

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **FINANCE**

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors Stec
 Goodspeed
 Belden
 Bentley
 Taylor
 VanNess
 Kenny
 Merlino
 Conover

Others Present:

Fred Monroe, Chairman of the Board
Paul Dusek, County Attorney/Administrator
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board
Kevin Geraghty, Budget Officer
Supervisor Loeb
Supervisor McCoy
Supervisor Strainer
Supervisor Thomas
Frank O'Keefe, Treasurer
Rob Lynch, Deputy Treasurer
Rick Murphy, Fiscal Assistant to the
Administrator
Bud York, Sheriff
Brian LaFlure, Fire Coordinator/Director, Office
of Emergency Services
Karen Putney, Administrator, Fire Prevention &
Building Code Enforcement
Sheila Weaver, Commissioner, Department of
Social Services
Don Lehman, *The Post Star*
Thom Randall, *Adirondack Journal*
Nicole Livingston, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Stec called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2010 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Finance Agenda were provided to the Committee members, and a copy of same is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the Action Agenda review, Mr. Stec stated Item 1 were the requests for Transfer of Funds which were attached for Committee approval. He noted that Supervisory Committee approval had been obtained as necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve Item 1 as outlined above. The necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Mr. Stec advised Items 2A through D were referrals from the Planning & Community Development Committee, Planning & Community Development. Item 2A, he said, was a request to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$300,000 to reflect receipt of the HOME award and to establish a CD 71 fund. Mr. Stec asserted Item 2B was a request to amend the 2010 County budget to decrease estimate revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$300,000 to reduce the CD 66 balance at the request of the grantor agency. Mr. Stec added that Item 2C was a request to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$10,000 to reflect receipt of funds from the LDC (Local Development Corporation) for the Broadband Study. Mr. Stec apprised Item 2D was a request to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$493,705 to allocate a grant award and to establish a CD 72 fund for the Westmount Sprinkler System.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve Items 2A through D as outlined above, and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the next board meeting.

Mr. Stec reported that Items 3A and B were referrals from the Public Works Committee. Item 3A, he said, was a referral from DPW, requesting to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$2,011 to reflect receipt of funds received from the sale of scrap material.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve Item 3A as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Mr. Stec advised Item 3B was referred from Parks, Recreation & Railroad, requesting to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$36,809 to reflect receipt of 30% of the funding from the 2009-2010 NYS Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid for the four snowmobile clubs.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve Item 3B as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Mr. Stec expounded Item 4 was a referral from the Public Safety Committee, Sheriff & Communications, requesting to amend the 2010 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$183,305 to purchase five vehicles and a microwave radio link to Gore Mountain.

Motion was made by Mr. Goodspeed, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve Item 4 as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Concluding the Action Agenda review, Mr. Stec informed Item 5 was a request for Finance Committee action which was required on the following item that was approved by the Personnel Committee: Item No. 1E.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to approve Item 5 as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Mr. Stec referred to Item IV. Topics to be reported on/discussions/updates and noted the response to the Budget Analysis Report from the County Treasurer as prepared by JoAnn McKinstry, Assistant to the County Administrator, would be available next week and emailed to the Committee members. He noted that the report historically reflected a lag in reimbursements from the State to the County and he suggested that Department Heads be encouraged to aggressively pursue the reimbursement amounts due to the County to assist with the cash flow. Paul Dusek, County Attorney/Administrator, announced that State reimbursement funds were starting to be received, which was positive news for the County.

Frank O'Keefe, Treasurer, referred to the resolution that was adopted at the last Board Meeting, authorizing the issuance of additional bonds for the demolition of the former Social Services Building, and he questioned when he should begin the process of securing such bonds. Mr. Dusek responded that demolition would commence in the next few weeks and he would contact Mr. O'Keefe to advise when the process of borrowing funds should begin.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. VanNess and seconded by Mr. Kenny, Mr. Stec adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Livingston, Deputy Clerk