepsen, Grattidge, Trottier and Lucia; M. Rider, County Attorney; William Baker, Personnel Director; Carol Holley, Real Property Director; John Murray, County Auditor; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Alan Kempf, Helen Endres, Public Health LoAnn Sanders, Deputy County Clerk; Kathy Marchione, County Clerk; Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Press

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. DeCerce the minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Barrett announced the appointment of Mr. DeCerce as Vice Chairman of the Law and Finance Committee. Mr. DeCerce accepted.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Johnson the following were approved unanimously.

- **Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Senior Whole Health to accept them as an insurance provider for residents who have Medicare and Medicaid coverage**
- **Amending Resolution No. 155-02 to increase inoculation fees for influenza from \$7.50 to \$12.00 and for pneumonia from \$20.00 to \$25.00.**
- **Accepting \$150,000 in State Aid for the purpose of providing gambling treatment services and authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Family & Children Services of the Capital Region to provide these services.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is a memorandum of understanding with Senior Whole Health, who is currently in the process of obtaining certification in New York State. This would allow the County to accept money from anyone who has a policy with them, rather than putting the individual on the Medicaid rate, resulting in increased revenue for the County.

The second item is an amendment to resolution 155-02, which would increase the County's fees for flu shots from \$7.50 - \$12.00 and pneumonia shots from \$20.00 - \$25.00. The serum is \$11 for the flu vaccine and approximately \$20 for the pneumonia vaccine, in addition to administrative costs. The County has a sliding scale in place, resulting in no one being denied a shot based upon his or her income, he said.

The third item is a grant that was authorized by the State for the Family and Children Services of the Capital Region providing treatment for gambling addictions in the amount of \$150,000. The county budget would be amended to accept the monies and then it would be sent to Family and Children Services of the Capital Region, the funds have been approved by the State for this purpose, and also by the Community Services Board for the County.

On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. DeCerce the following were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Authorizing the Chair to accept a \$23,558 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and amending the budget in relation thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to accept a \$32,010 grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice for Narcotics Control and amending the budget thereto.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Robert Kimball Associates for the purpose of preparing bid specifications and other project management services for the Wireless 911 project at a cost not to exceed \$119,700.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is a carryover from 2005, accepting a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$23,558. Seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) will be used to provide alca sensors to local police agencies, and the remaining \$6,000 will be for the overtime involved in saturation patrols.

The second item is a grant to underwrite some of the costs of a Narcotics task force that has been operating, using the Sheriff's people from surrounding counties, as well as, Saratoga County and State police personnel. The grant is for \$32,010 and will go directly to underwrite the County's current costs.

The third item is a resolution authorizing an agreement with Robert Kimball Associates for the purpose of preparing bid specifications and doing other project management services for the Wireless 911 project. Seven proposals were received, with Robert Kimball Associates as the low proposal, at a cost not to exceed \$119,700.

On a motion made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Peck the following were approved unanimously.

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

- **Accepting tender offers from the Villages of Corinth and Schuylerville.**

- **Authorizing the County Auditor to make tax corrections and refunds of up to \$2,500 subject to the approval of the County Treasurer and the Director of Real Property Tax Services. The County Auditor will inform the E&A Committee of corrections and refunds made under this resolution.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item is to accept two tender offers, one in the Village of Corinth in the amount of \$4,972 and in the Village of Schuylerville in the amount of \$7,192.

The second item is a resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make tax corrections and refunds up to \$2,500. A report will be made on a monthly basis to the E&A committee of all refunds or corrections that are made.

On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the following were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an amended contract with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying increasing the contract by \$257,500 for the design of a four span steel bridge, which was not part of the original scope of services.**
- **Amending the 2006 budget to reappropriate Capital Funds for the following projects: Ralph Street Bridge - \$32,164, Bryants Bridge - \$118,523, Hadley Bow String Bridge - \$1,048,373, Strong Road Bridge - \$8,500, the Palmer Avenue Bridge - \$18,920 and the Round Lake Access - \$633,900.**

Mr. Wickerham said the first item deals with the Round Lake By-pass. The county was able to do the project at substantially less than the project cost. In doing the engineering work, it was discovered that there was a need to design a four span steel bridge. The total project cost will be approximately \$600,000, resulting in a saving of approximately \$600,000.

The second item is reappropriating Capital Projects that were not completed in 2005 for a total of approximately \$1.86 million, and will be done in 2006.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

- **Appointing James Hovey as a member at-large to the Saratoga County Soil and Water Conservation District**
- **Appointing Sheriff James Bowen to the Traffic Safety Board.**

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

- **Adopting a policy under the Department of Public Works for the implementation and financing for roundabouts.**

Mr. Wickerham said the county already has a policy in place for handling traffic signals. After a review of the intersection, the costs are shared based on how many intersections are owned by the County, Town etc. The Public Works Committee with regard to roundabouts approved the same policy.

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

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- **Amending the budget under the County Clerk to reappropriate funds for the Wilton DMV Office in the amount of \$28,700.**

A motion was made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation.

No Action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom