



Law & Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 4PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Committee members Diana Edwards, Joe Grasso, John Lant, Scott Ostrander, Kevin Tollisen, Kevin Veitch.

Supervisors Cynthia Young, Michelle Madigan, Eric Connolly, and Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Renee Law, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, Anne Van Vorst, County Administrator; George Conway, County Attorney; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Dan Rourke, Sewer District; Chad Cooke, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning and Economic Development; Katie Bottger, Human Resources; Patrick Maxwell, Social Services; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health; André Delvaux, Emergency Services; Donna Miter, CSEA.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Authorizing the County Administrator to execute memorandums of understanding with organizations and corporations in relation to opioid overdose rescue kits across Saratoga County.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact.

These rescue kits are purchased using opioid settlement funds to increase naloxone access. This item will allow for a new distribution process by granting the County Administrator authority to execute MOUs with supporting organizations and corporations throughout the County.

On a motion made by Mr. Kevin Veitch, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Authorizing the implementation and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal aid and State Marchiselli Program-aid eligible costs of a transportation federal aid project and appropriating funds therefore for the Lasher Rd Bridge over Mourning Kill replacement project in the Town of Ballston in the amount of \$1,352,810 for construction and construction inspection and administration services and amending the 2024 County budget in relation thereto.

BUDGET IMPACT: The budget will be amended to accept these funds, authorize the related expenses, and decrease fund balance by \$13,691.

The additional costs of construction, construction inspection, and administration services for this project will be \$273,810. This will require an appropriation of \$13,691 as the County's 5% share of these costs.

- Amending an agreement with Greenman Pedersen, Inc. for Right of Way, construction administration, and inspection services for the Lasher Rd Bridge over Mourning Kill replacement project in the Town of Ballston.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This amended agreement will be in the amount of \$166,257.

On a motion made by Mr. Lant, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, the following resolutions were approved. Mr. Veitch recused from voting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Amending a Tower License Agreement with Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless, for the upgrade of communications equipment on the County's Radio Communications Tower in the Town of Edinburg.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This license agreement will be for an initial two-year term at \$30,000 and includes nine additional two-year renewals.

- Amending a Tower License Agreement with Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless, for the upgrade of communications equipment on the County's Radio Communications Tower in the Town of Lake Luzerne.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This license agreement will be for an initial two-year term at \$30,000 and includes nine additional two-year renewals.

- Amending a Tower License Agreement with Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless, for the upgrade of communications equipment on the County's Radio Communications Tower in the Town of Day.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This license agreement will be for an initial two-year term at \$30,000 and includes nine additional two-year renewals.

- Amending a Tower License Agreement with Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless, for the upgrade of communications equipment on the County's Radio Communications Tower in the Town of Providence.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This license agreement will be for an initial two-year term at \$30,000 and includes nine additional two-year renewals.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Amending Resolution 107-2024 to replace CPL Architects Engineers Landscape Architects and Surveyors DPC, and CPL Architecture Engineering and Planning with CPL Architects Engineers and Landscape Architect DPC.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact.

This resolution originally authorized engineering services related to the County's new burn building. This item will rectify the company title in both the resolution and subsequent agreement.

- Amending an agreement with Dr. Kristin St. Denis for professional veterinary services at the Saratoga County Animal Shelter.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This resolution replaces a minor contract with a major contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

- Appointing John Pugliese as Deputy Coroner.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This budget neutral item will allow for greater on-call flexibility amongst the Coroners and Deputy Coroners.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, the following resolution was approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Authorizing the transfer of funds from the Economic Development Grant Reserve Fund and amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation thereto.

BUDGET IMPACT: The budget will be amended to increase appropriations and reduce the Economic Development Grant Reserve fund by \$45,610.09

This will allow for the payment of the City of Mechanicville and the Towns of Ballston, Clifton Park, Hadley, and Greenfield's 2022 and 2023 grant projects.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the following resolution was approved unanimously.

TRAILS & OPEN SPACE

- Awarding 2024 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Grants.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are available in the operating budget and the Open Space Reserve account to cover the awards.

The Trails and Open Space Committee has recommended funding two farmland and one open space preservation projects in the amount of \$604,306. The County funds will be used to leverage total estimated project costs of \$784,706 and will assist in the preservation of a combined 201 acres of open space and farmland in the Towns of Northumberland, Stillwater, and Moreau.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

LAW & FINANCE

- Authorizing the payment of a monthly stipend for Jacqueline Lombardo Esq. under the Department of Social Services.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

Ms. Lombardo will be taking on additional duties and responsibilities needed to train and mentor new attorneys in the department. This monthly stipend will be in the amount of \$700 per month until the end of the year.

- Bond resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$3,759,250 serial bonds of the County of Saratoga, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to finance the cost of construction of upgrades to ammonia treatment facilities by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1.

BUDGET IMPACT: The budget will be amended to accept these funds and authorize the related expenses.

This will allow the Sewer District to borrow an additional \$3,759,250 for services related to the Ammonia Treatment upgrade project. The total cost of the project will now be \$48,228,452.

- Approving the proposed increase in the maximum estimated cost of proposed upgrades to Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1's Wastewater Treatment Plant to properly treat ammonia and meet new limits proposed by NYSDEC.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact.

This will increase the allowable bond amount for the Ammonia removal project to \$48,228,452.

- Amending an agreement with Wright Pierce Engineering Consultants P.C. for additional construction administration and inspection services for Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1's Secondary Clarifier Project.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

Due to some changes related to the project, this agreement will increase the cost for administration and inspection services from \$95,000 to \$145,000.

- Authorizing an agreement with Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for maintenance of the UV Disinfection System at the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact. Funds are included in the Department Budget.

This is an annual housekeeping item for maintenance services on the Sewer District's UV system. This agreement will be capped at \$18,650.

- Amending Resolution 181-12, as last amended by Resolution 114-2024, and establishing or revising a standard workday reporting resolution for elected and appointed County officials for retirement purposes.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact.

This resolution will update the Records of Activities for Board of Elections Commissioner Joseph Suhrada until the end of 2024.

On a motion made by Mr. Matt Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, the following resolution was added to the agenda.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEM

- Requesting that Congress and the National Park Service rename the Saratoga National Historical Park to the Saratoga National Battlefield Park.

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact.

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

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BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact.

With the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga approaching in 2027, the Chairman of the Board is looking to restore the Saratoga Battlefield Park name that originally identified the historic Revolutionary War sites in the towns of Saratoga and Stillwater. Discussion ensued.

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, the Board Meeting Agenda for June 18, 2024 was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Grasso, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget M. Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board