



MINUTES

Ways and Means Committee Meeting

1:30 PM - Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Board of Supervisors Assembly Room

The Ways and Means Committee of the Livingston County was called to order on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 1:30 PM, in the Board of Supervisors Assembly Room, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Daniel Pangrazio, Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Supervisor David Fanaro, Chairman of the Board David LeFeber, Supervisor William Wadsworth, and Supervisor Dennis Mahus, Supervisor Brenda Donohue, County Administrator Ian Coyle, Deputy Co. Adm. Angela Ellis, County Attorney Shannon Hillier, and Grants & Public Information Coordinator Julie Barry

ABSENT: Supervisor Eric Gott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ways & Means Chair Dan Pangrazio asked North Dansville Supervisor Dennis Mahus to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. COUNTY TREASURER-AMY DAVIES

ACTION ITEM(S) TO BE REPORTED

1. Review of the Motion for Summary Judgement prepared by Philips Lytle in the matter of King Cole

Ms. Davies reviewed the answer filed by King Cole Bean. The York property may be back on the auction block but the other four parcels are part of the action. Mr. Pangrazio reviewed the past practice for this type of action. Ms. Hillier explained that Philips Lytle was simply notifying us that the cost could go up to \$5,000.

PRE-APPROVED INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) TO BE REPORTED

1. Foreclosure Update-The updated list was distributed. The booklet has been received and is being reviewed. Steve Sessler's office sent a letter in regard to Thomas Wenglein in the Town of Caledonia stating that he was unaware of the foreclosure process. Steve Sessler is representing Mr. Wenglein and has asked that we accept the late 2017 taxes in the amount of \$926. The 2018 taxes were paid. Mr. Wenglein also owes the 2019 taxes. There was further discussion on similar situations in the past and not setting precedence. It is proper to continue on with the foreclosure process.

2. LIVINGSTON COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION - DAN PANGRAZIO

PRE-APPROVED INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) TO BE REPORTED

1. LIVINGSTON COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION PROPERTY ACQUISITION/OFFER

Mr. Pangrazio explained that the Land Bank Corporation has a property on the foreclosure list that they are interested in obtaining. The Land Bank Corporation would plan to pay the back taxes plus some. Mr. Wadsworth questioned the reason for paying extra when the goal is to get these properties back on the tax roll; he does not feel that the extra is necessary. Mr. Pangrazio reviewed the property location. Mr. Coyle clarified how land banks work elsewhere, how we want the Land Bank to work in Livingston County and the concerns last year that the Land Bank not pull a property after the foreclosure booklet has been published. The Land Bank law allows municipalities to trump a private citizen. Mr. Coyle explained that this property is a property that has appeal to a private sector developer. Mr. Coyle reviewed the other properties of interest on the foreclosure list. Mr. Wadsworth spoke in support of the Land Bank Corporation purchase of this property. The County Attorney reviewed the actions to be taken if the Land Bank receives approval to remove this parcel from the foreclosure list. Ms. Hillier is the attorney representing both the Land Bank and the County for the closing transaction.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-IAN COYLE

ACTION ITEM(S) TO BE REPORTED

1. APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #6B-JUNE 26, 2019

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approves the Abstract of Claims #6B dated June 26, 2019 in the total amount of \$1,274,775.93.

Dwight Knapp made a motion and David Fanaro seconded APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #6B-JUNE 26, 2019 Carried.

2. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS - OFFICE FOR THE AGING

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested transfers per the Budget Transfer Request entries, which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

David LeFeber made a motion and Dennis Mahus seconded AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS - OFFICE FOR THE AGING Carried.

PRE-APPROVED INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S) TO BE REPORTED

1. MORTGAGE TAX/HOME RULE REVENUE INCREASE

Mr. Coyle reported that, eleven years later, our request was finally approved through both houses. Mr. Coyle reviewed other revenue bills that were passed. Nothing is approved yet, this stage is called an allowance to proceed. Governor Cuomo still needs to approve the bill. We have started making contacts. Mr. Coyle is not counting on these funds when preparing the 2020 budget.

2. REVIEW OF 2019-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Coyle thanked the Supervisors for their comments. The final draft has been sent out

to the Board members for review and approval at the July Board meeting.

3. OTHER NYS LEGISLATIVE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

There have been a lot of conversations between the County Attorney and County Clerk concerns on the illegal alien license. The County Attorney explained that the County Clerk feels strongly that she is obligated to follow state law.

The Criminal justice reform piece is a very big deal for us. The different changes shift from a prosecutor/law enforcement leaning environment to a very much so defendant/alleged criminal leaning environment. The outcomes from this will be less people at the jail, triggering of the time frames very quickened for the DA to put together the prosecutorial case, full discovery where the Public Defender now has to be provided all these different facts, materials and details that did not need to be provided before to the full extent nor the timely basis they are being provided now.

4. SALES TAX UPDATE

The Q1 draw was a 7% increase versus same quarter last year and we don't have all draws for the second quarter yet, but that is at 7.25 % increase versus last year. The tourism report last week showed tourism revenues up 20-25%. Particularly, the AirBNB/lodgings is up over 100%, much of this is due to the agreement that we have, but also some of the stuff done out of the Treasurer's Office to encourage tax participation.

NOYES DIALYSIS-Mr. Coyle reported that UR Medicine/Noyes Dialysis is attempting to pull out of the dialysis extension clinic already a couple of months in to the operation. We have an service agreement that speaks to the staffing and the operation as a dialysis clinic minimally through 12/31/19. The temporary closure date has been put off for a couple of weeks. We have seven residents receiving care now. Right now there is no return to service date. We have supplemental staffing agreements that we are checking to see if staffing can be used in the Dialysis Unit. We have also reached out the UR Medicine to see if they have any options available. Financially, we used to have a transportation contract that we no longer have that we now need to figure out. Noyes agrees that this is a breach in their contract. While we can transfer the dialysis clients to Geneseo, that is not what how we marketed this operation.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Mahus made a motion and David Fanaro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Carried.