

Law and Finance Committee Minutes
December 14, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Committee members John Collyer, Paul Lent, Dan Lewza, Jean Raymond, Kevin Tollisen, Matt Veitch; Supervisors Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Peter Martin, Bill Peck, Tom Richardson, Jon Schopf, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Brian O’Conor, Auditor; Cathi Duncan, Department of Health; Roger Schiera, Bill Fruci, Elections; Sandi Cross, Aging; Marcy McNamara, Diane Brown, Personnel; Steve Bayle, Probation; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Dan Rourke, Sewer; Mike Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Andrew Jarosh, George Martin, D’Arcy Plummer, Treasurer; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

On a motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Collyer the following resolutions were approved. Mr. Tollisen recused himself from voting on any item pertaining to the Public Defender’s Office.

- Authorizing negotiations to settle up with 36 workers compensation cases for former Maplewood Manor employees.
- Authorizing an agreement with Lawley Insurance for Health Insurance Consulting Services at an annual cost of \$15,000.
- Authorizing an agreement with 4mybenefits, Inc. for the development and maintenance of an employee benefits web portal at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.
- Amending Resolution #169-2016 to approve a revised standard workday reporting resolution for elected and appointed county officials for retirement purposes.
- Authorizing the Saratoga County Self-Insurance Plan name to be changed to the Saratoga County Workers Compensation Plan and the Workforce Investment Act to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- Adopting the 2017 Compensation Schedule.
- Setting 2017 salaries for county officers, officials, management and confidential personnel who are not members of the collective bargaining unit(s) and do not require a local law for approval.
- Setting 2017 salaries for certain temporary and part-time employees.

- Introducing a Local Law relative to amending the compensation schedule to include a cost of living increase for certain county officials and setting a date for a public hearing.

Mr. Hellwig said that the Personnel Committee met with CorVel to discuss the benefit of settling the Maplewood Manor claims. Payments will come from the Contributory Reserve Fund.

The second item with Lawley Insurance will aid Personnel analyze and negotiate the annual renewal rates.

The agreement with 4mybenefits, Inc. will replace the iNavigator site.

Mr. Hellwig said that the final five items from the Personnel & Insurance committee will be brought to the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors that will be held today, December 14 at 4:45pm. The first item is a required designation for federal funding. For the final item, the public hearing for the local law will be scheduled for January 11, 2017 at 4:25pm.

On a motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Lent the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- Accepting tender offers on three parcels in the Town of Greenfield for a total amount of \$15,769.76.

Mr. Hellwig said that the amount includes all back taxes from 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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

- Authorize an agreement with the Town of Stillwater providing for the County to issue a onetime grant towards the purchase of a van to transport local senior citizens in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.
- Authorize an agreement with O'Connell and Aronowitz in the amount of \$20,520 for legal services in the Office of the Aging.
- Authorize an agreement with NEC Care, Inc. dba Home Instead Senior Care to provide respite care and companionship services at a cost of \$23.50 per hour for the period of January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

Mr. Hellwig said that the agreement with O'Connell & Aronowitz is to provide minor legal support, for example assistance with wills, to senior citizens.

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

- Authorizing a multi-year contract with the Department of Health for the Early Intervention Administrative Grant to cover the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$81,278 per year.
- Authorize an extension to the Health Research, Inc. Ebola grant deadline to April 30, 2017.

Mr. Hellwig said that the second item will allow the Department of Health to purchase medical record software.

On a motion was made by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Lewza the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

- Authorize an agreement with the County of Oneida for the provision of secure detention services for inmates receiving in-patient psychiatric services in the amount of \$185 per inmate per day at the Central New York Psychiatric Center.
- Authorize the acceptance of the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Programs (STSJP) grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount up to \$64,265 and to authorize the associated provider contracts for the calendar year 2017.
- Authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$19,715 for the Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program for the period from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.
- Authorize the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services Director to act as the County's Interoperability coordinator for the purposes of overseeing interoperability efforts, and coordinating interoperability and communication projects.

Mr. Hellwig said that for the first item, the rate per inmate per day is \$20 higher than the expiring agreement. For the third item, the funds will help offset some of the expenses of the Probation Department. The final item, Homeland Security has indicated that this designation is necessary to continue to receive funding.

On a motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mrs. Raymond the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

- Amending the 2017 Tentative Budget
- Adopting 2017-2021 Saratoga County Capital Plan.
- Authorizing 2017 agreements with various agencies.
- Authorizing a 5-year renewal agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC in the amount of \$304,000 for software maintenance services associated with the Board of Elections' voter database.

- Amending the County budget to appropriate \$5,006,183 in revenues and expenses to implement the IGT Program.
- Levying amounts payable to County Treasurer and Town Supervisors.
- Establishing January 4, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers as the date, time and place of the 2017 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- Confirming the 2017 scale of charges for the Saratoga County Sewer District.

Mr. Hellwig said that the first three items will be brought to the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors that will be held today, December 14 at 4:45pm.

Mr. Hellwig said that the fourth item will provide software maintenance services covering voter registration, signature digitation and election night return.

Mr. Hellwig said that for the fifth item, the county received a little over \$10M by the State Department of Health through the Federal Medicaid Assistance Program. The net amount of a little over \$5M will be set aside to help offset the costs of Maplewood Manor Retiree health care costs. For the next 2-3 years, depending on premium prices, the county will not need to use property or sales tax to cover these expenses.

For the final item, the rate increase was approved by the Sewer Commission in November and followed by a public hearing.

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Lent the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk