

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: FINANCE

DATE: JULY 13, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SEEBER
STROUGH
BEATY
FRASIER
MCDEVITT
SIMPSON
GERAGHTY
VACANT

OTHERS PRESENT:

RONALD CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
BROCK
LEGGETT
MACDONALD
MONTESI

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS SOKOL
DICKINSON
MERLINO

MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
KEVIN HAJOS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FRANK MOREHOUSE, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS
MATTHEW SMULLEN, REPRESENTING CLARK PATTERSON LEE
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 13, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/finance/>

In the absence of Committee Chairman Sokol, Ms. Seeber, as Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 10:27 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the meeting Agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing with the Agenda review, Ms. Seeber offered privilege of the floor to anyone present wishing to address the Committee on any matter. There being no response she announced the purpose of the meeting pertained to Finance Committee action which was required on the following items as approved by the Personnel & Higher Education Committee: Personnel & Higher Education Agenda Items 1A-H.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 21st Board Meeting.

Ms. Seeber informed although she was not in favor of addressing items that were brought before the Committee without prior notification, there were a few items Mr. Geraghty would like to discuss which required immediate attention.

Mr. Geraghty stated he had attended a meeting regarding the Court Expansion Project yesterday during which some matters were brought forward that required resolutions to be adopted before the August 18th Board Meeting. He mentioned it had been discovered during the construction phase of the Project that the initial set up for the method in which the power was brought over from the Municipal Center Building to the new County Court Facility was unable to withstand the power load. He stated in order to address this a request was put in to National Grid for a second service into the building which they were agreeable to even though this was not their normal practice. He added an easement was also

required for National Grid on the Warren County Municipal Center Campus to allow National Grid to construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain and operate the new primary underground electrical service for the new County Court Facility. He informed the total cost for the installation of the second service in to the new County Court Facility was \$36,174. He pointed out if they had moved forward with running the additional power from the Municipal Center Building to the new Court Facility, the cost would have been in excess of \$300,000 which was why having the separate service installed would result in a net savings. He said immediate action was required to prevent causing delays to the Project.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Strough to approve the request for an easement to National Grid as outlined above.

Ms. Braymer stated she thought the initial discussions concerning the Project included where the power for the Facility would originate from and Mr. Geraghty replied in the affirmative. He explained their original calculations pertaining to the power load for the Facility were incorrect which meant the contractors would have to run additional cables from the Municipal Center Building to the new Facility. He continued, these additional cables would result in the cost exceeding \$300,000 due to the amount of work required to install them. He added because of the significant cost, National Grid agreed to set up a separate power source for the building.

A discussion ensued following which Mr. Simpson amended his motion and Mr. Strough amended his second to authorize the easement for National Grid, as well as to authorize the new contract with National Grid in the amount of \$36,174 for the installation of the second service in to the new County Court Facility as outlined above. Ms. Seeber called the question and the motion was carried unanimously and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the July 21st Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Geraghty stated there was one more matter which required addressing that pertained to changes to the Intercom System for the new Court Facility. He informed the Court/Jail personnel had requested that three intercoms be added to the system in the area where inmates were brought into the building due to the fact that they no longer planned on stationing a guard there. He said this meant they needed a proper intercom system which allowed them to buzz the prison guards who were escorting inmates into the building in this area. He apprised the total cost for the additional equipment and installation was \$9,105. He added the wiring for this needed to be installed prior to the sheetrock being erected.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 21st Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, on motion made by Mrs. Frasier and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Ms. Seeber adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board