

AGENDA SESSION  
August 13, 2014 5:00pm

Vice Chairman Veitch called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken. PRESENT - Preston Allen, Anita Daly, Alan Grattidge, Preston Jenkins, Art Johnson, Ed Kinowski, Jack Lawler, Paul Lent, Richard Lucia, Paul Lunde, Peter Martin, Paul Sausville, Matthew Veitch, Thomas Wood, Mo Wright, Patrick Ziegler, - 16 ABSENT - Philip Barrett, John Collyer, Daniel Lewza, Willard Peck, Jean Raymond, Thomas Richardson, and Kevin Tollisen - 7.

On a motion by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hellwig presented the following:

PERSONNEL & INSURANCE

Authorization enter into an agreement with Marshall & Sterling Insurance as the insurance consultant to prepare bid specifications for the County's insurance coverage at a cost not to exceed \$22,500.

Authorizing an amendment to a resolution to add an additional expenditure of \$7,078.44 to cover automobile insurance premiums to cover the 2013 policy year.

Approval of the standard workday reporting resolution which is required under the NYS Local Retirement System.

Amendment to the 2014 Compensation Schedule under the Office for the Aging to create one additional Aging Services Specialist which will be covered 100% through grant funding.

Appointment of Diane S. Turo as Saratoga County Conflict Defender who will be joining two other contract personnel that handle conflict cases referred out of the Public Defender's Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Approving the continuation of the Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural District #2, with modifications that were approved by the Committee and presented at a public hearing on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Authorizing a one year lease extension with the United States Department of Agriculture for office space that's occupied by the Soil & Water Conservation District in the Solar Building.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Authorizing agreement with Quality Healthcare Resources to provide billing services for Maplewood Manor as well as handling the accounts receivable.

Acceptance additional aid from the NYS Department of Health to underwrite some of the costs associated with programs that are provided by our Public Health Nursing Department.

Revising the Public Health Nursing Service Billing and Collection Policy to allow for credit and debit cards to collect fees associated with the services that they are providing both at the Woodlawn Building as well as site visits and clients' homes.

Authorization for an Intermunicipal Agreement with Washington County who will be reimbursing the County for TB Clinic Services that are provided to Washington County residents.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Authorization for the Sheriff to enter into a food service agreement with the NYS Department of Corrections at a facility in Rome, NY. They will be preparing food that will be shipped to our correctional facility and then portioned out by personnel in our facility. The Sheriff anticipates savings of about \$30,000 per year as a result of this agreement.

Authorization for acceptance of a Domestic Violence Prosecution Grant which will be used to offset costs associated with the prosecution of domestic violence cases.

Authorization to accept an Aid to Prosecution grant in the District Attorney's office which is used to offset costs associated with the prosecution of violent felony cases.

Authorization to accept an \$87,877 Emergency Management Performance Grant from the NYS of Homeland Security and these expenses are already included in the 2014 budget. This is a revenue that helps lower the County's cost for those expenses.

Amending the 2014 Adopted Budget in Emergency Services for a member item that was accepted in 2010 and Homeland Security Funding that was already accepted. The balance remaining in those two grants will be used to purchase radio equipment for the Sheriff's Mobile Communications Unit. The use of that money for those purposes has been approved by the State.

#### SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Authorization of an agreement between the Office for the Aging and Veterans Service Agency for the purchase of a van at a total cost not to exceed \$45,000.

Authorization to enter into a revenue agreement with VNSNY Choice for the reimbursement of home delivered meals for dual-eligible clients of the Office for the Aging.

Acceptance of a \$392,049 Balancing Incentive Program grant which essentially will be used by the Department to increase access non-institutional community-based long-term services and supports, and amending the budget in relation thereto.

Establishment of revised reimbursement rates for the therapists that are providing services under the Preschool Special Education Program. The current rates have been in place for over 19 years.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH & PERSONNEL

Authorization to amend the impact bargaining agreement which was reached with the Civil Service Employees Association for the purpose of providing additional retention and recruitment incentives for the existing staff of Maplewood Manor.

#### LAW & FINANCE

Authorizing the agreement with Stilsing Electric, Inc. for electrical construction services required to upgrade the Saratoga County Sewer District's Milton pump station. They were the low bidder after one of three bids which was actually lower was withdrawn.

Authorization of a blanket undertaking for County officers and employees to provide coverage for money as well as property that includes the County Treasurer, the District Attorney, the Sheriff and the County Treasurer. The actual policy that provides that coverage was approved back in May. This resolution simply recognizes that coverage as being in place.

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wright the agenda was set for the August 19, 2014 Board Meeting.

Mr. Veitch said there are people who came today to speak to the Board. He will invite them p one at a time. He said the time limit to speak is five minutes. Mr. Veitch said the purpose of the speakers is for the reinstatement of the Open Space and Farmland Protection fund for the 2015 budget.

Ms. Trabka, Executive Director of Saratoga PLAN, thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She told the board who Saratoga PLAN is and what their mission is. She requested and encouraged the Board to reinstate the \$500,000 funding for open space/land preservation into the 2015 budget. She told the Board of the success of the fund in the past and what the funding accomplished.

Ms. Henry, Town of Malta Open Space Preservation Committee, said they have been working closely with Saratoga PLAN to encourage the Board of Supervisors to include the \$500,000 in the 2015 budget. The Committee has worked closely with the Town Supervisor to strengthen Right to Farm Laws and to preserve the open space in the Town of Malta.

Ms. Stokes, Board Member of Saratoga PLAN, the one thing this fund did in prior years was to provide a match for a number of grants. She hopes that the Board finds space in next year's budget to restore the funding to expand open space and the trail system.

Mr. Munter, Vice Chairman of the Board of Saratoga PLAN, said he supports what the previous speakers have said. He would like to add in preserving the quality of life in the County we also add to the economic engine that this brings in.

Mr. Ziegler thanked those who came out to support the \$500,000 addition to the Farmland Protection & Open Space budget for next year. He was asked to speak on behalf of the Town of Ballston Farmland Protection Committee. In Saratoga County there is a strong connection to agriculture and in the Town of Ballston as well where 54% of the land is zoned agriculture. He strongly supports adding the funding back into the budget.

Mr. Sausville brought to the attention of the Board that the Town of Malta has passed a resolution supporting the program and took action on the Right to Farm Law. He thinks this is a good model for the rest of the towns to consider and offered a copy. He introduced Barbara Connors and asked her to speak.

Ms. Connors presented a letter of support from the Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce which strongly supports the funding being returned to the budget.

Mr. Kinowski thanked everyone for raising this issue and is a fan of this suggestion. He would wholeheartedly support this.

Mr. Veitch reminded his colleagues that the vote on the 2015 budget won't happen until December so there is plenty of time to talk.

Mr. Jenkins said he voted against this project about 2.5 years ago because of the financial issues facing the County and not because he doesn't support it. The Town of Moreau also passed a resolution last night urging the County to place the funds in 2015 budget.

Mr. Veitch reminded his colleagues as well as the public that when the Board has meetings, there is a 24 hour rule to call before you send people to come speak publicly before the committee. He did not realize that there were people that had come to speak today until about 4:45pm which does violate our rules here at the Board. He wants to be sure that rule is followed going forward. If there is an opportunity for anybody or if any supervisor invites any member of the public to come speak, to the Agenda Session or to the regular Board Meeting, remind them of our Board Rules that we adopted in January. This rule states notice is to be given to the Clerk of the Board 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Lunde the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk