

AGENDA
February 9, 2011 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Patricia Southworth, Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Anita Daly, Richard Lucia, Mary Ann Johnson, Jean Raymond, George J. Hargrave, Richard Rowland, Arthur M. Wright, Mindy Wormuth, Frank Thompson, Willard H. Peck, John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Matthew E. Veitch, Joanne Dittes Yepsen, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler, Arthur J. Johnson 23. ABSENT – Paul Sausville, Thomas Richardson, Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.

On a motion by Tom Wood, seconded by Jean Raymond the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator, reviewed the following items:

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

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. (Sandi Cross, Director Office for the Aging)

Mr. Hellwig said these rates are the same as they were in 2010.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Introducing a Local Law authorizing the lease of County property located at 479 Rowland Street in the Town of Milton to Gateway House of Peace, Inc. for the purpose of operating a hospice home and scheduling a public hearing on 3/9/11 at 4:45pm. (Steve Dorsey, County Attorney)

Mr. Hellwig said this is a five year lease with Gateway House of Peace which is going to be providing Hospice Services.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Amending the 2011 Budget to re-appropriate \$288,000 in appropriations and revenues for the purchase of equipment and items approved under the State's Homeland Security funding. (James Bowen, Sheriff)

Authorizing Chairman to accept a \$25,000 Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purchase of video recording equipment for use by law enforcement and amending the budget in relation thereto. (James Murphy, District Attorney)

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreement with Office Data Systems, Inc. to provide digital recording equipment to record and prepare statements of defendants in criminal cases in an amount not to exceed \$115,000 and amend the budget in relation thereto. (James Murphy, District Attorney)

Mr. Hellwig said these two items have to do with the video recording system. The first is a grant of \$25,000 from NYS DCJS for the District Attorney to purchase equipment and the other is for a contract for the installation of the video recording equipment. There is also \$15,000 for equipment to redact and prepare videos for court proceedings and \$75,000 is already contained in the 2011 budget.

Proclaiming April 10 – April 16, 2011 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. (James Murphy, District Attorney)

Mr. Hellwig said there are a number of activities planned for that week which are available on the District Attorney's website.

Amending the Budget to provide for an additional \$109,888 for detention prevention services and authorizing amendments to contracts for these services. (John Adams, Probation Director)

Mr. Hellwig said this item is for money that was granted to the Department of Social Services for juvenile detention prevention services which is going to be passed through to Probation to contract with Berkshire Farms to provide some of those services in addition to a portion being used to reimburse the Probation Department for their administrative costs.

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept \$46,782 in State Aid for reimbursement of expenses related to implementation of the Ignition Interlock program. (John Adams, Probation Director)

Mr. Hellwig said this State Aid is related to the implementation of the Ignition Interlock Program which is required under Leandra's Law. He said the Probation Department is incurring a cost for monitoring and supervising defendants that have been sentenced under that law and that money is going to be used to cover those expenses.

RACING

Urging Governor Cuomo and the NYS Legislature to authorize the reinstatement of VLT revenues for Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County. (Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator)

Opposing Governor Cuomo's proposal to impose a 2.75% state surcharge on purses for all horse races run in New York. (Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator)

Supporting the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to preserve horse racing in Saratoga County as a premier attraction and economic engine. (Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator)

Mr. Hellwig said the first resolution request is for restoration of the VLT money that was paid to the County of Saratoga and Saratoga Springs in 2007/2008. He said the second item is a resolution opposing the surcharge proposed by Governor Cuomo on racing purses to recover some of the costs the State claims is being paid. He said the final item is supporting the Chamber of Commerce's white paper that contains specific actions directed toward helping horse racing prosper and expand in the State.

PERSONNEL

Introducing a Local Law to amend the Saratoga County Compensation Schedule by increasing compensation for County officials who are term officials and setting a public hearing for March 9, 2011 at 4:50pm in the Board meeting room.

Mr. Hellwig said this is a local law that will amend the compensation plan for elected and appointed officials who are in the middle of their term. He said the increase is consistent with the amounts given to the CSEA agreement and other management and confidential employees not subject to the local law.

