

FINANCE & RULES COMMITTEE
April 16, 2024

Present: Tom Osborne, Chair; Jeffrey Nellenback, Vice-Chair; Herb Frost; Vincent Nortz; and Barry Lyndaker.

Legislator Osborne called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Legislator Osborne moved to approve the March 19, 2024 committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Frost, and carried.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Authorizing grant application for Round 8 Restore NY Funding for up to \$2,000,000.00 to redevelop the decommissioned Lyons Falls Elementary Facility and, if awarded, will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC. *Legislator Lyndaker received verification that the county does own this property and once the property is cleaned up it will likely go to the IDA/LCDC to be marketed for potential developers, like what the process was for the Glenfield Elementary School. There is also another grant application in the works to assist with this project.*
AYE 5 NAY 0
2. Authorizing agreement with Development Authority of the North Country for professional consultant and project management services in redevelopment of the former Lyons Falls school at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.
AYE 5 NAY 0
3. Appropriating payback funds from CDBG in the amount of \$5,607.43 to Planning Community Development account line to be used for various community projects.
AYE 5 NAY 0
4. Awarding bid and authorizing contract between the County of Lewis and Tetra Tech, Inc. to update FEMA-Compliant Lewis County Hazard Mitigation Plan at a cost not to exceed \$137,732.00.
AYE 5 NAY 0
5. Awarding bid and authorizing contract between the County of Lewis and Adirondack Operations, LLC Environmental Consulting to complete a professional hazardous material study on all buildings for Toobro, LLC's Cheese Dairy Plan in the Town of New Bremen at a cost not to exceed \$22,268.00. *Legislator Nortz questioned what "legal access" was, Joan McNichol responded that it requires a court order or permission from TooBro to access the property and that this was the next step.*
AYE 5 NAY 0
6. Authorizing settlement in pending tax assessment challenge by Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. against the Town of Croghan, for the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 proceedings, with refunds payable by the County for overpayments for said years, determined to be approximately \$93,000.00; and further approves the agreed upon terms pertaining to the application of RPTL 727 for the assessments on the subject properties for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 assessment rolls. *County Attorney Joan*

McNichol explained the history behind this tax assessment challenge and stated that all parties have received a copy of the proposed agreement.

AYE 5 NAY 0

At 2:40 p.m. Legislator Nellenback moved to enter executive session for an update on the County's cyber security posture, seconded by Legislator Frost and carried.

At 3:02 p.m. Legislator Osborne moved to enter regular session, second by Legislator Nellenback, and carried.

There being no other business to come before the committee Legislator Frost moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Lyndaker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board