

FINANCE/TAX REDUCTION/MANDATE RELIEF COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - 10:30 AM

Thomas Scozzafava, Chairperson
Roby Politi, Vice-Chairperson

Supervisor Moore called this Personnel Committee Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the following supervisors in attendance: Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Shaun Gilliland, Joseph Giordano, Ronald Jackson, Michael Marnell, Noel Merrihew, Dean Montroy, James Monty, Ronald Moore, Gerald Morrow, Michael Tyler and Joe Pete Wilson. Charles Harrington, Stephen McNally, Roby Politi, Randy Preston and Thomas Scozzafava had been previously excused.

Department heads present were: Michael Diskin, Daniel Palmer, Charli Lewis, Dan Manning, Joseph Provoncha and Judy Garrison. Laurie DeZalia had been excused.

Deputies present: Jim Dougan

Also present: John Becker.

New media present: Keith Lobdell – Sun News.

MOORE: I'd like to call the Finance committee to order and the presentation by Dr. Tyrell has been postponed. First up is our County Clerk, Joe Provoncha. Good morning Joe.

PROVONCHA: Good morning. Just to review January I'll start with this past month. We had a descent month it was a little bit over December. Our taxes, mortgage tax and transfer tax were up a little bit and overall it was a good month. I can only tell you a lot was accomplished also and we'll go right into the annual report so I won't take much of your time. It shows the different distributions and the monies that we received also I have in there the amount of money we've taken in revenues, subtracted our budget and what was left over in our budget and I'm returning to the county \$727,099.22. I can only tell you I'm returning that money on paper the Treasurer actually has that money so if you get it from him you're lucky. The pistol permits have been very, very busy. Last thing we heard from Albany is they don't really care about the ratification as much as taking weapons as they do about the compliance with people signing and recertifying so the push is still on for the recertification of the pistol permits. Thank you for passing my annual report. If there are any questions to that? I know you passed you passed it a little bit last week I guess.

PALMER: Did they do it last week?

PROVONCHA: They did.

PALMER: Alright.

PROVONCHA: So I don't need that resolution but we got it done very, very quickly thanks to Brenda and to Charlotte. It also shows where I've recertified the bank accounts and the petty cash accounts also there who can sign for purchase orders as well as for vouchers and signed

contracts. You'll also see there my goals for 2018, is also there. A couple of things have happened we are on e-recording already with most civil case types being e-filed as well as the pistol permits and we're working very hard to continue that. Everyone has been recertified to do passports in my office. We all need to take a test. E-recording is going very, very well as well. DMV we're working on bringing up our revenues to that. The big thing we like to do with the DMV is working with the IT department is to read online the CDL manuals. Most people that drive CDL's they were born to drive they just have trouble taking the test so if we've actually read the manuals on the line as well as the driver's license I think we'll have a better success rate that way. Archival and records management we are out of the Fox Run Building and I want to thank Mr. Garrow and Mr. Dougan and Mr. Lewis and his crew for doing a magnificent job in making sure all the files were moved to the Pratt Building.

We are looking to have a notary workshop here sometime in the spring and I think the only thing the people would have to pay for are their books. Title searching – Chelsea tells me we are right on schedule there so I guess that's basically what I've got for you today.

MOORE: Thank you Joe. Questions for Joe?

JACKSON: Joe will you let us know when you're going to have that class for the notaries?

PROVONCHA: Yes, oh definitely. Towns will be invited.

JACKSON: Thank you.

MONTY: Joe so we'll be ready this spring or early summer for our next round?

PROVONCHA: Yes.

MONTY: Good. Thank you.

MOORE: Any other questions?

MONTROY: Joe as far as the CDL is there any provisions like how many times you can take it if you fail it?

PROVONCHA: No as long as you have money you can retake.

MONTROY: And what is the duration? Can they take it the next day?

PROVONCHA: Yes.

MONTROY: Thank you.

MOORE: Anything else for the County Clerk? Thank you Joe.

PROVONCHA: Thank you.

The next item on the agenda was the Auditor's office. Laurie DeZalia was excused.

MOORE: Although if there is any questions I'm sure we can try to answer them. Any concerns on the auditor?

Next up is Real Property sitting patiently.

The next item on the agenda was the Real Property office with Charli Lewis reporting as follows:

MOORE: Good morning Charli.

