

Finance, Ways and Means Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Matthew Roberts
Vice Chair Melissa During
Supervisor John Pinard
Supervisor Pete Walrod

ABSENT: Supervisor Ronda Winn

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Lummis, Assistant Director of Finance
Cindy Edick, Treasurer
Emily Burns, Clerk to the Board
Tina Wayland-Smith, County Attorney
Samantha Field, Public Information Officer
Michael Keville, County Clerk
Mark Scimone, County Administrator
Dan Degear, Emergency Management
Kristin Guinto, Confidential Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
John Becker, Chairman of the Board
Dave Jones, Supervisor via Zoom

A quorum being present, Chairman Matthew Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers.

I. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by J. Pinard to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2023 meeting; seconded by M. During. Motion unanimously approved.

II. Finance/Payroll:

No update provided. Zoom was not working and we were unable to connect with the Director of Finance, Lou Anne Randall.

III. Treasurer:

Treasurer Cindy Edick reported that the Treasurers Department is settling up with the town tax collectors for the 2022. We are responsible for the 2023 Town taxes.

Treasurer Cindy Edick reported that sales tax for May is not great. Dave Lucas from NYSAC \$9,250,425 for year to date distribution of sales tax as of April 13; an increase of \$423,791 or 4.80% from 2022.

Treasurer Edick noted continued concerns about the possibility of the Federal government clawing back unobligated ARPA funds as part of their debt ceiling negotiations. Because of these concerns, a Resolution was drafted to modify the 2023 budget with the primary objective of moving certain projects and programs out of the ARPA-funded category and replacing them with projects and equipment in the regular operating budget that would immediately meet the US Treasury's definition of obligated. The Resolution also funds the new EMS training needs, facilitates transfers between accounts for various County Buildings projects and the EMS program, and provides for other minor changes.

IV. County Clerk:

County Clerk Michael Keville shared the following figures for the Clerk's Office:

DMV:

MTD	\$115,586.30	12.7% Gain	5/24/23
YTD	\$601,227.26	7.2% Gain	1/1-5/24/23

Recording

MTD	\$35,712.50	25.1% Decrease (no change)	5/24/23
YTD	\$187,664.50	15.1% Decrease	
<u>Transfer Tax</u>			
MTD New	\$42,682		
YTD Local transfer Tax	\$191,180.00		
<u>Mortgage Tax</u>			
YTD 2023	\$137,229.75	50.2% Decrease	
<u>Interest Earned</u> at BNY MUNI Trust	\$5,257.39		

Clerk Keville reported that the summer intern starts June 24th. They are preparing for new carpets in the Clerk's Office and will eliminate one row of shelving in the office. DMV Retention changes are coming in January 2024 of 10.75% for all transactions in the office and online. Online transactions this will help us but the change from 12.7% to 10.75% for in office transactions will crush us. In the Clerk's Office, the Clean Slate Law is pushing through. Approximately \$143,000 in court searches last year that will be reduced significantly. We can charge more for some court filings, which could lead to more money. The Clerk's Office was recognized for annual achievements. The Historian will be speaking at Canastota Memorial Day events. The Colgate student intern for the summer will be developing Madison County Lesson plans for 8th grade and 11th grade US History Lessons.

V. **Resolutions:**

1. Authorizing the Modification of the 2023 Adopted County Budget (3114 OCFS Grant)
2. Indicating Certain Intent Pursuant to RPTL 487(9) and Directing the Madison County Department of Law to Issue Certain Notice to New Leaf Energy, Inc.

County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, explained that this local law provides exemption and opts us out of 487. For the pilot projects, the schools get the most money then the county and last the towns. This would only be for the smaller PILOT projects. The state will take charge of the larger projects.

There is a new Solar Guide book available at: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Siting-Resources/Solar-Guidebook>

3. Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an Agreement and Modifying the 2023 Adopted County Budget for Public Health Preparedness Grant
4. Authorizing the Modification of the 2023 Adopted County Budget (ARPA)
5. Acknowledging Introduction of Proposed Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2023 and Public Hearing Calling for a
6. Adopting Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2023

J. Pinard made a motion to review and approve resolution 1-6; seconded by P. Walrod.. The Committee unanimously voted on and approved all resolutions.

VI. **Preferred Agenda:**

It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to allow any eligible resolutions from today's meeting to be added to the preferred agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

VII. **Next Meeting:** June 29, 2023

VIII. **Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 9:43 a.m. on the motion of J. Pinard seconded by M. During. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Heidi LaSalle on behalf of Chairman Matthew Roberts approved on June 29, 2023.