

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

March 27, 2012

PRESENT:

Kevin McDonald, Chairman
Ronald Knott
Ellen Thurston
Ray Staats
Matt Murrell
Thomas Garrick
Jesse DeGroot
Edward Cross

ALSO PRESENT:

Rebecca Vinchiarello, Deputy Clerk
Tim Stalker
Ron Caponera
Ken Flood
Chris Watz
Arnold Schneider
Patrice Perry
Suzette Booy
Ken Flood
R. Wheeler
Andy Howard
Ann Cooper
Chairman Grattan

PUBLIC: 2

PRESS: 1

Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Real Property – S. Booy

Annual Report: This was submitted at last month's meeting. There was a mistake in the number of errors and corrections applications. It was reported at 155. The correct number was 127. Motion to approve the report by R. Staats, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried.

FYI: One day assessor training (public relations) that S. Booy was approved to attend at last month's Committee meeting was canceled due to low enrollment.

Resolution Request: Designating the County Treasurer & Deputy County Treasurer to approve NYS RPTL Correction of Errors under \$2,500. Resolution 394-2010 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the year 2011 and according to RPTL 554, the resolution shall only be in effect during the calendar year in which it was adopted so a new resolution will need to be put forward every year. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by J. DeGroot, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Refunds/Credits/Corrections: S. Booy submitted a listing of correction of errors that have been processed by her office which resulted in errors less than \$2,500.00.

Assessor Vacancy: Town of New Lebanon is currently seeking applications for Sole Assessor. Suzette has notified Assessors in Columbia County of the vacancy.

Tentative Assessment Roll: Must be filed in all municipalities on May 1st. Pursuant to RPTL, the Tentative Assessment Roll must be available on the Town/County website within 10 days of it being filed. S. Booy's office, in cooperation with MIS, will have 2012 Tentative Assessment Rolls on the County Web on or about May 1st. S. Booy will send a reminder out to all Towns about the link on their website.

Weights and Measures – A. Schneider

The Monthly Report report was distributed and briefly discussed. Motion to accept the report by J. DeGroot, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

K. Flood – Planning

Tourism:

Resolution Requests: Authorization to distribute contracts with the following brochure companies:

Berkshires Brochure: \$3,757.25

Brochure Unlimited: \$654.00
Forest Sons: \$2,284.00
Getaway on Disp: \$1,190.00
Henry Hudson: \$995.00

The total will be \$3,500.00 less than 2011. Motion to approve by J. DeGrootd, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Discussion of 2012 Festival Funding: A list of patrons from 2011 was passed around – they would like approval to send out festival funding applications for the 2012 budget. They have \$6,500.00 to spend. Motion to approve by J. DeGrootd, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. A resolution is not needed.

It was announced that the Tourism Guide should be out by May 1.

Planning:

Conference Objective Form - NYPF Conference, April 15-17 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Seven people attending at a total cost of \$869.46. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried.

A NYSDOS Training Flyer was passed around.

County Attorney – A. Howard

Assigned Counsel – A review of year-to-date expenditures was passed around.

300 Town Hall Drive - An offer has been received from an adjoining property owner to purchase a 2.70 acre residential vacant lot formerly owned by 300 Town Hall Drive, Inc. (Tax Map #: 104000 110.7-1-88.111) for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). The property was offered at the last tax sale with a minimum bid set at \$500.00. Delinquent taxes are beginning to climb. If they go ahead with this they need to do a new title search. They did look into setting up a homeowners association but the residents were not interested. The resident offering to purchase the property explained why he was willing to do so. Garbage is being left on the property and he is trying to clean it up.

Resolution Request – Authorizing the sale of one parcel of land in the Town of Greenport for the sum of one dollar (\$1) to an abutting property owner. Motion to approve by M. Murell, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. T. Garrick added that the Greenport Planning Board should be aware of this. Refer to Finance.

Conference Objective Form - County Attorneys' Association of the State of New York – 2012 Annual Meeting One person attending with no cost. April 29 – May 1, 2012 in Cooperstown, NY. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by J. DeGrootd, motion carried.

Request to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:53PM by T. Garrick, seconded by J. DeGrootd, motion carried.

REASON: To discuss contract negotiations on real estate matters.

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 6:07 PM by R. Staats, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

Resolution Request - Authorizing the modification of a contract and the sale of one parcel of land in the Town of Greenport for the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to Columbia County Properties, LLC. Motion to approve by J. DeGrootd, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried. T. Garrick is opposed. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request - Authorizing the directed sale of one parcel of land in the Town of Ghent for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Chris Watts was introduced to the Committee. He will be handling real estate matters in the County Attorney's office. R. Staats said it would be great to see policy guidelines being set up.

MIS – R. Wheeler

Resolution Request – Authorization to renew the service agreement with Sirius Computer Solutions for network support services at a cost of \$150.00 to \$195.00 per hour not to exceed the budgeted professional services funds from the MIS Department. Motion to approve by J. DeGrootd, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request – Authorization to sign the new Hillsdale Network Circuit DSL. The circuit that exists there has failed 8 plus times in the past year. The Public Safety Committee has approved it. The monthly recurring charge is \$370.24 with a onetime installation cost of \$749.00. It is a higher cost as it is better service. Motion to approve by J. DeGroot, seconded by R. Knott, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

Conference Objective Form - NYLGITDA Spring Conference May 15-18 in Saratoga NY. One person attending at a total cost of \$49.00 plus mileage. Motion to approve by T. Garrick, seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 6:22PM by E. Thurston, seconded by J. DeGroot, motion carried.

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