

SPECIAL SESSION-TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023

The Yates County Legislature convened in special session Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with Vice Chair Bronson presiding, Mrs. Percy on Zoom, and with Chairwoman Church, Mr. Jayne, Mr. Paddock, Mr. Killen, absent.

Legislative Zoom Attendees: 1 Other Zoom Attendees: 0

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RESOLUTION 351-23

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Chilson.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Willson asked that they could just one more time explain? Are they asking for \$3,500 from the County?

Ms. Chilson stated that this is all paid for by a donor, they're sponsoring this. They just need the resolution to sign the contract with Young Explosive Corporation for the Fireworks Exhibition. They're charging them, but they aren't asking for any. The money is paid in full, so there's no money involved from the County.

Mr. Willson asked if there is a different way they can word this because he's got people spitting at him that they were spending money. Maybe that there is no cost to the county, that it's a sponsored project, or however.

Ms. Chilson stated that she doesn't know if she has permission to mention the sponsor. The sponsor would be mentioned as anonymous.

Mr. Willson made a motion to amend the resolution to add that there would be no cost to the county as the funds were donated by an anonymous sponsor, seconded by Mr. Button.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Chilson stated that there is liability insurance. They have their own insurance and the County also has a policy through Stork that covers the fireworks and the events. That is all paid for as well and the fireworks are paid for at \$6,000. They have been busy raising support.

Mr. Willson stated that he does appreciate that, but he just wanted it to be validated.

Mr. Harper asked if the barge was also included in that price.

Ms. Chilson stated that she believes it is in the contract and that's why they are charging for the barge.

Mrs. Miller clarified that Doug had asked her that because the barge is referenced and says that the customer is responsible for it. Scott had recommended that they put in there about the barge, but she doesn't know if there needs to be a contract, and she doesn't know if there's an amount or anything like that. He wanted it put in there in case there needed to be a contract signed.

Mr. Harper stated that it looks like the way this is written is, there's 2 contracts, one with the Fireworks Company and one with the Barge Company.

Ms. Chilson stated that she believes that is the case. The sheriff has put all this together, and she just has bits and pieces of things that their committee has to do.

Mrs. Miller stated that there is not a contract in place for the barge.

Ms. Chilson stated that they just have a copy of their insurance. So that's all set.

Mr. Bronson asked how the amended resolution was going to read. At a cost of \$3,500 covered by a sponsor, anonymous sponsor?

Dr. Cutler stated that they can have another, WHEREAS in there that is, WHEREAS, the county has received contribution from an anonymous donor in the amount of whatever the dollar amount was.

Mr. Button stated that maybe next month at her meeting, they could provide a breakdown of where their budget is and where they're at.

Ms. Chilson stated that's something that she thinks Len is going to bring.

Ms. Flynn stated that Len has prepared a budget and he's going to show the expenses.

Mr. Button stated that he just didn't know how they were coming, they're on budget, needed money, or if he had enough.

Ms. Chilson stated that they're in trouble with it, but Len will explain that. He also has a solution to it that he'll be bringing.

Ms. Flynn stated that they're not in trouble, because the revenue should cover the additional expenses.

Ms. Chilson stated that it should be a wash, but they don't have money upfront to foot the bill for any of it.

Mr. Willson asked if there's no environmental impact to firing out the fireworks in the middle of the lake.

Ms. Chilson stated that she's not opening that can of worms. She's sorry, if they want to open it, they can open that, she has enough to do.

Mr. Morris stated that he was going to say what if the DEC comes and says something to them. It might be worth having somebody ask the DEC and make sure that it's a license permitted.

Mr. Holgate stated that it's a licensed permitted activity.

Mr. Bronson stated that it happens on other lakes.

Ms. Chilson stated that it's no different firing it from the edge of the lake or in a barge as far as impact goes. It's just where they're choosing to fire it. There's a lot of red tape to fire it from land that would have taken too long to accomplish the task. The Sheriff found a barge that's willing to do this, and has worked all those details out to present this to the community to celebrate our 200th birthday.

VOTE: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS RELATED TO FIREWORKS EXHIBITION

WHEREAS, the official Bicentennial Celebration including a fireworks display will be held in Penn Yan, NY on August 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the fireworks exhibition is to be located on a barge provided by Veley Enterprises on Keuka Lake, off the shore from Indian Pines Park; and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Committee would like to contract with Young Explosives Corporation for the fireworks exhibition at a cost to the Bicentennial Committee of \$3,500.00;

WHEREAS, the amount of \$3,500.00 was donated by an anonymous sponsor and Yates County will not pay any of the \$3,500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair is authorized to sign the Young Explosives Corporation Fireworks Exhibition Agreement for a 15-18 minute fireworks display; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair is authorized to sign an agreement with Veley Enterprises, LLC for scheduling the necessary barge services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be furnished to Young Explosives Corporation, Veley Enterprises, LLC, the Bicentennial Committee, the County Administrator/Budget Officer, and the Finance Director.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Harper reported that they did have the bid opening for the airport deicing pad. They had one bid that came in just about double what the estimated cost was going to be. Passero and the Airport Council, both recommended to not accept that bid and go back out to bid again. Which they are planning on doing. They're going to have an Airport Council meeting tomorrow morning to discuss some of the things in the pad to see if there's anything they need to revise before we go back to bid again. They're not bringing that forward, the bids came in anywhere from in the \$700,000 for a reduced pad upwards to \$900,000, and they were in the \$400,000 range for the budget.

Ms. Chilson stated that the Bicentennial Committee has put a request out for any volunteers for the event at the Fireman's field from 2-4 p.m. on August 12th. If they know of anybody that would be available, it's simple things like serving the ice cream, picking up trash bags and

emptying them to make sure that the ground stays clean, and then on a clean tear down, which is basically empty and garbage cans after the concert at 10:00 p.m. They really need help with that.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.