Appointing Lisa Scaccia as Employment and Training Program Director II at Grade 16, Base Salary of \$66,631. (Jack Kalinkewicz, Director of Personnel)

Appointing Hans Lehr as Director of Community Mental Health Services at Grade 21, Step 7, \$111,952. (Jack Kalinkewicz, Director of Personnel)

Appointing Catherine Shrome as Director of Purchasing at Grade 16, Base Salary of \$66,631. (Jack Kalinkewicz, Director of Personnel)

Mr. Hellwig said these three are to appoint individuals to vacancies in various Department Head positions. Chairman Thompson acknowledged Lisa Scaccia. Ms. Scaccia thanked the Board for the opportunity and thanked the selection committee for selecting her.

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

Accepting tender offers on parcels in the towns of Galway (\$2,589.47), Moreau (\$7,689.23), Day (\$6,008.99) and the Village of Waterford (\$8,824.66). (S. Pitcherelle, Treasurer)

Authorizing a correction to the 2011 tax roll for a parcel in the Town of Clifton Park. (J. Bosley, Director Real Property Tax Services)

Mr. Hellwig said the County is accepting tender offers that have been paid on parcel prior to the March auction and the other is a correction to the tax roll due to an error on the special assessment for demolition costs on a parcel.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEM

Appointing John Adams to the Capital District Youth Center, Inc. (CDYCI) Board of Directors for a term to expire 12/31/2012.

Appointing Ronald Rybicki and Robert Hodorowski to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board Region 5 for a term to expire 12/31/2012.

SUPERVISOR'S ITEM

Proclaiming May 24, 2011 as Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth Day.

LAW AND FINANCE

Authorizing Chairman to enter into agreement with Carver Construction, Inc. for general construction related to upgrades at the Clifton Knolls and Kashmiri pump stations in the Town of Clifton Park at a cost of \$619,100. (James DiPasquale, Executive Director Sewer District)

Authorizing Chairman to enter into agreement with Stilsing Electric, Inc. for electrical construction at the Clifton Knolls and Kashmiri pump stations at a cost of \$115,280. (James DiPasquale, Executive Director Sewer District)

Amending the 2011 Budget to re-appropriate \$1,833,400 in appropriations and revenues to complete the balance of work related to capital and other 2010 projects. (James DiPasquale, Executive Director Sewer District)

Mr. Hellwig said this reappropriation is for the two aforementioned resolutions and for a project in the Town of Halfmoon.

Amending the boundaries of Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural District #2 to include 5 acres in the Town of Malta. (Jason Kemper, Director of Planning)

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Tom Wood. Mr. Wood said he had a couple of announcements to make. He said he received an e-mail from Mark Bardack from Ed Lewi Associates inviting the Board to a one year birthday celebration between GlobalFoundarie, M+W Zander and Mazzone Management Group at The Foundry on Tuesday, February 15th at 11:45 a.m. He said if anyone is interested in attending and let Pam know in advance.

Mr. Wood also announced that about a week ago or so everyone received information about a "Step up to the Challenge" which teams of two are being encouraged to form. He said the teams will get a pedometer and it is an effort to improve your health by paying special attention to the amount you are walking. He said if any of the supervisors are interested in participating let Pam know. Mr. Wood said this is to be worn wherever you walk and there will be a prize for the winning team.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Bill Peck. Mr. Peck said he wanted to comment on the tough week with all the barn collapses that have occurred throughout the County and neighboring County. He said he wanted to share some insight to the incident at the King Ransom Farms where numerous cattle have been killed. He said it was one of the greatest human spirits he seen with efforts starting at 7 in the evening and going on until 4:45 in the morning. Mr. Peck said he has had many people approach him and tell him that's why they are thankful they live in the community because the communities pull together during times like these. This is the spirit of not only the Town of Northumberland but Saratoga County in general, he stated.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Alan Grattidge. Mr. Grattidge said we certainly send condolences to King's in this time and reminded everyone that now is the time to look at the structural make of the barns and roofs. He said that a number of supervisors attended the NYSAC Conference the first three days of this week and he was able to pick up a copy of the Executive State Budget with County Impact Summary. He said that he unfortunately did not get a copy for all supervisors and asked that Pam make copies and put one in all supervisors' boxes. He said he took a lot out of the Conference and appreciates that NYSAC puts this on for County Officials.

On a motion by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Patti Southworth, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hargrave, Clerk