

FINANCE AND RULES COMMITTEE

June 15, 2021

Present: Legislators Tom Osborne, Ian Gilbert, Greg Kulzer, Ron Burns and Phil Hathway.

Others present: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Jerry King, Lisa Virkler, Richard Chartrand and Andrea Moroughan; County Manager Ryan Piche; County Attorney Joan McNichol; Treasurer Eric Virkler; Human Resource Director Caitlyn Smith; and Information Technology Director Conner Biolsi.

Committee Chair Tom Osborne called the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Legislator Burns made a motion to approve the 5/18/2021 committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Kulzer and carried.

C&S Concept Phase discussion

County Manager Ryan Piche explained that the report is lengthy, and it might be better to have C&S Engineers come in to discuss at a special meeting rather than try to rush through it. All three Committee chairs have agreed that a special board meeting is the way to go. The decision that needs to be made is if the board will hire C&S Engineers to move forward with the design phase of the project in order to get it out to bid before the end of the year. There was discussion on the date and time of the special meeting, the board decided on Tuesday, June 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Legislator Osborne discussed sales tax on recreational vehicles which Legislator Hathway had a constituent bring it to his attention. Recreational vehicles that are purchased & registered have the sales tax go back to the county of their residential address. There was further discussion about this being a NYS requirement, which as a county we would have little power to change anything. The County Clerk clarified that when you buy a vehicle or a recreational vehicle the sales tax charged goes back to the county in which your address is. Most of the money lost is from not being able to register UTVs over a certain weight threshold.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Resolution amending the Compensation Plan of the County of Lewis with reference to the County Clerk to create a Temporary Deputy County Clerk position, Grade 5 and authorize the County Clerk to fill said position effective July 7, 2021 through July 30, 2021. *Legislator Osborne explained this is due to an upcoming retirement and that the County Clerk would like to bring someone in to allow them time to train.*
AYE 5 NAY 0
2. Resolution to approve and adopt the County Vehicle Use Policy. *Legislator Hathway was opposed.*
AYE 4 NAY 1
3. Resolution to transfer funds in the Information Technology accounts to supplement the Capital Data Processing reserve and provide funds for the ongoing server replacement project in the amount of \$115,000.00.

AYE 5 NAY 0

4. Resolution authorizing acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds, creating a new Capital Reserve Account – HAZ – American Rescue Plan Act, and appropriating the revenue of \$5,107,690.00. *Legislator Hathway questioned the wording “an additional resolution will be considered by the board” and feels the board is required to do an additional resolution and would like to see the wording changed, the committee agreed.*

AYE 5 NAY 0

County Manager Ryan Piche stated that for the American Recovery Act Funds to be claimed we will be showing the losses from the county owned hospital. County Attorney Joan McNichol reported that the Road Patrol bargaining unit has voted to accept the agreement and there will be a resolution to ratify the contract next Tuesday evening at the special meeting.

At 4:41 p.m. Legislator Burns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Hathway and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board