

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014**  
**1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: D. Pangrazio, T. Baldwin, M. Schuster, D. Mahus, E. Gott, D. LeFeber, P. Yendell, I. Coyle

ABSENT: G. Levey

GUESTS: K. Dougherty, R. Waltman, P. Grandshaw-County Coroners

**1:30 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF TOM DOUGHERTY**

**1. AUTHORIZING LIVINGSTON COUNTY TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) 2014 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES THROUGH CONTRACTS AWARDED BY WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – COUNTRY FORD MERCURY INC.**

WHEREAS, Westchester County has awarded a bid for the purchase of 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles

(Bid #RFB-WC-11058) to Country Ford Mercury Inc., and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston has determined that the prices will result in cost savings compared to those if bid separately by Livingston County, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted by Section 103 of NYS General Municipal Law and the terms of the Westchester County bid, Livingston County is authorized to purchase the vehicles through the contract awarded by Westchester County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the purchase of (5) 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles for a total cost of \$145,806.00 through a contract (#RFB-WC-11058) awarded by Westchester County to Country Ford Mercury Inc., subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Country Ford Mercury Inc.</b>	N/A	\$145,806.00

Government Sales  
PO Box 1600  
Guthrie, OK 73044-1600

For: Purchase of (5) 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles. Not to exceed the amount indicated.

Sheriff Dougherty reviewed the proposals for five Ford SUVs and explained that he did have some hesitation but after reviewing the facts, he now feels comfortable with the proposal. While the Chevy Tahoes have been good to them, they have been unable to get the GM pricing on them. They did get pricing from Joe Basil for \$35,000, which is a significant bump. They are pricing themselves out of the policing business. Chief Deputy Burgess found a Ford utility vehicle and was able to bring a demo vehicle down from a dealer in Buffalo to allow staff to drive the vehicles. The vehicle is roomy and is cheaper price wise. He was not originally supportive of going from a Chevy to a Ford but after looking at the numbers, he does support it. Chief Deputy Burgess explained that it has been very difficult trying to find an acceptable vehicle this year. The original request to Public Services was for six new vehicles. They have made some changes of vehicle assignments of the fleet to either bump the miles of the cars or calm down the miles a little bit. They don't see a need for six new vehicles and now only need five. The Ford vehicles with some options are \$29,161.20 each. That represents a \$6,200 savings compared to the Tahoes. A new Ford with all new equipment installed is less than the purchase of a Tahoe. Ontario, Genesee, Monroe and Steuben county have all been using the Fords with satisfaction. There was discussion on the resale value and the Sheriff believes the best guess would be around \$5,000-\$9,000 but the vehicles are too new for a definite number. In talking with other chiefs, there does not seem to be many service issues. The rotors and brakes are lasting longer than the Tahoes. Being AWD, these SUV's are the same chassis as the Interceptor sedan chassis so service will be easier for parts and such. Sheriff Dougherty reviewed the option items to be added to the vehicles; the skid plates, which are a good protector, a back up camera, which he

fully supports and Bluetooth, even though they are exempt Sheriff Dougherty feels that it is poor for the public to see, we need to set a good example and the remapable steering wheel controls that put buttons on the steering wheel for the radio and siren right on the steering wheel. The Sheriff also fully supports the push bumper on the front as well to help with the deer accidents. This will be a good preventative. The new vehicles will be striped and ready to go but will not go into service until needed. He plans to keep pushing the vehicles to get the most use out of them. Once a vehicle starts needed a lot of service, we will get rid of it. Sheriff Dougherty reminded the Committee that he still has the K9 vehicle down at Hampton Corners. Mr. Coyle explained that this vehicle and the boat hoist were just signed to go to auction today. This is \$167,586, which is less than the original amount budgeted for vehicle purchases. Chief Deputy Burgess explained that these are 2014 and the 2015 is about \$200 more, but the purchase is for 2014 because they are available on the lot. Sheriff Dougherty explained that they still have the K9 grant through Homeland security and that can't be changed. They have to buy a Tahoe with those funds.

*Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Schuster seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.. Carried.*

**1:45 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IAN COYLE**

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

**1. APPROVING ABSTRACT**

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

**2. TRANSFERS - CONTINGENCY**

Mr. Coyle explained that this is for the \$460,000 annual appropriation for the contingency line. Mr. Coyle is recommending that we use these funds for an equipment purchase for the County ambulance program. We were able to see what the bids were on the first bid we did on a sprinter style ambulance and this would be for a second ambulance.