LEWIS: Good morning. I'm seeking two resolutions today one, as you'll see on your desks we were able to finish our annual report for this meeting. I'd like to have a resolution to put that on file.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND PLACING ON FILE THE 2018 REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT.

Moved by Mr. Gilliland, second by Mr. Merrihew

MOORE: Discussion?

MERRIHEW: I really look forward to those reports every year. It's just a wealth of information for the county tax payers that come into my office with that book, it's very good.

LEWIS: Great, thank you.

MOORE: Further discussion? All in favor, opposed – motion carries.

LEWIS: The second resolution I'm looking for is to correct the 2018 Town and County tax roll and tax bill for the Schroon Lake Housing Redevelopment Company. Last year their PILOT agreement had run out and we put an omitted tax on their tax bill and for some reason that appeared again this year the same omitted tax on this year's tax bill so that needs to be removed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION TO THE 2018 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX ROLL TOWN OF SCHROON, SCHROON LAKE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Moved by Mr. Merrihew, second by Mr. Giordano.

MOORE: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – motion carries.

LEWIS: I just have a couple of other legislative items in addition to what I talked to you about last Monday. Again this year they're looking to cap the STAR amount at zero growth. They tried that last year and it didn't go through I don't know how successful it would be this year but if it is successful it means that the amount you save on your STAR exemption would be frozen at the dollar amount that it was last year.

And the other piece of legislation is they're looking to make the Enhanced STAR income verification program mandatory. That's a program where the senior citizens anyone over 65 would be required to give their social security numbers to the assessors and then DTF would check their income based on what they file with them as we all know not everyone files an income tax so they would also have to develop a way to deal with the people that don't file.

And then I just had one other thing the Real Property Tax office would like to extend their condolence to the Town of Wilmington to the passing of their long time assessor Dana Peck. Dana has been an assessor since 1971, with 47 years of service and he certainly will be solely missed.

MOORE: Can I have motion to pass that condolence on? Mr. Gilliland and seconded by Mr. Giordano or possibly a unanimous second?

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF DANA PECK.
Moved by Mr. Gilliland, second unanimously.**

MOORE: Thank you. Anything else?

LEWIS: No that's it for me.

MOORE: Any questions for Charli?

TYLER: Not a question I want to thank you for all the work you did on that PILOT program that the Governor is trying to put through, all the information you came up with is very helpful and hopefully it will go a long way persuading the State not to go along with it. Thank you.

LEWIS: You're welcome.

MOORE: Any other questions for Charli? Well, it's my pleasure to recognize Charli with this certificate of appreciation for 30 years of outstanding service and contribution to the Essex County Government and this is as of 1/24/18 so thank you.

LEWIS: Thank you. It's been a real honor and a pleasure to serve this county to say the least. I really appreciate the faith you put in me you know my rise certainly as a Clerk to a Department Head the challenge has been so rewarding. Thank you.

MOORE: Normally Tom Scozzafava would Chair this committee as you can see this picture won't reflect his curly hair. Thank you very much.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's office with Mike Diskin reporting as follows:

DISKIN: Good morning. Little unusual looking over to the right and not seeing Tom sitting there I'm thinking all the years I've been here I've never seen anybody else sitting in that Chair.

PALMER: Not at finance that's for sure.

DISKIN: Not at finance.

PALMER: And we won't let him sit there any other time. *(Laughter)*

DISKIN: I've sent you my sales tax reports, occupancy, revenue, expense reports, cash flow. I just want to quickly go over the sales tax report. When I sent this out we didn't have all the

February information in. We do now and I just checked with my Deputy, Jane Haskins who tells me that accounting for all this we've made our budget for the year.

PALMER: Good.

DISKIN: As some of you know and some of you may not realize this sales tax doesn't necessarily run from what you get from January 1 to December 31. Jerry and Dan and maybe a couple of others that have been here long enough to remember when we changed that. Way before I was here a prior County Manager decided that we should account for revenue accepted in January and February because it was actually sales from the prior year for the most part so there was one year that they budgeted basically fourteen months of revenue from that point on we had to calculate it as of basically March 1 through February 28 with a little bit of tweaking because not everything comes in at January and February is accountable for last year but it takes a little bit to calculate that and when we do that we do enter that information into the formula then we can come up with what we actually budgeted based on what we actually received and I think we're over by about \$50,000.00

PALMER: Good.

DISKIN: We made the \$29 million.

