

Law and Finance Committee Minutes
December 11, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Preston Allen; Committee members Scott Ostrander, Dan Pemrick, Jonathan Schopf, Tim Szczepaniak, Mo Wright; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Tara Gaston, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Todd Kusnierz, Dick Lucia, Bill Peck, Jean Raymond, Mike Smith, Matt Veitch, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, Brian O’Conor, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandi Cross, Office for the Aging; Chris Schall, Auditor; Craig Hayner, Christine Rush, County Clerk; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Carl Zeilman, Emergency Services, Marcy McNamara, Human Resources; Jason Kemper, Planning; Steve Bayle, Probation; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Keith Manz, Public Works; Anna Stanko, Real Property Tax; Dan Rourke, Sewer District; Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Marty Vanags, Shelby Schneider, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership; Ridge Harris, Gramercy Communications; Barbara Thomas, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the minutes of the November 13, 2019 and November 14, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES & INSURANCE

- Amending the Attorney Compensation Schedule to provide for full-time Conflict Defenders and part-time Assistant District Attorneys.
- Adopting the 2020 Saratoga County Compensation Schedule and providing for the abolition and creation of certain positions.
- Setting 2020 Salaries for Certain Temporary and Part-Time Employees to include an increase for a 2% COLA.
- Setting 2020 Salaries for Management and Confidential Employees to include an increase for a 2% COLA.
- Introducing a local law to amend the 2020 County Compensation Schedule to provide a cost-of-living increase for certain County Officials, and setting a date for a public hearing thereon.

Mr. Hellwig said that all 5 resolutions will be brought to the Board today for the special meeting adopting the county budget. For the first item, these positions will be added to the Attorney’s matrix in the compensation schedule. For the second item, this will approve the position changes

which were approved during the budget process as well as changes as a result of COLA adjustments. For the third item, this will extend the terms of the CSEA agreement to temporary and part-times positions. For the fourth item, this will extend the terms of the CSEA agreement to officers, officials, management and confidential employees excluded from the general bargaining unit. The final item is for officers currently in a term. This group can only receive COLA increase through the adoption of a Local Law. The public hearing will be set for January 15, 2020 at 4:25pm.

On a motion made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, the following resolution was approved unanimously.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Authorize a contract with O'Connell and Aronowitz in an amount not to exceed \$34,334 for Office of the Aging legal services.

Mr. Hellwig said that the services are covered through federal grant funds.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Authorizing a 2020 Contract for Police Services in the Town of Clifton Park.
- Authorizing a 2020 Contract for Police Services in the Town of Halfmoon.
- Authorize acceptance of a New York State Supervision and Treatment Services For Juveniles Program Grant and authorizing provider contracts through December 31, 2020.
- Authorize an on-call stipend for counsel at first arraignment attorneys.

Mr. Hellwig said that the first two items are for 1-year law enforcement services. The cost of both renewal contracts include 2% increase over the expiring agreements. For the third item, the grant amount is \$59,992. For the final item will be for attorneys covering off hours arraignments in accordance with State legislation. The County's 18B administrator will be maintaining a list and will be scheduling attorneys to be on call.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Authorize an agreement with the Town of Malta to convey a permanent non-exclusive easement for the purpose of installing a gateway sign in the right-of-way of County Road 77 (Stonebreak Road) in Luther Forest Tech Park.

- Authorize an agreement with Creighton Manning Engineering for engineering services in the amount of \$85,000 for the design, construction administration and inspection for the replacement of the collapsed CR 4 (North Shore Road) Bridge over Paul Creek in the Town of Day and amending the budget in relation thereto.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

LAW & FINANCE

- Amending the 2020 Tentative Budget.
- Adopting the 2020-2024 Saratoga County Capital Plan.
- Authorizing 2020 contracts with various agencies.
- Authorizing an agreement with Saratoga Economic Development Corporation.
- Authorization to levy amounts payable to the County Treasurer and the Town Supervisors.
- Establish January 2, 2020 at 4 pm in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers as the date, time and place of the 2020 Organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- Confirm the 2020 Scale of Charges for the Saratoga County Sewer District No.1.
- Authorize an agreement with S&L Roofing and Sheetmetal in amount of \$138,900 for services associated with replacing the roof on the screen and grit building at the treatment plant.
- Authorize an amendment to the contract with Weston and Sampson in the amount of \$30,490 for additional engineering and construction services associated with the rehabilitation of a gravity trunk sewer in the Town of Clifton Park.
- Authorization for the County Administrator to procure services and digital imagery from Pictometry International Corporation.
- Authorizing the Indemnification of the County Clerk and County Employees for claims resulting from their lawful compliance with the Green Light Law.

Mr. Hellwig said that the first four items will all be brought to the special board meeting today as part of the adoption of the budget. Mr. Hellwig said that for the first item, the amendments were taken through Law & Finance as well as the budget workshop. For the second item, the 2020-2024 Capital Plan was reviewed by the Long Range Capital Committee in September. For the fifth item, this is essentially the tax warrant. For the 2020 scale of charges for the Sewer District,

the Sewer Commission approved the district proposed scale of charges at its meeting on November 7th following a public hearing. For the eighth item, there were 4 bids received ranging from \$138,900 to \$164,785. S& L were the low bidder. For the ninth item, the additional services included an increase in construction inspection services to address unforeseen conditions as well as community concerns that were raised. For the final item, the resolution will also urge the Governor and State Legislature to postpone implementation of the Green Light Law to October 2020.

Mr. Szczepaniak asked when the pictometry would be available to the town ships. Mr. Kemper said that flights are scheduled for during an approximate 3-month window next spring as soon as the snow is gone and prior to leaf out. Images will be available after quality assurance and review.

Mr. Allen thanked the committee members for their work during the past year.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Wright, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board