

LAW & FINANCE Transcript

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SPEAKERS

Steve Bulger, Phil Barrett, Sandra Winney, Jonathan Schopf, Matt Veitch, Kevin Tollisen, Tom Wood

Jonathan Schopf

Good afternoon, everybody. We're gonna call the November 10, 2021. Law and Finance Committee meeting to order. This is Jonathan Schopf, Chairman. Can we get a roll call of the persons present in person as well as calling in from the committee?

Therese Connolly

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Here.

Therese Connolly

Supervisor Grasso is excused. Supervisor Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Here.

Therese Connolly

Supervisor Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Here.

Therese Connolly

Supervisor Winney.

Sandra Winney

Here.

Therese Connolly

And Supervisor Wood.

Tom Wood

Here.

Therese Connolly

Chairman Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Great, thank you. Sounds like everybody's present except for Supervisors Winney and Wood who are on the telephone. At this time, I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13th and October 19th Law and Finance meetings.

Tom Wood

Supervisor Wood, I'll make the motion.

Matt Veitch

I'll second.

Jonathan Schopf

Thank you. Motion by Supervisor Wood, second by Supervisor Veitch. Any discussion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Any opposed? Carries. Our regular agenda items for this month. We'll start with real property tax. Administrator Bulger, please.

Steve Bulger

Thank you, Chairman. Good afternoon, everybody. First item, under Real Property Tax, authorizing the conveyance of tax acquired lands. Budget impact, none. This resolution will authorize the chair of the board to issue a quitclaim deed to the party listed in the resolution for tax parcel 140.-2-4.113 in the Town of Wilton. This total payment amount of \$48,224.48 includes all penalties interest or other charges. Next item approving the 2022 tax bill flyer in accordance with local law number one of 2012, Establishing truth in taxation in Saratoga County. Budget impact, none. In accordance with local law number one of 2012 the Board of Supervisors approved the annual tax bill flyer, which will be included in each 2022 property tax bill mailed to county residents. And each of the Law and Finance Committee members should have a copy of the bill that will be going out.

Jonathan Schopf

Microphone. Thank you. Any questions on any of these items? Motion.

Sandra Winney

I'll make the motion, Supervisor Winney.

Phil Barrett

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Winney. Second by Supervisor Barrett. All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Any opposed? Passes. Health and Human Services.

Steve Bulger

Okay, first item authorizing ongoing mental health contracts for 2022 to 2024. Budget impact none, funds for these agreements have been allocated in the 2022 tentative budget. This is a regular housekeeping item for the Department of Mental Health. The current agreements for these 15 service providers are currently set to expire at the end of the year and will be renewed for a three year term. Next item authorizing a renewal contract with Shelby Farrelly for contract tracing services. Budget impact none, costs associated with this contract will be covered by a Health Research Inc. grant. Public Health is requesting this renewal to a major contract to continue their contract tracing efforts in the department. Next item, authorizing 2022 subcontracts for the Office for the Aging pursuant to the 2021-2022 annual implementation plan. Budget impact none, funds for these agreements are included in the 2022 tentative budget. This item is a housekeeping item to authorize 2022 renewal contracts with the agencies that provide home care services for the elderly in their homes.

Jonathan Schopf

Thank you. Any questions on these items?

Sandra Winney

No.

Jonathan Schopf

Do we have a motion?

Kevin Tollisen

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Tollisen.

Sandra Winney

I'll make a motion.

Jonathan Schopf

Second, Supervisor Winney. Will you second Supervisor?

Sandra Winney

Yes. I'm sorry.

Jonathan Schopf

A little bit of a delay. Anybody? Any discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Opposed? Carries. Human Resources and Insurance up next.

Steve Bulger

Okay first item authorizing a salary revision in the Public Defender's Office. Budget impact none, funds for the position are included into 2021 budget. This resolution will authorize one Assistant Public defender position to be placed on step 4-A under the 2021 compensation schedule. Next item authorizing an agreement with Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes, PC for labor relations services. Budget impact none, funds for this agreement are included in the 2022 tentative budget. The county solicited proposals for the provision of professional legal services and comprehensive labor relations upon expiration of the previous agreement with Goldberg Segalla LLP. This new agreement will take effect January 1, 2022.

Jonathan Schopf

Thank you, any questions on that? Motion?

Tom Wood

Supervisor Wood, I'll make the motion.

Jonathan Schopf

Thank you, Supervisor. Second?

Kevin Tollisen

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

Second, Supervisor Tollisen. Discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Any opposed? Carries. Thank you. Buildings and Grounds up next.