PALMER: Good.

DISKIN: Occupancy I gave you. It looks like we ran about \$350,000 over from the year before which is I would attribute mostly to vacation rentals. We are still believe it not, we are still getting inquiries on a regular basis on these vacation rentals so I know that Wayne is out there checking for these people and finding them and they are registering and still pursuing it. I know that ROOST is looking into a program to better track these people and try to locate them and find them and we'll continue to probably sign people up as we go along but the first full year we did our best at about \$350,000 over the year before. If you have any questions on this stuff that's informational I do have a couple of items we need to discuss and hopefully get a resolution out.

First of all last year in one of our foreclosures we took two pieces of property up in Saranac Lake. They were associated with the radio station up there one was the actual building where the equipment was housed and the other was a radio tower at the request of the North Country Community College we didn't sell those properties we held onto them because they felt they had some use for those properties. They've now looked at them and decided that the property with the building in it is one that they would like to retain and I think probably Mr. Manning could address better how we would go about doing that about retaining as a county owned property that the college would have use for.

The other however is a radio tower sits out in kind of a wet, marshy area. It doesn't have much value other than the radio tower itself but that radio tower is important because it does come with the opportunity for someone to redo a radio station in that area and I've had a couple of inquiries from a couple of different companies who are interested in obtaining that so I think we need to move forward to figure out we're going to best market that or use that radio tower and get it out there. There is a bit of time crunch because there is a one year period it has to go back on, this radio station has to go back on the air I believe by June 1. It has to be on the air by a minimum of two weeks by that time and so there is a bit of a time crunch and so we'll need to address the best way to go about either selling this property, going out for RFP's, leasing it, whatever we decide to do and I guess I would ask Dan Manning if you have any comment on it?

MANNING: Yes with respect to the first parcel which is what the North Country Community College would like you could pass a resolution today authorizing the conveyance of this property to basically the property has to be held by law, by both sponsors to the Essex-Franklin County as trustees for the college and it's just the way the law reads. The transfer could occur General Municipal Law Section 72H which states that a municipality can sell, can convey to another municipality, a fire district or other bulk entity without consideration property which this would be without consideration we certainly would give it to the college and that's also bolstered by the fact that basically we're going to be holding the title anyways as trustees for the college. The college has determined that this is necessary so I would recommend that you do that so to get that out of the way you could get this in the pipeline today, pass a resolution authorizing that transfer without consideration to the college and we could deal with that parcel that way. So if you're so inclined I'd ask for that resolution.

MOORE: Can I have a motion for that resolution to convey that property without consideration to North Country Community College?

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PIECE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN SARANAC LAKE PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED IN TAX FORECLOSURE, TO THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION.
Moved by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Gilliland.**

MOORE: Discussion?

GILLILLAND: Do you know the college's plan for this piece of property?

MANNING: It's my understanding there is an old building on the property, they are going to tear down the building. I don't know what – did they elaborate at all Mike?

DISKIN: There's some expansion of the campus they are looking at and redirecting the road in there I believe to better use a facility in that area, expand some of the use of the college there.

MANNING: It should be noted too it's only 2/10 of an acre; it's a very, very small piece of property.

DISKIN: Just so you are aware at this point there's about \$17,000.00 in taxes that were foreclosed on so it's not a huge amount that we're giving up.

MOORE: Further discussion?

MONTROY: I'm kind of familiar with that area do you know what their plans are as far as there some other houses along that, the road isn't very wide there do you know if they are looking at purchasing these other homes?

DISKIN: They haven't indicated anything to me other than that they have some plans for expansion in that area.

MONTROY: Basically it's a half wide road so if they are going to be using it for an access road, it's not very wide. I didn't know if they are going to change the road where it goes in? I heard that they were going to put it on the other side of the building off of Lake Flower Avenue but I wasn't sure if they were going to go straight in because there is homes in the way so my

concern is if potentially they are going to do that we're going to lose three or four more homes of taxing property.

WILSON: There's no plans and I just gave Shaun and Randy a copy I picked up yesterday up their Master's Facilities Plan and there was nothing in there about purchasing more land or you know trying to take property off the tax rolls I think it's more like Mike was saying access to the back to the residence's halls and the sports complex.

MONTRON: Okay so more than an access road and not as a main road there.

MOORE: Further questions? Discussion? All in favor, opposed – motion carries.

