

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 4, 2020

Committee members present: Bill Holgate, Tim Cutler, Dan Banach, Ed Bronson, Pat Killen, Rick Willson.

Others present: Tim Groth, Connie Hayes, Ashley Doyle, Bonnie Percy, Carlie Chilson, Doug Paddock, Earle Gleason, Jim Multer, Leslie Church, Nonie Flynn, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Meghan Kincaid, Dan Long.

Bill and Pat will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

Real Property – Meghan Kincaid

Meghan reported the tentative assessments were made available as of May 1st.

Meghan reported she will be holding the Board of Assessment review training on May 6th via Zoom meeting.

Meghan reported the towns will be handling the Grievance Day hearings by appointment only this year. Some towns are setting up Grievance Day with social distancing.

Meghan reported NYS has made a change pertaining to the tax law. Individuals that have delinquent property tax, which is one year over the last date that they could have paid without interest, are now not eligible for the STAR Credit or STAR Exemption during the time they are delinquent. This will start this fall. If individuals get caught up on their taxes they will be able to get the STAR Credit in the future but they will not be able to get the exemption status back even if that is where they are now.

Planning – Dan Long

Dan reported Yates Transit Service has reduced routes and enacted safety guidelines as recommended by the Department of Health and New York State.

Dan reported there were no referrals for the Planning Board for April and the meeting was canceled. Dan does expect referrals in May.

Dan reported recipients of the Natural & Recreational Resources for this year have been notified and both entities are ready to go. Dan is waiting on the paperwork.

Dan updated the Committee on the EFC Septic Replacement Grant. The last project has sent in final receipts for reimbursement. There still has been no word on another grant.

Dan reported the draft Yates County Comprehensive Plan will be available next week for the Committee and Legislature to review. Once the draft has been reviewed and comments have been received a revised draft will be posted on the website and sent to the Municipalities for review/comment.

Dan reported a draft RFP for GIS has been developed and will be reviewed by the GIS committee before it is sent out to potential consultants for developing the public facing portal for the County.

Dan reported the RFP for the Public Safety building deadline was Monday, April 27th. Four responses were received.

Dan reported with regards to the Water Infrastructure Study, municipalities have been contacted that the project is planned to be underway and each is being contacted to verify participation and financial commitment.

Dan reported with regards to the ReConnect Grant, the long form EAF assessment will be reviewed by the Broadband Committee prior to the adoption of a resolution.

Dan reviewed the following resolution that will be needed. The Committee approved.

- Intent To Declare Unlisted Action For The USDA Reconnect Program Grant (NY1702-A61)

Treasurer – Deputy Treasurer Ashley Doyle

Ashley reviewed the 2020 Appropriations, Sales Tax Report, 2020 Quarterly Expenditures Exceeding 25%, and the Taxes Returned to the Yates County Treasurer by the Towns.

Ashley reported on the tax foreclosure. There are 15 parcels that have 2018 taxes unpaid as of 2/1/2020. The tax auction is postponed until the County and Courts re-open.

Ashley reported on tax enforcement. State lawmakers are pushing to extend tax deadlines. Legislation has been introduced that would not only delay payments but also waive late fees for residents and small businesses.

Ashley reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- 2020 Budget Transfers

Clerk of the Legislature – Connie Hayes

Connie reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Approve Mortgage Tax Apportionment
- Authorize Chairman To Enter Into Tourism Contracts With Various Organizations

County Administrator – Nonie Flynn

Nonie stated with regards to the Tourism funding, entities that have canceled their plans/events are being asked to return their funding.

Nonie reported the kick-off Broadband teleconference was held on April 15th with representative from the USDA. Dan Long will be taking over as project manager and Marian will be responsible for finances and Tim Groth will be responsible for technical expertise. The project completion date is by the end of summer.

Nonie reviewed the project status report as it relates to Finance.

Airport – Dick Harper

Dick reported the MOU between the County and the Town of Milo has been executed and accepted by the NYSDOT.

Dick reported comments on the latest draft of the Environmental Assessment have been received from the FAA. Passero will be addressing those.

Dick reported Baseline King has begun work on the Segmented Circle and Supplemental Wind Cones Project that was awarded last year.

Dick report the 5K race that was scheduled for May 10th has now been canceled.

Dick reported Yates is eligible for \$69,000 in CARES Act funding. An application will be submitted.

Dick reported Yates is also eligible for grants that support safety improvements, modernize operations and increase general and business-related aviation capacity.

Dick reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorize Chairman to Sign Project Funding grant agreement for Weather and Emergency Preparedness Project.
- Authorize Chairman to Sign DV-21 form for above project.

Doug reported an account has been set up to track expense for the COVID-19. It is key that the expenses must be related directly to the virus. FEMA usually reimburses at 75% and New York has asked the federal government to fund the remaining 25%. The important thing is documentation.

Dan moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual or individuals with Committee members, other legislators, the County Administrator and Information Technology Director, seconded by Bonnie.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.