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

**3. AMENDING 2014 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
RESOLVED, that the 2014 Workforce Development Department budget be amended as follows:**

Account	Dept.	Code	Description	Amount
Increase Revenue	A7310	2655	Minor Sales	\$1,080.00
	A7310	3820	Youth	\$5,522.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,602.00</b>
Increase Appropriation	A7310	4160	Cont. Expenses	\$2,286.00
	A7310	1000	Personal Serv.	\$4,316.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,602.00</b>

Mr. Coyle reviewed the budget amendment and explained that this is just some recognition ticket revenue in the youth division to offset some expenses.

*Motion: Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Schuster seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.. Carried.*

**4. DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY – HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston owns surplus personal property that is no longer necessary for public use, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the following item(s) as surplus property to be disposed of as determined by the County Administrator:

**(Highway Department)**

Quantity	Item	Model	Serial/VIN
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1	2003 F550 6 Wheel Dump -55,181 miles	Ford	1FDAF57P83ED85328
1	2001 S2674 6 Wheel Dump - 29,543 miles	International	1HTGKAHR61H355133
1	Graphtec Cutter/Plotter with cable & software	FC2100-60A	

Mr. Coyle reviewed the above mentioned items and explained that they are no longer needed at the Highway Department.

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

**5. ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORK DAY AND RETIREMENT REPORTING CREDIT**

Ms. Rees reviewed the list of employees with new appointments and new terms.

*Motion: Mr. Schuster moved and Mr. Baldwin seconded to approve the foregoing resolution.. Carried.*

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

1. DISCUSSION OF CORONER REIMBURSEMENT - Mr. Waltman explained that three out of four coroners met last night to review County’s proposal for coroner pay. They have concerns on the proposal and how removals will be addressed Mr. Coyle reviewed the first round of dialog and what we are going to pay the coroners and are we going to make them contractors or employees. There are four main concerns, compensation, structure employee versus voucher, workers compensation and participation in the retirement system. The Ways and Means Committee decided at the last meeting on \$250 per call on a per diem rate running it through payroll, which includes compensation by making them an employee, covered by workers compensation and they could elect to participate in the retirement system. Mr. Coyle reviewed the mileage reimbursement rates. Removals would be included in the \$250 or the coroner would need to reimburse the funeral home for the removal out of that \$250. There was discussion of the cost savings measures being done in Ontario County. Mr. Waltman is not in favor of the coroner being responsible for paying the removal bills to the funeral homes. He feels that the County should be responsible for removal fees. There was discussion on what other counties are doing for coroner reimbursements. If the removals are not paid by the coroner, the Committee will need to review the reimbursement amount. Mr. Waltman requested that he receive a copy of the Monroe County contract fees. In order to address the removals, the committee will need to do additional research on if we pay \$250 with removals or not and determine if the wage will drop down and have a separate wage for removals. There was discussion on what the cost would be for a coroners’ physician. The coroners will get additional information to Mr. Coyle and he will research the matter further for action at the next committee meeting.

2. Budget 2015 Discussion-Mr. Coyle explained that he will be releasing the department head memo soon. We should see slight reduction in retirement payment in December 2015. Approximately 5-10% impact. We are going to be able to budget casino monies in 2015 which is about \$400,000 per year. We should finally see the budget impact of the CHHA sale in 2015. The cap amount is going to be about 3.75% and still be compliant with the 2% law. The reval numbers are starting to come in with an assessed valued growth of approx 2-3%. This is the second year of 5 year capital improvement plan. The second payment for CHHA sale from VNA will be coming in this quarter. IGT payment receipt came in this month. We budgeted \$4.2MM with a \$3.9MM match and we received \$7.8MM into the CNR account. There will be three to four more IGT’s in the statute so we can expect one probably before the end of this year. This may continue to increase so we will need to be creative in what we want to do. It’s important that people know that this is federal dollars coming in to Livingston County. These funds can be used on anything for the CNR facility. There was discussion regarding the facility general fund and making a decision to pay down that debt sooner. Mr. Coyle has contacted the Venesky firm on any chargebacks the County can capture for the facility.

3. Standard and Poor's Rating Upgrade – The press release was sent out last week. This is good news for the County. Operating surpluses are positive. The fund balance policy was put into place from the last review. A positive citation was the capital improvement plan, which was instituted last year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Mr. LeFeber and seconded by Mr. Mahus that the Board adjourn and reconvene and all Supervisors and County Administrator Ian M. Coyle remain present. Carried.

Mr. Baldwin moved and Mr. Gott seconded that the Committee reconvened in regular session. The following report was presented.

No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schuster moved and Mr. Baldwin seconded for the Committee meeting to be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Rees  
Clerk of the Board