

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**February 5, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

George Jahn  
Lawrence Andrews  
Valerie Bertram  
Roy Brown  
Jesse DeGroot  
Leo Pulcher  
John Rutkey  
Philip Williams  
Richard Keaveney  
Elizabeth Young

**ABSENT:**

Douglas McGivney, notified  
James Keegan, notified  
Lynda Scheer, notified  
Reginald Crowley, notified

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Kenneth Wilber

**PRESS: 0**

Deputy Chair Jahn called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**LABOR NEGOTIATIONS:** Ratifying the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Columbia and the UPSEU and authorizing and directing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the term of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH:**

**Resolution Request:** Accepting a renewal of Children with Special Needs funding, in the amount of \$18,093.00, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Awarding contracts for transportation of Children with Special Needs in the Early Intervention and Preschool Services Program, motion by R. Brown, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

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**Resolution Request:** Authorization to create and fill one provisional Psychiatric Social Worker, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to create and fill up to five pool positions of Psychiatrist equivalent to 2.5 FTE positions, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to fill vacant position of Deputy Director/ Director of Clinical Services, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried. J. Rutkey and R. Brown opposed.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to fill vacant Account Positions, motion by E. Young, seconded by J. DeGroot, motion carried. R. Brown opposed.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to fill Administrative Assistant Position and backfill a vacancy created from filing this position, leaving the Clerk/Typist position vacant, motion by E. Young, seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to enter into contract with the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, motion by R. Brown, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Anytime Home Care to provide housekeeping/chore and homemaker/personal care services in the amount of \$43,000 motion by E. Young, seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Unlimited Home Care Services to provide housekeeping/chore and homemaker/personal care services in the amount of \$70,000, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Columbia County Health Department to provide housekeeping/chore and homemaker/personal care services in the amount of \$19,000, motion by J. Rutkey, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and visiting nurses home care to provide housekeeping/chore and homemaker/personal care services in the amount of \$18,000, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Angel Home Care to provide housekeeping/chore and homemaker/personal care services, in the amount of \$20,000, motion by E. Young, seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Interim Home Care to provide housekeeping/chore and homemaker/personal care services in the amount of \$40,000, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and St. Mary's Church to provide space for a nutrition site in Stuyvesant Falls, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and St. Bridget's Church to provide space for a nutrition site in Copake Falls, motion by E. Young, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Sons and Daughters of Italy to provide space for a nutrition site in Greenport, motion by R. Brown, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Columbia County Health Care Consortium to provide medical transportation services, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Rosalee Charpentier, Esq. to provide legal services for the elderly, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing an agreement between the Columbia County Office for the Aging and Mary Richardson, R.D. to provide consultation and counseling services to the nutrition program, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to create and fill one (1) full time Data Base Clerk at grade 10C and abolish one (1) Community Services Assistant position, motion by R. Brown, seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to fill one vacant part time relief person to support the operation of the Philmont Kitchen, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing the Commissioner of DSS to fill the vacant budgeted position of Case Worker, starting salary of \$34,471.00, motion by L. Andrews seconded by E. Young, carried.

#### **PINE HAVEN:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to fill the approved vacant Director of Nursing, FT, FM position, waiving the 15% salary reduction and waiving the 6-month waiting period for health benefits, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

#### **COMPUTER:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing the Director of Data Processing to sign computer maintenance and software contracts due in 2009, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

#### **LEGAL:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to appoint one (1) position of Alternate Conflict Defender, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to enter into a maintenance agreement with Project Lifesaver International, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to create and fill one (1) criminal investigator position who would be directly assigned to the Department of Social Services for contractual welfare fraud investigative services, motion by R. Brown, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**REAL PROPERTY & ASSESSMENT:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing setting the date for public hearings for Local Law # 1 of 2009 entitled "Establishing Income Levels for Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption"; and Local Law # 2 of 2009 entitled "Establishing Income Levels for Disabled and Low Income Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption" for February 11, 2009 at 7:10 PM, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to fill (5) Deputy EMS Coordinator positions, motion by R. Brown, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to fill five (5) Deputy Fire Coordinator Positions, motion by J. Rutkey, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to fill three (3) Deputy Emergency Management Director positions, motion by E. Young, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing the implementation of proposals of the upgrade of the wireless communication system in the County of Columbia from previous Resolution 198-2008, motion by R. Brown, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**BUILDING/FACILITIES:**

**Resolution Request:** Resolution authorizing the conveyance of one landlocked parcel of vacant land in the Town of New Lebanon, amending Resolution 391-2008, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute agreements necessary to conduct a Columbia County Energy Efficiency Study in the amount of \$28,136.00, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by L. Pulcher, carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to amend Resolution No. 75-2008, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing to award the contract for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to Clean Harbors, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization for the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to execute supplemental consultant agreement #1 with C & S Engineers, Inc. of Syracuse NY for the design of the Columbia County Airport R/W 3 END and Taxiway A/E Rehab. Project which said supplemental agreement No. 1 reduces the lump sum design fee from \$125,170.00 to \$79,663.00, motion by R. Brown, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization for the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to enter into a professional service agreement with Mcfarland-Johnson, Inc. of Binghamton NY in the amount of \$1,000 for the performance of a FAA-required independent fee estimate (IFEO for construction administration/inspection services associated with the Columbia County Airport R/W 3 End and Taxiway A/E rehabilitation project, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an easement to Joseph Ronsani, Route 217, Town of Claverack, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to accept the bid for the Kardex Lektriever Unit at a cost of \$34,375.00, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

**FINANCE:**

**Resolution Request: Authorizing the Establishment of a Hiring Freeze for Columbia County Departments and Rescinding Resolutions 352-2001, 179-2002 and 118-2003, motion by L. Pulcher, seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried.**

**Resolution Request: Authorizing the renewal of the Medical Malpractice Insurance Program for the year 2009-2010 from the Kleeber Agency, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM by R. Brown, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.**

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