MANNING: With the respect to the second piece of property this is an important piece of property because it has a radio tower on it any perspective use of it, the radio tower comes along with it the ability to transmit provided whoever owns the property complies with FCC regulations and apparently there's a time frame on that if something is not done by mid-May then the ability for that tower to transmit and receive could conceivably be lost from what I understand so I what I would recommend in that respect is that we put this one out to bid, out to public bidding to the public and that we then obtain the bids, evaluate the bids and then of course we would award it to the highest bidder. In order for that to occur you would also have to get an appraisal of the property so I would ask that you get an appraisal and then we would couple this all in one resolution. The appraisal would be immediately undertaken, that bids go out immediately and then they be evaluated when they come in and that is under Section 15, the county law that is a typical way to handle sale of real property or county owned property. You also have in this resolution determined that this is property that is not of any use to the county and that you determine it to be surplus. One other thing I don't know what kind of tower it is but if it helps our interoperable radio communications system you may want to reserve the right to stick something on there but that would be Jim Dougan, Chris and Don Jaquish's call.

DISKIN: I have contacted Don's office. Don is out as you are probably aware. I talked to Mike Blaise and he's going to confirm with Don as soon as he gets back so we don't know the outcome of whether they have any use themselves yet but they are aware of it up there that is something they want to take into consideration as well.

MANNING: Yes because if we can use it then we wouldn't declare it surplus.

DISKIN: I believe Mike had said to me that they had looked at that when they were doing their surveying for E911 and they ended up going up to a higher level Mt. Pisgah I believe because the radio tower itself didn't work but they were going to reevaluate and see if there is any benefit to the county to keep that or have use for E911.

MOORE: I would like to have a resolution moved to go to immediate appraisal and go to bid on this property with the tower on it.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO GO TO BID, GO TO RFP OR PROCURE UNDER THE PROCUREMENT POLICY AN APPRAISAL ON A PIECE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN SARANAC LAKE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE TO GO OUT TO BID ON SAID PROPERTY.

Moved by Mr. Morrow, second by Mr. Wilson.

MOORE: Discussion? Would this bid be specific to radio?

MANNING: No, because you may have someone who wants to spend a lot of money on the tower for what reason I don't know but they may want to put a lot of money into it.

MOORE: Any further questions or discussion? All in favor, opposed – motion carried.

DISKIN: I have just one other thing that I learned just a few days ago. I want to bring it up to the Finance committee just to make you aware. There's a Senate Bill I was made aware of actually after it passed, I had it emailed from a couple of Treasurer's around the State that had learned that bill had been passed and I reached out to our Assemblyman Dan Stec and asked him to look at it at the house level or at the Assembly level I'm sorry. What this proposed bill is that was passed by the Senate would allow people to lose their property in a tax foreclosure to put in a claim for excess money. It's a two-part resolution. The first part of the proposed law is not something I would necessarily be opposed to it says that the courts and actually it says it right in words the court is responsible for doing this. It says the court should provide notice to a former owner of a foreclosed real property of the existence of surplus money resulting from a sale of a bank foreclosure which is fine they should know that. I'm not sure I thought they did that already?

MANNING: A bank foreclosure?

DISKIN: Yes.

MANNING: It's already in the law.

DISKIN: Well, I don't know if it's required that they give them a notice I think they have to find that out themselves. I think this was cleaning it up to say you have to tell them it's out there if they are interested in surplus and that's never been an issue at times we have surpluses and most people will come in and claim it when they find out about it.

The second part of it talks about and again, it refers to the courts so I'm not sure exactly what they're talking about if someone at the court level, the Judge or somebody in the Judge's chamber has to notify them that there is excess? But it says for a tax foreclosure it's available, they can apply for the excess and that's something obviously we've been opposed to if it's not part of real property tax law, it doesn't mesh with the rest of the real property tax law so I think personally it's not a well thought out plan to do this. I think the feeling is they want to share this money but what they don't realize is we have so many losses we very seldom –

PALMER: Right so is the owner going to pay us for all the ones we lose money on?

