

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**July 3, 2008**

**PRESENT:**

**Lynda Scheer, Chairwoman  
George Jahn  
Lawrence Andrews  
Valerie Bertram  
Philip Williams  
Leo Pulcher  
Elizabeth Young**

**ABSENT:**

**Douglas McGivney, notified  
John Rutkey, notified  
Jesse DeGrootd, notified  
James Keegan, notified  
Roy Brown, notified**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Chairman Baer  
Ken Wilber  
Jim Campion-President C.G.C.C.  
David Katzenstein**

**PRESS: 1**

**Chairwoman Scheer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

**HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH:**

**228-Awarding and extending contracts for transportation of children with special needs in the Early Intervention and Preschool Services Program, motion by E. Young and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**229-Awarding the contract for Public Health Consultant Services in the Health Department. Motion to approve made by G. Jahn and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**230-Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health, motion by V. Bertram and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried**

**231-Authorizing the filling of one (1) Psychiatric Social Worker position in the Department of Human Services/Mental Health Center. Motion to approve made by E. Young and seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.**

**232-Authorization to award bids for the leasing of office space at the Department of Human Services/Mental Health Center. Motion to approve, pending County Attorney approval, made by G. Jahn and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**233-Authorizing the Administrator of the Office for the Aging to fill vacant, budgeted, positions. Motion to approve made V. Bertram and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**234-Authorizing the Commissioner of Social Services to fill various vacant, budgeted positions and create and fill two (2) Caseworker positions. Motion to approve made by E. Young and seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.**

**LEGAL:**

**235-Authorization to fill one (1) vacant position of Telephone Operator. Motion to approve made by P. Williams and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**PINE HAVEN :**

**236-Authorization to fill the vacant position of Head Nurse at the Pine Haven Home. Motion to approve made by V. Bertram and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.**

**237-Authorizing the Administrator of the Pine Haven Home to contract for Social Work Consultant Services. Motion to approve made by G. Jahn and seconded by E. Young, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**238-Authorization to abolish the position of Homeland Security Director, adopt the job description and create the position of Deputy Director Of Emergency Management For Homeland Security Volunteers and increase salaries of the Director Of Emergency Management, Fire Coordinator And Emergency Services. Motion to approve made by V. Bertram and seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE:**

241-Extending the current contract with C & S Engineers, as Columbia County's Airport and Aviation Design Consultant, for a four (4) year period. Motion to approve made by L. Andrews and seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.

242-Amending Resolution #150-2008 to allow for the filling of one (1) vacant position of Assistant General Foreman. Motion to approve made by L. Pulcher and seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.

243-Authorization to execute a contract with Morris Associates. Motion to approve made by E. Young and seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

244-Authorizing the Solid Waste Department to enter into term agreements with commercial establishments. Motion to approve made by L. Andrews and seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.

245- Authorizing the Solid Waste Department to fill one (1) position of Laborer in the Solid Waste Department. Motion to approve made by L. Pulcher and seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**BUDGET & SALARY:**

246-Authorization to create and fill one temporary Clerk Typist position in the Office of the Columbia County Historian. Motion to approve made by E. Young and seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.

**FINANCE:**

247-Resolution approving the 2008-2009 proposed operating budget of the Columbia Greene Community College. Motion to approve made by L. Pulcher and seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding public transportation bus and the need for approximately \$9,000 in repairs. Committee consensus, due to funding from the State being available "any day", was not to repair the bus but keep it for parts and press D.O.T. to expedite funding and inspection of new buses. Committee requested County Attorney have the bid proposal ready and amend the grant accordingly.

Chairman Baer addressed the Committee regarding the new budget procedure guidelines. He stated that the guidelines will be distributed to the Department Heads and process will be reviewed by Budget & Salary Review Committee along with Home Committee Chairs. The Budget will then be presented to the Home Committee. The procedure for Departments with smaller budgets will be to have a smaller Committee established which will review and move recommendations to the Home Committees. Brief Discussion ensued.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. made by G. Jahn and seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.