

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 28, 2011**

**PRESENT:**

**Lynda Scheer, Chairwoman**  
**Lawrence Andrews**  
**Arthur Baer**  
**Bart Delaney, Jr.**  
**Arthur Bassin**  
**Richard Keaveney**  
**Jesse DeGroot**  
**Elizabeth Young**  
**Raymond Staats**  
**Roy Brown**

**ABSENT:**

**Richard Keaveney, notified**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk**  
**Tal Rappleyea**  
**Suzette Booy**  
**Kenneth Wilber**  
**Jeffrey Braley**  
**William Hughes, Jr.**  
**Ronald Caponera**  
**John Musall**  
**Reginald Crowley**  
**1 Public**

**PRESS: 0**

**Chairwoman Scheer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.**

**County Attorney's Office: T. Rappleyea**

**Updates:**

**2006 and 2007 TAX FORECLOSURE [no change from last month]**

The CA office has again contacted the adjoining landowners to try to sell the two remaining leftover parcels but have not received any offers. If we are unsuccessful with the neighbors, we will put these properties in the next sale with the 2008 parcels.

**McDOWELL PROPERTY (Route 66 & Water Street, Ghent)**

Earlier this year the full BOS approved the commencement of a supplementary foreclosure proceeding so that we may ultimately sell this property to an individual who has offered to purchase it, rehabilitate the parcel as a tax producing lot and clean up the eyesore that currently exists.

I expect to receive, in the next couple of days, a draft of the stipulation from the AG between the County and the State and will forward a copy of the proposed final version to the Committee for review/comment once it is complete.

**2005 TAX FORECLOSURE (horse farm on Sir William Road, Hillsdale)**

The owner/Debtor has not made payments as required under her Plan, nor has she listed the property with a realtor. Thus, the Trustee made motion to dismiss the bankruptcy petition, which the Court granted the motion to dismiss, but gave the owner 30 days to make payment and list the property. If she fails to do so and the petition is dismissed, I will immediately move forward with the foreclosure process.

**2008 TAX FORECLOSURE [no change from last month]**

We have several months before the Petition may be filed and served, but the ordering and receipt of the title reports is the first step in this new round.

**UPPER HOLLOW ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR (off Rte 22, Town of Austerlitz)**

The County must secure a temporary detour over a private road while construction on this bridge takes place. Last month the full BOS and this Committee authorized an appraisal for the detour over the property owned by Henry Meininger. Upon my receipt thereof I will approach the Committee with a plan to proceed with the process. The owner informed me on 6/21/11 that he will not voluntarily give the County a temporary easement.

**Real Property: S. Booy**

**Final Assessment Rolls:** Pursuant to new legislation, all Towns and the City have a link on their websites which goes directly to the Assessment Page of Real Property's Website. The County's website will be updated with 2011 Final Assessment Rolls on or about July 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time, Tentative Rolls will be removed. Final Rolls will remain on the website until on or about May 1, 2012. These are to be displayed on Town Websites.

**Assessor Training:** Suzette is working with the NYS Assessors' Association to host two full day training seminars (What is Income for Senior Exemptions & Land Valuation Schedules) for Columbia & Greene County Assessors. One seminar will be held during the last week in September and the other will be held during the first week in November. Eligible Assessors will receive continuing education credits without having to travel outside of the County. There is a nominal fee for the seminars which is charged by the NYS Association and will have to be paid for by each registered Town Assessor. It is anticipated that both seminars will be held at the Columbia-Greene Community College. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Cyclical Aid:** A few Towns recently received aid money from the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services for Reassessments that were conducted in 2010. Canaan received \$5,811.38, Clermont received \$3,840.46 and Kinderhook received \$15,203.67.

**Tax Bills/Payments Online:** In conjunction with the County Treasurer & Randy Wheeler, we have obtained a quote from BAS (Business Automation Services) for their Internet Tax History System. If the Columbia County Municipalities all had this system in place, residents, county departments, banks, title companies, attorneys, etc. would all have the ability to view updated tax bills and payment history online as well as print receipts. Tax payment information could be updated by the Town Tax Collector daily. We spoke with the majority of the Town Tax Collectors back in December of 2010 and they were very favorable about making this step forward. It will certainly limit the number of phone calls that they receive regarding taxes on a daily basis. We are recommending that information about this be distributed to all Supervisors so that they can discuss this at their Town Board meetings. Ken & Suzette would like to have the Towns authorize to have this paid for as a chargeback. The Towns of Hillsdale & Stockport already have their tax bills & payment history online.

