

STEBEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

10:10 a.m.

Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Scott J. Van Etten, Chair Brian C. Schu	Gary D. Swackhamer, Vice Chair	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Alan Reed Jennifer Prossick Christine Towner	Mitchell Alger Tim Marshall Tammy Hurd-Harvey Patty Barody	Cathy Baker Jim Allard Andy Morse
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski Hilda T. Lando	Carol A. Ferratella Robin K. Lattimer	K. Michael Hanna John V. Malter
OTHERS:	Mary Perham		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Van Etten called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, AND SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, MEETINGS MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

A. Sheriff's Office

1. **Accepting Donations to the K-9 Program** – Undersheriff Allard requested authorization to accept two donations totaling \$800 into the K-9 program.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TOTALING \$800 FOR THE K-9 PROGRAM MADE BY MR. SWACKHAMER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

B. Emergency Management Office

1. **Accepting a Donation from Goodrich Auto Works** – Mr. Marshall requested authorization to accept a donation of \$9,900 from Goodrich Auto Works for the prepping and painting of the new fire investigation bus.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO ACCEPT A \$9,900 DONATION FROM GOODRICH AUTO WORKS FOR THE PREPPING AND PAINTING OF THE NEW FIRE INVESTIGATION BUS MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

C. Office for the Aging

1. **RSVP Hornell YMCA Contract** – Mrs. Baroodly requested authorization for the RSVP program to contract with the Hornell YMCA to provide two eight-week Tai Chi for Arthritis workshops. The cost for two sessions is \$640.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING RSVP TO CONTRACT WITH THE HORNELL YMCA TO HOST TWO, EIGHT-WEEK TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS WORKSHOP SERIES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$640 MADE BY MR. SWACKHAMER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. MOTION CARRIES 3-0-1. (MR. SCHU ABSTAINED AS HE IS A MEMBER OF THE YMCA BOARD)

2. **Accepting Donation from Canisteo Legion** – Mrs. Baroodly requested authorization to accept a \$2,100 donation from the Canisteo Legion to be used for the ramps program in the Canisteo and Greenwood communities.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO ACCEPT A \$2,100 DONATION FROM THE CANISTEO LEGION FOR THE RAMPS PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS IN THE CANISTEO AND GREENWOOD COMMUNITIES MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

3. **Registered Dietician Contract** – Mrs. Baroodly requested authorization to increase their contract with Wilma Stewart, Registered Dietician by \$5,000 through the end of the year. Due to the retirement of our Certified Dietary Nutritionist, Ms. Stewart will now be providing nutritional counseling in addition to her regular work.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT FOR REGISTERED DIETICIAN, WILMA STEWART, BY \$5,000 THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR TO PROVIDE NUTRITION COUNSELING SERVICES MADE BY MR. SWACKHAMER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

D. Commissioner of Finance

1. **Budget Transfer** – Mrs. Hurd-Harvey requested authorization to transfer a total of \$578,910 among the insurance line items of the departments to cover their allocated shares.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$578,910 WITHIN DEPARTMENTS' INSURANCE LINE ITEMS TO COVER ALLOCATED SHARES MADE BY MR. SWACKHAMER. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

E. County Manager

1. **Funding Request** – Mr. Wheeler informed the committee that he received a request from Steuben Rural Electric (SREC) for some funding. They are working with STN to look at a potential project which would utilize SREC's lines and poles to run fiber to rural areas. There was a very small area that was eligible for the first round of grant funding to bring broadband to rural areas. We have now become eligible for the second round. This would be a \$30 million project, if they can get the grant funding. There is no guarantee, but this is the kind of rural broadband project the State is looking for. Applications are due the end of November, and there are costs for a consultant drafting the application. SREC has secured the consultant services of ECC Technologies who will be writing the application and interfacing with the carriers. SREC is asking if the County would be willing to help support half of the application fee. The cost to apply is between \$25,000 - \$40,000. In discussions with Mr. Van Etten, he had suggested that if the carriers are coming on board, they should also shoulder some of the cost of the application. Mr. Wheeler requested authorization to allocate \$12,500 - \$20,000 out of the Southern Tier Fiber Capital Project.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$20,000 OUT OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FIBER CAPITAL PROJECT TO STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC AS OUR SHARE OF THE FEE FOR THE BROADBAND ELIGIBILITY GRANT APPLICATION FEE MADE BY MR. SWACKHAMER. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Van Etten stated at first he had mixed feelings about this as the application is for public funds, but then becomes a for-profit operation. However, this is the only way that we will be able to get broadband into the rural areas.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.H. THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY OR THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SECURITIES, OR SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES HELD BY SUCH PUBLIC BODY, BUT ONLY WHEN PUBLICITY WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECT THE VALUE THEREOF MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO EXTEND THE DATE TO CONVEY TITLE RELATIVE TO PARCEL #299.16-01-046.000, SITUATE IN THE CITY OF CORNING, TO THE PURCHASER, GERALD WRAY TO OCTOBER 31, 2016 MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MR. SWACKHAMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. SCHU. SECONDED BY MS. FITZPATRICK. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**Wednesday, November 9, 2016**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****

Legislative Committee Room

10:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office

NO LATER THAN NOON

Wednesday, November 2, 2016