DISKIN: The question is if we're going to get the gains can we go after the people that we lost money to go after them to pay the difference? No, we can't do that and we use that where we have these gains we use that to help balance off the losses. My biggest concern to be honest with you and this is an issue that I brought up in the past to people at the State at the Comptroller's office and at the ORPS and everywhere I've talked is that if there is an excess of money we've already cut off the lien holder, the bank holders and everybody else why should we give this to the tax payer when these people lost their lien? If we're going to give out any excess money we should give it back to the lien holder or the owner before the former owner gets it in other words this lien holder that had a mortgage out there alone he's lost his money but this guy may make \$20,000 from the sale that we've had and that's why I've been opposed

to it. I said if you're going to share any money let's share it with the lienholders because we have to share it but let's not give it back to them we paid off the lienholders. Regular foreclosure says everything gets paid out and if there's any money left it goes to the people this is not what this is saying. So I just want to make you aware of it.

PALMER: We should pass a resolution opposing that because that's just crazy.

DISKIN: I just talked to Dan Stec and Dan is watching it closely he realizes it. He probably will oppose it; he wants to look at the law.

GILLILLAND: Is this an Assembly Bill or Senate Bill.

DISKIN: It's a Senate bill.

PALMER: What's the Senate bill number?

DISKIN: 3948.

GILLILLAND: I move a resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 3948.

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 3948.
Moved by Mr. Gillilland, second by Mr. McNally.**

MOORE: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – motion carries.

DISKIN: Thank you.

MANNING: Who is the sponsor of that bill I wonder?

DISKIN: There is no sponsor. In the Senate?

PALMER: No but who sponsored it out of the Senate?

DISKIN: Senator Young is the name, introduced by Senator Young. She's from...

PALMER: Brooklyn?

DISKIN: No, she's from somewhere out in the western part of the State, Allegany County area, Cattaraugus County area, somewhere out there, because I spoke to the Treasurer from Allegany County, who said that it is her Senator and she wasn't even aware that she was doing this.

PALMER: Unbelievable

DISKIN: She found out about it through a press release that the Senator's office sent out after the pass. So, that's this treasurer in Allegany County found out about it.

MOORE: Anything else, Mike?

DISKIN: No, that's all.

MOORE: Any questions for Mike? All right, thanks.

The next item on the agenda was the County Manager, Dan Palmer reporting as follows:

PALMER: I am listed as no report and I realized when I am listed as no report, especially for new supervisors, you might think I'm doing anything else at the time, when I'm not in committee meetings, but just to give you a quick update on some of the things were working on.

The CSEA general unit contract was ratified, but ultimately it had to be written. So, I have finished writing that, it is in CSEA hands. They are reviewing for typographical things, so hopefully that one will be finished. We have essentially agreed a tentative agreement on the Sheriff's Unit Contract and that I have mostly gotten written. I still have some additional language related to the salaries that need to be finished, but I'm hoping that that language related to that will be finished up, so we can get back together with the Sheriff's unit for final approval of that and get it ratified by the Board.

I'm, Roby's not here, but one of the things Roby had asked me about previously was a citizen's notification software, whereby, I know the Town of Minerva does it and some other towns. When there's an issue or something, you know notifications are sent out to all the residents, either by email or by phone. So, we have an RFP out on the street, right now, for citizen's notification software. So, I should have that back the first part of March, so I may be bringing back to you something at that point. It didn't look overly expensive to do, so I think it is something that we may want to entertain once I get that back.

I am working on the plan, the master plan for space needs. obviously, that kind of shifts around on a daily basis, based upon what's going on and some of the changes, but I do hope to get some kind of a report to you as it relates to all the space needs and where we're moving people and how that plays out in the long term.

I'm also, one of the other things that I realized is that, you know, I've been here for over 25 years and I start to realize that when I met with my department heads that I start to look around the room and they all start to look pretty young and it's like holy mackerel, there's a whole bunch of them that haven't been here as long as I have. So, I am working on a monthly training program that is specifically designed for the newer department heads that talks about certain issues. You know, whether anything from policy manual to contract language, we're going to try to hit on, focus on at the department head meetings, we do department head meetings on a monthly basis, so we're going to try and focus on certain things, so they have a better understanding of them. I sometimes forget, because I've been around so long and I don't, convey some of that stuff to them, so I am working on that as well.

I do have a CSEA grievance on my desk that I am handling right now that should be finished fairly soon and other than that, the other major issue that we talked about was the reclaims project in terms dilapidated or property that's on the tax rolls and how we could deal with those. That's on my desk as well and I am hoping to bring that closer to the top once I get some of the CSEA stuff out of the way. So, that's really where I've been mostly.