**Equalization Rates:** 12 Towns are at 100%. 3 are over, and 4 are under 100%.

**S. Booy and K. Wilber** distributed to the committee the Internet Tax Tier II Pricing (Towns) from BAS Tax Collection Software. Noting the Towns of Hillsdale and Stockport already purchased Tier II; therefore only the annual hosting/support fee is included in the above purchase for 2011.

They are encouraging Towns and at the County to put the Tax Bills on Line. We have had a favorable response from Attorneys, Banks, Title Companies Realtors, Real Property and the Treasurer's Office. the towns should be talking to their Town Boards. This will eliminate calls for the Town Tax Collectors, due to this being updated on a 24 hour/basis. Schools have already started i.e. SPL and Name of owners. Resolutions should be done by the Town, then a resolution from the County. S. Booy will do a template for the Supervisors to use.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTS:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ELIMINATE A SENIOR PSWA II POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER IN THE 2011 BUDGET**, motion by E. Young, seconded by J. DeGrootd, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 146-2011 TO ADD TWO PROVIDERS TO CONTRACTOR LISTS**, motion by J. DeGrootd, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE USE OF \$2,769.29 OMH FEDERAL SALARY SHARE FUNDS TO REPLACE (7/1/2011-12/31/2011) LOST NYS STATE AID FUNDING FOR PHILMONT HEARTH, INC.**, motion by A. Baer, seconded by E. Young, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY A CONSULTANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO AND NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCHING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE LOSS OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT.** motion by R. Staats, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILL THE FOLLOWING VACANT, BUDGETED POSITIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2011**, motion by A. Baer, seconded by E. Young, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PINE HAVEN HOME TO FILL THE APPROVED VACANT BUDGETED POSITIONS**, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Staats, carried.

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU WITH NINE (9) YOUTH SERVICES AGENCIES FOR THE 2011 BUDGET**, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU WITH TWO (2) NOT FOR PROFIT SPECIAL DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (TYPE B) YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE 2011 BUDGET**, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ENABLE THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF SPECIAL DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS (TYPE A & B) FUNDS IN 2011**, motion by A. Baer, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

**AUTHORIZING A COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING RESOURCE ALLOCATION AGREEMENT FOR STATE AID REIMBURSEMENT FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS IN 2011**, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU WITH THREE (3) NOT FOR PROFIT SPECIAL DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (TYPE A) YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE 2011 BUDGET**, motion by A. Baer, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A SOW/PRINTER SUPPORT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COLUMBIA COUNTY AND HUDSON VALLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO LOWER TONER REPLENISHMENT, LABOR, AND PARTS TO REPAIR COSTS BY 20-25%**, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by A. Baer, carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A SOW/PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COLUMBIA COUNTY AND Q QUEST FOR THE ACQUISITION**

**OF A COLUMBIA TIME AND ATTENDANCE SOLUTION CALL TIMEFORCE II FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$161,000.00, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COLUMBIA COUNTY AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF "INVENTORY MANAGEMENT MODULE", AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$10,550,00, motion by R. Brown, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**APPROVING THE HOURLY WAGES OF THE ELECTION WORKERS, motion by J. DeGrootd, seconded by E. Young, carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C.P.E., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE CORRECTION PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by A. Baer, carried.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTING REGION #8 CONSISTING OF THE TOWNS OF ANCRAM, COPAKE, AND HILLSDALE TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED THREE (3) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2011, motion by R. Staats, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF GREENPORT, NY, TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF THEIR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL FOR A TWO YEAR TIME FRAME ON A WEEKLY BASIS, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by A. Baer, carried.**

**AWARDING THE BID TO WASTE ZERO FOR THE PURCHASING OF GARBAGE BAGS FOR THE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Staats, carried.**

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by E. Young, motion carried.**

