

AGENDA
June 15, 2011 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Patricia Southworth, Philip C. Barrett, Anita Daly, Richard Lucia, Mary Ann Johnson, Jean Raymond, George J. Hargrave, Richard Rowland, Arthur M. Wright, Mindy Wormuth, Paul Sausville, Thomas Richardson, Frank Thompson, John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Edward D. Kinowski, Matthew E. Veitch, Joanne Dittes Yepsen, John Lawler, Arthur J. Johnson - 20. ABSENT – Alan Grattidge, Preston L. Jenkins, Jr., Willard H. Peck - 3.

On a motion by Tom Richardson, seconded by Matt Veitch the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Spencer Hellwig reviewed the following items:

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hellwig said there will be one resolution and that is to create 4 positions in Social Services on a temporary basis to handle increase caseloads in the Food Stamp Division.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Hellwig said there will be one resolution to enter into an agreement with LASH Contracting for the repair of underground sewer lines at Maplewood Manor.

PUBLIC HEALTH

There will be two resolutions, Mr. Hellwig stated. The first is to authorize a contract with Netsmart to provide web based billing software for the Mental Health Department to submit electronic claims for Medicaid and Medicare Reimbursement, he said. Mr. Hellwig said that Netsmart is the current provider of the software for this purpose and this has come out of the Public Health Committee as well as the Technology Committee.

Mr. Hellwig said the second item is for an Emergency Preparedness Grant. He said the grant will be used for emergency planning, training volunteers, and educating the public as well as equipment purchases and the funding was included in this year's budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hellwig said under Public Safety there will be two items. The first item is a Crime Victims Board Grant which is an annual grant that the County receives from the State and is used to offset the cost of the Crime Victims' Advocates in the District Attorney's Office and is the same amount that was received in 2010, he explained.

The second item is to authorize an agreement with Pictometry to update the county's aerial photographic records, he said. Mr. Hellwig explained that Pictometry will be using overhead photographic records for the County which will be used by the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services, Planning and Real Property.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Mr. Hellwig said there are four resolutions. He said the first one is for the Youth Bureau to provide two delinquency prevention programs that receive annual funding to cover the expense of these cost. He said the first program is the Youth Detention Delinquency Prevention Program and the second is the Special Delinquency Prevention Program. He said the resolution is to authorize the necessary contracts and funding for the various agencies that will provide the programming for these kids.

Mr. Hellwig said the remaining three resolutions are for the Employment and Training Administration. He said the first one is the annual funding grant for the Workforce Investment Act, authorizing contract with the agencies that provide the various job services programs and told the Board that year's amount is a 4% reduction over the 2010 funding level. The Summer Youth Employment resolution is to accept this year's funding to provide summer jobs for eligible youths and they anticipate being able to serve approximately 60 to 65 youth with this funding level Mr. Hellwig state. He said the final resolution is a contract with Captain Youth and Family Services to provide youth with help in preparing for employment through G.E.D course, filling out job applications, writing resumes and other tasks related to getting a job. He said under the funding stream it is required that the County contract with an outside vendor to provide this service.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEM

Mr. Hellwig said there is one Chairman's item and it is to recommend that Mark Rider fill a vacancy on the Ethics Advisory Board for the unexpired term of Thomas Mithen whose term is set to expire on December 31, 2012.

LAW AND FINANCE

Mr. Hellwig said the final resolution is under Law and Finance and is authorizing a contract with Adirondack Environmental Services of Albany to provide wastewater analysis and testing in accordance with their Pollution Discharge Permit that are issued by the State.

Vice Chairman Thompson asked if there were any Supervisors that would like to speak.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Chairman Wood. Mr. Wood said he had a couple of announcements to share. He said he was asked by Mr. Peck to remind everyone that this Sunday is "Sundae on the Farm" from Noon until 4pm and is being held at Clear Echo Farm. Mr. Wood said the other announcement is to let everyone know that the Supervisors Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 9th and will be at Brookhaven Golf Course in the Town of Greenfield and asked that everyone save the date.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Mary Ann Johnson. Mrs. Johnson commented on the Funeral Protest and commended the Veterans Committee, which she chairs, for pushing this project through and thanked the Board for their support. She then told the Board about a funeral protest that was scheduled for the coming weekend in Steuben County which does not have their own law and goes by the State law. She said she hopes this law gets down to Steuben County so they may pass it as well as it is a disgrace that any family has to put up with these protests. Mr. Thompson said he served in Vietnam and he said he would hate to say the extent he would go if someone did that to his brother and said this is despicable.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Anita Daly. Mrs. Daly reminded the Board about the Guardian House donation drive. She said the Board is committed to the quality of life of residents of Saratoga County and said Supervisor Southworth was the "brain child" of this drive. She asked the Board if they remembered how appreciative the residents of Maplewood Manor were when they received the items from the drive she sponsored in the Fall. Mrs. Daly said imagine how thankful these women will be to receive items that they need to make themselves feel better such as a hair dryer, curling iron, make up, or hair products.

Vice Chairman Thompson acknowledged Jack Lawler. Mr. Lawler said he would like to acknowledge that last month he requested financial information/budget forecasting from the administration and he said he was promised the information by this meeting and he wanted to acknowledge receipt of it. He said he believed all Supervisors received a copy of the analysis. He said he hasn't had a chance to look through it completely but he would like to call his colleagues attention to the fact that based on this analysis already as we sit here in the middle of the year the County has a negative \$1.7 million variance on revenue expectation. He said there is a \$1.7 million

hole to plug that we know of, at least forecast wise, between now and the end of the year. He said he thinks it was a good exercise to make the Board aware of the hole and how big it is today and no one knows for sure if it will get any bigger. Mr. Lawler said he had one other question that he would like to ask and that is that he asked for a forecast of the unappropriated fund balance as of the end of 2011 and he understands that that is not able to be given and said maybe he should have phrased the question more carefully. He said he realizes there will be an appropriation from the unappropriated fund balance that there is possibility that part of that will be appropriated for the 2012 budget and said he would like to get the fund balance estimate. He said he wanted a forecast of what the unappropriated fund balance will be at the end of 2011 without worrying about what has to be appropriated for 2012. Spencer Hellwig said that information is included in that packet and pointed out that it could be found in the spreadsheet. Mr. Lawler asked what the number was and Mr. Hellwig said the number is \$9,000,000. Mr. Lawler asked for clarification that at the end of 2011 the unappropriated fund balance will be \$9,000,000. Mr. Hellwig said the projected use of fund balance is anywhere from \$7,500,000 to \$9,000,000 subtracted from the \$16,400,000 which may leave the fund balance at \$9,000,000. Mr. Lawler acknowledged that this is just a projection and appreciates the information and the effort that was made.

On a motion by Dick Rowland, seconded by Dick Lucia the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hargrave, Clerk