

**Finance Meeting
April 26, 2023**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, George Haynes, John Kosier, Wayne Marshfield, Jeff Taggart, Mark Tuthill

Absent: Tina Molé, Amy Merklen

Staff: Sherri Falcone, Denise VanDusen, Penny Bishop

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Marshfield and seconded by Mr. Taggart, the draft minutes of the April 12 meeting were approved.

The March 2023 Bank Balance report was reviewed.

Real Property Tax Services – Sherri Falcone

Mrs. Falcone presented a quote for the cost of using a new SDG web service that will connect to the current COMIT system mapping system. She noted the Town of Andes currently uses the system. The quote is for \$6,000 per year. She believes the system will save a lot of foot traffic and phone calls into the department. In answer to Mr. Merrill if information from the service would be printable, Mrs. Falcone said yes it would be. Mr. Taggart said he would be in favor of the service as long as the county would not be losing revenue. Regarding questions about the timeframe, Mrs. Falcone said she believes it could be installed and put into use this year as she does not see it as a long process. In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Mrs. Falcone said she does not know how the billing would be set up. Mr. Taggart made a motion to contract for the service. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haynes and Mr. Marshfield and unanimously carried.

Clerk of the Board – Penny Bishop

Mrs. Bishop stated she received notice from Fiscal Affairs that several DSS Court and Trust accounts have not been active for five years and they are seeking an action plan to close the accounts to NYS as unclaimed funds. She noted the accounts have nominal balances. She will follow up with the County Attorney.

Treasurer’s Office – Denise VanDusen

Mrs. VanDusen presented a not-prefiled resolution for the sale of tax acquired property.

On a motion by Mr. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Kosier the Committee entered into an executive session to discuss matters concerning a particular parcel from the foreclosure auction.

Committee reconvened in regular session.

There were two additional not-prefiled resolutions for review: a Public Health budget amendment to accept \$3,000 in climate and health adaption initiative grant funding and the payment of audit resolution.

In response to Mr. Marshfield regarding Local Law Intro. No. 19, Mr. Merrill explained that when the CSEA contract settled, the sheriff's salary increase became retroactive to January 1, and now there is another change due to the MOA which is retroactive to April 1. Mr. Haynes expressed this salary increase is not out of line as competing salaries in law enforcement are higher for example, the starting salary for a NY State Police Officer is almost \$100,000. Mr. Gladstone agreed asking if the county wants to be a leader or a follower.

Mr. Marshfield inquired as to which committee oversees the Central Arraignment Part (CAP) as he knows several judges who would like to attend those committee meetings to get updates on the progress. Mrs. Bishop noted that the Chairman had previously indicated it would be the Public Safety Committee, but that should be verified when she returns.

Travel, equipment and vacancy requests were approved as presented.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.