MCNALLY: I had the pleasure of touring the old jail and the Public Defender's Office, is there financing out here to build a new Social Service building?

PALMER: Yeah, I mean that's part of the space needs and I think Mike actually met with the, our Auditors.

MASCARENAS: Tomorrow

PALMER: Tomorrow, he's actually meeting tomorrow with Jack Venesky who does our DSS audits. There is, per say there is no funding, directly related to the construction of a DSS or a human services building, but what happens is you are allowed to charge O&M costs off against DSS. So, your reimbursement goes up considerably, once you actually take on the construction of a new building. So, you can literally write off quite a bit of the cost of your construction of a DSS building, more so than any other building that you can build, because the State will pay what is called O&M costs and when your O&M costs goes up, because you now have bonded out money to pay for a building, they then contribute more towards the cost of that, which lowers your overall for construction of that. so, that's one of the main players, so to speak, in how you would address the long term space needs of the County, is you would look at a new human services building; which would essentially be entitled to the highest level of reimbursement from the State in terms of costs. So, that's part of the space plan and it is something that I think, most counties you'll see have built new DSS buildings.

MCNALLY: Warren County and Washington have.

PALMER: Yes, they have done that specifically for that reason, because the cost of....

MCNALLY: We are way past putting a Band-Aid on that building.

JACKSON: Yeah

MCNALLY: It needs to be addressed.

JACKSON: It's overcrowded

MOORE: Anything else Dan?

PALMER: Again, it isn't that I haven't forgotten them. There are some swing possibilities that we need to consider when we're talking about Public Defenders in particular, because I think that's the most important part to get out of that one particular building. You know what you want to do with the jail after that is really a Board decision, but from my point of view I don't think it's worth saving to be honest.

MCNALLY: With the Indigent Defense coming we possibly are going to need more space over there, anyways.

PALMER: You know I've got to tell you and Dan and I talked a little bit about this and I think we need to see what the Governor comes through in budget before we worry a lot about, what he's proposed will have a significant impact on what counsel at arraignment issue. You know the counsel at arraignment may very well go away, based on what the Governor has proposed in his budget. One of the things he proposed, specifically, was that there would be no bail set for any offense under a violent felony. So, if there is no reason for bail and all of these people are going to be issue appearance tickets then your counsel at arraignment issue gets significantly reduced based upon that. Now, whether that goes through the State and whether that continues to go through the track it's currently on, I don't know that, but you need to see what that April 1st deadline brings in terms of that.

TYLER: You can alleviate some of this office space that you need when you have a beautiful building down at the Westport fairgrounds that you can put some office space in that.

PALMER: If Westport would lend me the \$2 million that it will take to fix it.

TYLER: Well, maybe the Governor will do that.

PALMER: Yeah, maybe.

JACKSON: Actually for Dan Manning, but when Betty and Dan were here we talked about that PILOT program and we said we were going to come up with a resolution opposing that.

MANNING: Yes

JACKSON: Any chance we'll have that for Ways and Means so we can get that going? I think that's too important to not move forward on.

MANNING: I have it on my desk, I did all the resolutions and put that one aside, so that I can do it justice. I haven't had a chance to do, but I can probably get it done.

JACKSON: Thank you

MONTY: On that same topic, as Ron said, I would recommend that all of us towns...

PALMER: Towns do the same

MONTY: Piggyback on that and send one from our towns as well.

PALMER: Yeah, that would be important.

MOORE: Anything else for Finance?

MANNING: Just on that indigent defense question and counsel at first arraignment, we should know more about that when we meet with them next week and there's three models that I know of, probably the best model would be if we could have a centralize location, two or three within the county that you have to have the magistrates going at where they would rotate and do arraignments and I think that would save the most money. I know Clinton County pays attorneys \$100 a pop to do that and that's even better than assigned counsel money, you can just arraign a whole bunch of people. Arraignments are very simple things, you want me to read you the law, how do you plead, here's an attorney, see you tomorrow or/and bail.

PALMER: Yeah, or argue bail, that's really it.

MANNING: So, we should have a better handle on that, where the State wants us to go, thinks we should we go, but I think the centralized would be the best, a couple of places in the County.

MOORE: Thank you, anything else for Finance? If not, thank you very much, Happy Valentine's Day.

As there was no further discussion to come before this Finance/Tax Reduction/Mandate Relief Committee it was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Judy Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors