

Law and Finance Committee Minutes  
March 17, 2020 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Committee members Ed Kinowski, Jonathan Schopf, Todd Kusnierz, Kevin Tollisen, Sandra Winney, Mo Wright; Supervisors Eric Connolly, Phil Barrett, Dick Lucia, Jean Raymond, Mike Smith, Darren O'Connor, Bill Peck, Tom Wood, Matt Veitch, Tara Gaston, Jack Lawler, John Lant, and Chairman of the Board Preston Allen; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Marcy McNamara, Human Resources; Ridge Harris, Gramercy.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meetings were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Hellwig said there is one item before the Committee today asking for the support of the Chairman's declaration of a State of Emergency for the County. It will also authorize a number of actions to be taken to address the County's changing operational needs. The resolution has been shared with the Committee. He said the resolution is essentially three subject areas. The County's credit card currently has a \$15,000 limit and that needs to increase to \$50,000. The employees and volunteers in Emergency Operations Center need to be fed days and most nights. It will also allow for unforeseen expenses. The County's paid leave policy sets the conditions in which employees are eligible to receive compensation. It is also consistent with the Governor's Executive Order to reduce staffing. The final area is a budget amendment for the Public Health Division. The resolution will authorize \$1M to be used for staffing needs in the Public Health Department and for departmental supplies. Mr. Hellwig said that the county is responsible to provide sustenance to people placed in quarantine.

**Mr. Wright motioned with a second from Mr. Tollisen to move this resolution request for discussion. Unanimous.**

Mr. Kusnierz said that on the third page of the resolution the last resolved the word "York" was missing. Mr. Hellwig said it was a typo and would be corrected.

Mr. Schopf asked what the weekly cost to the county was for a person in quarantine. Mr. Hellwig said as of right now that cost is unknown. Mr. Tollisen asked if this is something the County has to do. Mr. Hellwig said if there is a request then the County does.

Supervisor Kinowski commented on quarantined cases in Stillwater. Mr. Pemrick asked the Committee to stay on the subject at hand.

Mr. Schopf asked for clarification that half of the County's workforce is being sent home yet still have to appropriate \$325,000. Mr. Wright said it is because of the employees working will receive time and one-half. Mr. Hellwig said there was a meeting with the unions. Three days later the State's Executive Order came out. The unions responded if employees had to go to work, there

should be additional compensation. Mr. Kusnierz asked if that was for salaried individuals as well or just union employees. Mr. Hellwig said all county employees. Mr. Kusnierz is concerned with the precedent this may be setting. Mr. Pemrick said everything that is happening right now is brand new, precedents may be set and we will have to deal with them later. Mrs. McNamara said this was a union decision as well as a management decision. Mr. Kusnierz asked if the State and other localities were providing time and a half. Mrs. McNamara said the state was as well as some municipalities. Mr. Pemrick said this was being evaluated on a weekly basis. Mrs. McNamara said Departments will be evaluated to determine if they can close.

**On a motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tollisen a resolution authorizing emergency actions was unanimously adopted. Mr. Kusnierz and Mr. Schopf were in support of moving this forward to the Board for discussion.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright  
Clerk of the Board