Steve Bulger

Okay, first item setting a public hearing on a proposed amendment and extensions of the east and west facilities airport leases with North American flight Services Inc. through December 31, 2061. North American flight services, budget impact none. North American flight services has proposed building a new hangar and improvements to the adjoining apron at the West site of the County Airport. The cost of the improvements is estimated between \$6 and \$7 million, which will be privately funded by North American. They have proposed that in exchange for the improvements the leases for both the east and west sites be modified and extended to 2061. Before the leases can be amended or extended a public hearing must be set. And this resolution we'll set the public hearing date for December 15, 2021 at 3pm. Next item, designating Axis Communications, exacqVision Professional and LenelS2 NetBox as the standard to be used in purchase contracts involving building security equipment and software. Budget impact none. This resolution is to provide standardization of purchase contracts for security cameras, door access and related software systems with the three listed companies for purposes of efficiency and economy. General Municipal Law Section 103 paragraph five requires a resolution by three fifths vote to standardize purchase contracts for those services.

Jonathan Schopf

Thank you. Any questions on those? Motion?

Matt Veitch

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Veitch. Second?

Kevin Tollisen

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Tollisen

Sandra Winney

Supervisor Winney.

Jonathan Schopf

Any discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Opposed? Carries. Thank you. Public Safety's up next.

Steve Bulger

Okay, one item under Public Safety authorizing an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept the 2022 crimes against revenue program grant the amount of \$118,900 budget impact none 100% state aid funds received from this grant program will provide continued salary support and travel reimbursement to the District Attorney's Office for the investigation and prosecution of crimes related to the non payment of taxes and the commission of Medicaid welfare unemployment and workers compensation fraud.

Jonathan Schopf

Questions? Motion?

Tom Wood

Supervisor Wood.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Wood.

Phil Barrett

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Barrett. Any discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Opposed? Thank you. Carries. Trails and Open Space.

Steve Bulger

Okay, one item under Trails and Open Space adopting an official bike route map for Saratoga County budget impact none. With the adoption of this county bike route map the goal will be to include such amenities as widen shoulders, safe bridge crossings and other measures into future road improvement projects. In the short term, Department of Public Works. We'll be installing signage on these routes to properly identify them.

Kevin Tollisen

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Tollisen. Second?

Matt Veitch

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Veitch. Discussion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Any opposed? Carries. Government Review and Efficiency.

Steve Bulger

Okay, first item, amending the County's Public Relations Policy, budget impact none. The Public Relations Policy updates to current press release policy to reflect the duties of the newly formed position of Public Relations Director. The updated policy is intended to ensure accurate and consistent information is provided to the public and media in all activities and materials that promote awareness, stimulate interest and or generate a better understanding of county government functions. Next item, amending the county's Travel and Discretionary Spending Policy, budget impact none. This updates the county's Travel and Spending policy which was last addressed in 1998 and provides more discretion to our county wide elected officials.

Jonathan Schopf

Any questions?

Matt Veitch

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Veitch. Second?

Phil Barrett

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

Second, Supervisor Barrett. Discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Opposed? Carries. Law and Finance.

Steve Bulger

Okay, first item. This next item was approved at the most recent Sewer Commission meeting held on November 4, 2021. Establishing the 2022 scale of charges for the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1, budget impact none. The scale of charges represents a uniform increase of \$5 per user per year or

approximately a 2% increase. A public hearing was held on the proposed rates with no comment. Next item, Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant and SRF financing program, budget impact none. This item will be two separate resolutions as it is for two major Sewer District projects that were recently approved by the Board of Supervisors, those being the biosolid digester facility and the ammonia treatment project. These resolutions will authorize the Chair to submit grant funding applications through the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation to supplement funding for those projects. The total projected grant awards for both projects is approximately \$21 million. Okay, the next three items are part of the 2022 annual budget approval process. The first two items will be tabled until after the November 30th public hearing. First adopting the 2022 county budget, to be tabled, budget impact none. Second, appropriating amounts finally set forth in the 2022 Saratoga County budget to be tabled, budget impact none. Last setting November 30, 2021, at 4:45pm in the county board room as the date time and place for the public hearing on the 2022 tentative Saratoga County budget as amended. Budget impact none.

Jonathan Schopf

Questions? Motion?

Kevin Tollisen

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Tollisen. Second?

Phil Barrett

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Barrett. Discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Opposed? Carries. Any other business? Motion to set the agenda for all the items that we've discussed today and passed for the board meeting for November 16, 2021?

Tom Wood

Supervisor Wood.

Jonathan Schopf

Second?

Kevin Tollisen

Second.

Jonathan Schopf

First by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Tollisen, thirdd by Supervisor Winney.

Sandra Winney

Supervisor Winney.

Sandra Winney

Last but not least.

Jonathan Schopf

Any discussion on the motion? All in favor?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Any opposed? Great. Motion to adjourn?

Matt Veitch

So moved.

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Veitch. Second?

Jonathan Schopf

Supervisor Barrett. All in favor?

Phil Barrett

Second.

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Jonathan Schopf

Any opposed?

Sandra Winney

Thanks Jon.

Jonathan Schopf

Carries. Thank you very much. See everybody for the budget workshop shortly.