

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**  
**1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: D. Pangrazio, D. Knapp, E. Gott, W. Wadsworth, D. LeFeber, D. Mahus, M. Falk, I. Coyle, A. Ellis, B. Mann, S. Hillier  
ABSENT: D. Fanaro,

Ways & Means Chair Dan Pangrazio asked Livonia Supervisor Eric Gott to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY – SHANNON HILLIER**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY: BOWITCH & COFFEY LLC**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for Livingston County, and any future amendments to said contract, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Bowitch &amp; Coffey LLP</b> 17 Elk Street Albany, New York 12207	N/A	\$210.00 per hour

For: Environmental legal issues relating to K&K Stripping site (1920 Buell Avenue, Village of Lima)

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
N/A	100%	Yes

Ms. Hillier reviewed the history of this property and explained that NYSDEC is looking to work with the County on the remedial work of the property. The NYSDEC proposal calls for a partial demo of the building and the County is not happy with a partial demo because nature of the actual building and we want to see the entire building demolished. To work through some of these environmental-related issues Ms. Hillier thought it would be wise to hire Gary Bowitch. He has helped the County in the past previously with the Akzo settlement and other environmental matters.

*Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Gott seconded to approve the foregoing resolution ... Carried.*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BILL BACON**

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

1. Portage solar PILOT discussion-Mr. Bacon explained that the IDA has undertaken a project in the Town of Portage called NY Portage I, LLC. It is a 4.988 megawatt solar array located on 30.6 acres on the Luke Therrien Farm. It is now going through the process of local adoption of a solar law. The developer has requested a deviation from the typical 10 year tax exemption and they are looking at a 25 year PILOT. Mr. Bacon supports a 25 year duration because it locks in the solar company for extended period of time and gives us some predictability for everyone involved. Mr. Bacon reviewed the recent town, school and county negotiated PILOTS that were for 15 years. When developers negotiate a PILOT directly with the taxing jurisdictions, that term is limited to 15 years. The IDA does have authority to extend that beyond 15 years. Payments are to be split pro-rata among the jurisdictions. There is a public hearing scheduled for this on September 24 via Zoom where they will take any comment. There was discussion on whether we should be looking at longer terms for other solar projects and Mr. Bacon explained that towns are limited to 15 years. Mr. Bacon reviewed the Governors Real Property Tax Law §487 already in place. Taxing jurisdictions have all been requiring PILOTS on all solar projects. The Governor is getting more aggressive on renewable energy and Mr. Bacon feels that he may become more aggressive in the future. The contract ties the solar company to the agreed upon duration for \$5,500 per megawatt with a 2% escalator for a longer term and potentially protects the jurisdictions in the event that conditions change in the future. There was discussion on the means of assessment taxing structure and the differences utilized for solar companies and County residents. The County Administrator reviewed the notification steps, challenges and changes that keep

happening with renewable energy projects and how it's important that we stay on top of it. Mr. Bacon reviewed the additional benefits of these larger projects going through the IDA.

2. Mr. Bacon reviewed the two RFP responses for the King Cole Bean facility in the Town of York; M&T Trucking, based out of Pavilion owned by Mark and Tracey Cole proposing the reuse of the grain storage activity. Livingston County Ag and Feed, led by Dan Christiano received a \$500,000 CFA grant to use for a plant to dehydrate fruits & food. Two diverse agri-businesses. There are some differences in price, also some reinvestment into the property, as well as employment. Mr. Bacon is hoping the review committee can get together after the Board meeting on Wednesday. The plans are available and Mr. Bacon can forward them to everyone.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IAN COYLE**

**Action Item(s) To Be Reported**

**1. APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #9A-SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approves the Abstract of Claims #9A dated September 9, 2020 in the total amount of \$1,430,307.60.

*Motion: Mr. Knapp moved and Mr. LeFeber seconded to approve the foregoing resolution ....Carried.*

**2. AMENDING 2020 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET-SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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

Mr. Coyle reviewed the amendment for approval.

*Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Gott seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.....Carried.*

**3. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS-CENTRAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (2) & COVID 19**

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

Mr. Coyle reviewed the transfers for approval.

*Motion: Mr. Gott moved and Mr. Knapp seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.....Carried.*

**4. ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT – CENSUS 2020**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to establish a new account per the electronic entries, which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Mr. Coyle explained that this is Empire State Development funds received.

*Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Gott seconded to approve the foregoing resolution ...Carried.*

**Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported**

1. 2021 Budget Planning Discussion-Mr. Coyle has met with all of the departments and we are putting all of the miscellaneous budgets, for example, libraries and tourism. Department Heads heeded the call to control what they could with up 1% to down 3-4% depending on the department. While Mr. Coyle is not sure that is enough, it is a starting point.
2. Sales Tax Update- Mr. Coyle reviewed the sales tax report of the last five draws. There were transfers done into Contingency in anticipation of the sales tax impacts and state cuts forecasted or that have already hit. The pension bill estimate was lower than anticipated at \$6.5M and we have almost \$8M across all of the accounts. If not already done, we do have availability in a variety of accounts if cuts do hit. In 2019 calendar year we took in \$34.3M. We always have ~3% growth but we don't usually budget it if we can afford to. A lot depends on the college and the kids spending in the County. Right off the bat there are 1,000 less students than normal and Geneseo is one of the best in the SUNY system as far as numbers go.
3. Administration and Financial Updates-Mr. Coyle is in Ossian tonight with the first Covid friendly Conversation with the County. The County Auditor is working on getting the workers comp numbers from our consultant. There was discussion on the AIM funds received by the towns and Mr. Coyle explained that

he does not have any control of these funds other than accounting it as a loss of revenue to the County. There was discussion on the possible decrease in CHIPS payments. There was discussion on the new legislation that the Governor passed requiring that we have a plan by April on who is essential, who is not, how we are going to protect them, PPE; there are about eight standards and Mr. Coyle believes all municipalities are included. The plans will have to be reviewed by unions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

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**REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES – BILL FULLER**

**Informational Item(s) Written Only**

1. School Tax processing is complete. Districts are picking up their tax rolls and mailing tax bills.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC  
Clerk of the Board