

Law and Finance Committee Minutes
September 10, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Collyer, Daly, Grattidge, Lewza, Wright, Martin, Richardson, Sausville, Johnson, Peck, Jenkins, Raymond and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Rich Emery, Kevin Mullaney, Sheriff; Ed Tremblay Emergency Services; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Chad Cooke, Sewer District; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Brian O'Connor, Auditor; Michael Churchill, McFarland Johnson; Keith Manz, Public Works; Sam Pitcherelle, Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Tom Harris, Resident; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Ms. Daly the minutes of the August 13, 2014, and August 19, 2014 meetings were approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements to apply for, accept and administer a NYS Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$89,000 and determining no environmental impact relative to the construction or modification of snowmobile trail routes.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to execute and submit the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Investment Act Plan for the 2014-2015 program year.**

Mr. Hellwig said the first item is the annual approval for the county to apply for, accept and administer a snowmobile grant from the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. This money is passed through to the County Association of Snowmobile Clubs, which is currently made up of six clubs across the county, maintaining and operating 163 miles of trails across the county. Eighty-nine thousand dollars is what is placed in the budget, but they are only paid for the actual amount that is received through the grant.

The second item is for authorization for the Chairman to sign a local Workforce Investment Plan, which is required to comply with both federal and state regulations that govern the development of the plan by the Workforce Investment Board and meets all the criteria that are established for the program.

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

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

- **Accepting tender offers on parcels in the Town of Greenfield (\$1,980.28, \$8,777.41, and \$18,298.60) and the Village of Round Lake (\$24,526.26).**

Mr. Hellwig said there is a property auction in September, and this resolution is to accept tender offers on four tax foreclosed properties. In all cases, the prior owners have paid all the back taxes and penalties. There are three parcels in the town of Greenfield and a one parcel in the Town of Malta. The total for the four offers is just over \$53,000.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- **Approving the final draft of the Saratoga County Airport Master Plan update and authorizing its submission to the FAA for review.**

Mr. Hellwig said the above item is for the approval of the final draft of the Airport Master Plan update. The Federal Aviation Administration requires that the county periodically updates the plan. This work has been completed by the engineering firm, McFarland & Johnson. They were hired in 2012 to assist the county with the plan update. The Buildings and Grounds committee has reviewed the plan, made revisions and approved it.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Proclaiming October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"**
- **Authorizing a five-year agreement with Global Tel-Link Corporation for the provision of inmate telephone services at the Saratoga County Jail at a reimbursement rate to the County equivalent to 55% of the gross revenue billed or prepaid for all phones covered under this agreement.**
- **Authorizing an agreement with Royal Care Pharmacy Services for the provision of pharmacy products and pharmacy services for the Saratoga County Correctional Facility.**
- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services to accept a three-year grant in the amount of \$211,602 to enhance indigent legal representation in Saratoga County.**

- **Authorizing the acceptance of a \$1,650 FM Global Mutual Insurance Program Fire Prevention Grant to be utilized by the Fire Coordinator to purchase laptop computers and software and amending the budget in relation thereto.**

Mr. Veitch said as a part of the Buildings and Grounds Committee there was approval of some landside and taxiway changes, and aviation easements to keep the airport operating as it is today. There was no approval of runway extensions or eminent domain of parcels that were on the original proposal.

Mr. Hellwig said first item is the designation of the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This comes from the District Attorney who has made domestic violence prosecution a priority of his office for the past seventeen years.

The second item is a contract renewal with Global Tel-Link Corporation for the inmate telephone call system that serves the county jail. This is a five year agreement where the Sheriff and his staff have renegotiated the contract with the provider and have increased the county commission on the phone calls that are made by the inmates from 44% up to 55%. The county will realize additional revenue as a result of the Sheriff's success with that endeavor. The Sheriff also indicated that the system, administratively, worked well with the activities in his department.

The third item is a contract renewal that was negotiated by the Sheriff and his staff with Royal Care Pharmacy Services, which is the company that provides prescriptions to the county jail inmates as well as some related pharmacy services. The Sheriff has met with Royal Care, and as a result of those discussions Royal Care has agreed to lower the costs for prescriptions, cutting the costs to the facility by approximately \$10,000 to \$11,000 per month.

The fourth item is the Indigent Legal Services Grant. This grant has been approved in prior budgeting cycles and is 100% funding for the county's new Conflict Defender office as well as some miscellaneous expenses within the Public Defender's office.

The final item is to accept \$1,650 in grant funding, which is a courtesy of FM Global Mutual Insurance Company. The company runs a fire prevention grant program that the fire investigative unit has applied for and received approval. The money will be used to purchase laptop computers as well as some software.

On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Collyer the above resolutions were approved unanimously.

CHAIRMANS ITEM

- **Appointing Connie Wood from the Town of Charlton to the Saratoga County Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Beth Liebech.**

Mr. Hellwig said the above item is the appointment of Connie Wood from the town of Charlton to the Saratoga County Planning Board. Mrs. Wood will be filling the unexpired term of Beth Liebech who passed away unexpectedly in April.

LAW AND FINANCE

- **Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Insituform Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$876,410.50 for Phase V of the Saratoga County Sewer District's interceptor relining project.**

Mr. Hellwig said last April the Board authorized an engineering contract for phase five of the sewer district's interceptor relining project. There is approximately 13 miles of interceptor line in the county and each year the district relines a portion of that total. Five bids were received for the work this year, which will be done in the town of Ballston. There will be approximately 2,500 to 3,000 feet of interceptor line. Insituform Technologies was the low bidder at \$876,410.50.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Mr. Collyer the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom