

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**October 4, 2011**

**PRESENT:**

**Lynda Scheer, Chairwoman**  
**Lawrence Andrews**  
**Arthur Baer**  
**Arthur Bassin**  
**Jesse DeGroot**  
**Elizabeth Young**  
**Raymond Staats**

**ABSENT:**

**Richard Keaveney, notified**  
**Roy Brown, notified**  
**Bart Delaney, Jr., notified**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk**  
**Tal Rappleyea**  
**Kenneth Wilber**

**PRESS: 2**

**Chairwoman Scheer called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.**

**Real Property Tax Service: (S. Booy submitted)**

**I will not be at the Finance Committee meeting as I will be in Syracuse at the Real Property Director's Conference. I would like to update everyone on a few things though:**

**Continuing Education Class for Assessors was held at the College by the NYS Assessor's Association on 9/27. There were 29 students and they represented Assessors from 11 different counties! The next seminar is November 1st at the College and attendance so far looks good for that as well.**

**Chargeback Agreements have been mailed out to ALL Towns and I have asked that online tax bills be put on the October Town Board Meeting Agendas. I've also asked for all executed Agreements to be sent back to me (by 10/28) and I will turn them all over to the Treasurer at the end of the month. Once we have all Agreements, BAS will begin the process to get everything in place by 1/1/12. Treasurer's Office has indicated that we will NOT need to print a second set of tax bills this year for the Towns that will putting their bills online. I believe THIS IS HUGE to both this department and the Tax Collectors. Time & Cost saver. The goal is to have all Town/County Bills & payments DISPLAYED online by 1/1/12.**

**Governor Layoffs will impact the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services greatly...there are an estimated 40-50 layoffs in that Agency alone (through out their various regions across the state). For an Agency that had 500 employees 10 years ago, to 200 employees currently, that is a BIG hit. More and more will be expected from the County level. Several things that were done by the State in previous years have been done by this office this year and it is only going to get worse.**

**County Attorney's Office: T. Rappleyea**

**2005 TAX FORECLOSURE (Sir William Road, Hillsdale) [no change from last month]**

**The owner continues to abide by the Chapter 12 Plan, thus we continue to monitor the bankruptcy and the realtor's progress.**

**2006 and 2007 TAX FORECLOSURE [no change from last month]**

**The CA office has again contacted the adjoining landowners to try to sell the two remaining leftover parcels but have not received any offers. If we are unsuccessful with the neighbors, we will put these properties in the next sale with the 2008 parcels.**

**2008 TAX FORECLOSURE [no change from last month]**

**We have several months before the Petition may be filed and served, but the ordering and receipt of the title reports is the first step in this new round.**

**McDOWELL PROPERTY (Route 66 & Water Street, Ghent)**

Earlier this year the full BOS approved the commencement of a supplementary foreclosure proceeding so that we may ultimately sell this property to an individual who has offered to purchase it, rehabilitate the parcel as a tax producing lot and clean up the eyesore that currently exists.

The Supplemental Foreclosure Petition is about to be filed and will go out for immediate service now that we have received the Release from the AG. After 90 days, assuming the owner does not file an answer, we will immediately file the Judgment and proceed with the sale to the new buyer.

**UPPER HOLLOW ROAD BRIDGE (off Rte 22, Austerlitz)**

The County must secure a temporary detour over a private road while construction on this bridge takes place. The full BOS and this Committee previously authorized an appraisal for the detour over the property owned by Henry Meininger. Attached is the appraisal which reveals that the estimated value of the temporary detour is \$7,000.00. The next step is to make the formal offer of purchase in accordance with Eminent Domain Procedure Law. Assuming that the offer is rejected, we can then commence the ED process.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ANALYSIS AGREEMENT WITH DR. PAPAYANOPOULOS**

A couple of months ago Rob Fitzsimmons forwarded an email to each BOS member regarding the need to perform a reapportionment of the weighted vote based upon the 2010 Federal Census. Columbia County has traditionally used Dr. Lee Papayanopoulos to perform the analysis and provide a report. Attached is a resolution authorizing the agreement with him.

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR ENHANCED 911 EXPENDITURES**

We have received notification from the State that Columbia County is eligible to receive reimbursement for certain costs at E911. Attached is a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute whatever documents necessary to complete claim for reimbursement and to accept such funds upon payment.

**REQUEST BY VILLAGE OF PHILMONT TO EXEMPT SEWER AND WATER SYSTEM FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

In accordance with the terms of Real Property Tax Law §406, the Village of Philmont has requested that the County agree to make the parcels of land on which the municipal sewer and water systems are located exempt from the payment of real property taxes. Since the parcels are located outside of the Village, but in the Town of Claverack, the Town has previously agreed to such exemption. Attached is the resolution authorizing the exemption from County real property taxes.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTS:**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA AND THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013, motion by A. Baer, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.**

**HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN A SATELLITE OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES/MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC AT THE HUDSON CITY JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL , MOTION BY I. Andrews, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO FILL THE VACANT BUDGETED MENTAL HEALTH/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE COORDINATOR POSITION (GR21C) WHICH IS 100% NYS FUNDED, motion by E. Young, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR , motion by E. Young, seconded by J. DeGroodt, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PINE HAVEN HOME TO CREATE AND FILL AND FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS , motion by L. Andrews, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILL VACANT, BUDGETED POSITIONS, motion by A. Bassin, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, MOTION BY e. Young, seconded by J. DeGroodt, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHERIFF TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 FROM A .2 ACCOUNT TO A .4 ACCOUNT, motion by A. Baer, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO FILL THE VACANT BUDGETED POSITION OF ONE (1) PT ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY WITH AN ANNUAL STARTING SALARY OF \$50,020.00 , motion by A. Baer, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 257-2011 FOR THE CHANGE IN THE LEASE AMOUNT WITH CROWN CASTLE USA INC. , motion by A. Baer, seconded by A. Bassin. After contacting R. Lopez, he explained this is prime Real Estate, they wanted \$2,000.00 and he worked very hard to get the price down to \$650.00, moving this antenna up will block out other cell phone carriers. This is to our advantage.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHERIFF TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 FROM A .2 ACCOUNT TO A .4 ACCOUNT IN THE JAIL BUDGET, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT AGREEMENT (#1) WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC. OF SYRACUSE, NY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,646.00 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES ON THE COLUMBIA COUNTY AIRPORT SOUTH APRON RECONSTRUCTION-PHASE 1 PROJECT, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT AGREEMENT (#2) WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC. OF SYRACUSE, NY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,569.00 FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES AND MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES ON THE BLOCH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT-DUGWAY ROAD-HILLSDALE NY, motion by A. Baer, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,700.00 WITH RYAN-BIGGS ASSOC., PC OF CLIFTON PARK, NY FOR THE DESIGN OF A NEW CENTER PIER AND STREAM BANK RESTORATION AT MICHALUK BRIDGE, CARRYING MAPLE LANE OVER BASH BISH BROOK IN THE TOWN OF COPAKE, motion by A. Baer, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO FILL ONE (1) MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I POSITION, GR 11C AT THE STEP , SALARY OF \$30,515.00, motion by A. Baer, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO FILL ONE (1) VACANT POSITION OF ROAD FOREMAN, GR 14C AT THE 2011 BASE SALARY OF \$45,061.00 AND TO FILL ANY VACANCIES CREATED THEREFROM, motion by E. Young, seconded by A. Baer, carried.**

**AWARDING THE BID FOR MOLDBOARD CUTTING EDGES & ASSOCIATED ITEMS TO CHEMUNG SUPPLY CORP. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$29,292.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011-SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, motion by E. Young, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL SIX (6) SEASONAL LABORER POSITIONS IN THE HIGHWAY DEPT. TO BE \$13.7336 PER HOUR, FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 15, 2011 THRU APRIL 1, 2012, motion by A. Baer, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS AND CANNED/FROZEN FOOD TO GINSBERG'S FOODS, INC. , QUANDT'S FOOD SERVICE, SYSCO ALBANY LLC, AND WOHRLE FOODS INC FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**FINANCE:**

**REQUESTING COMPTROLLER THOMAS DINAPOLI TO REFORM THE FUNDING POLICY FOR THE NEW YORK STATE COMMON RETIREMENT FUND, motion by E. Young, seconded by A. Baer, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO PURCHASE CISCO NETWORK MONITORING SOFTWARE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400.00, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO MOVE FORWARD FOR THE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL OF OUR SPAM SENTINEL SOFTWARE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,734.00, motion by R. Staats, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO MOVE WITH OUT-SOURCING THE UPGRADE OF THE PROGRESSA SERVER DUE TO A LACK OF INTERNAL MIS SKILLS WITH ORCALE, motion by J. DeGroodt, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH THE PER DIEM POSITION OF CHIEF PAYROLL CLERK, AND CREATE AND FILL ONE FULL TIME TEMPORARY POSITION OF CHIEF PAYROLL CLERK, AND CREATE AND FILL ONE FULLTIME TEMPORARY POSITION OF AUDIT & ACCOUNT CLERK EFFECTIVE PAYROLL PERIOD BEGINNING 9/10/11, motion by A. Baer, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PAYING THE HW/SW MAINTENANCE RENEWAL OF OUR AS/400 SERVER, motion by A. Baer, seconded by J. DeGrootd, carried.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN LOCAL ENHANCED 911 RELATED COSTS, motion by A. Bassin, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT TO EXEMPT VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY COMPRISING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL SEWER AND WATER SYSTEMS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §406, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by J. DeGrootd, carried.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. LEE PAPAYANOPOULOS OF REAPPORTIONMENT SERVICES TO COMPLETE A WEIGHTED VOTING ANALYSIS AND REPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, motion by A. Baer, seconded by J. DeGrootd, carried.**

Before adjourning T. Rappleyea was asked on the Lease for the Soil and Water Bldg., he stated he has been working on it, has been waiting to receive the blue prints to the bldg. T. Rappleyea will contact L. Sager before the year ends.

With no further discussion a motion to adjourn by A. Baer, seconded by J. DeGrootd at 5:42 PM, motion carried.

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