

ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2010

2:00 P.M.

Lake Pleasant, New York

Pursuant to call regularly made by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, said Board convened in the Chambers at the County Court House at 2 P.M. The Clerk of the Board, Laura A. Abrams, opened the session by leading the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, an opening prayer and roll call with the following Supervisors present:

Arietta, Richard A. Wilt
Benson, Ermina M. Pincombe
Hope, Robert Edwards
Indian Lake, Barry J. Hutchins
Inlet, John Frey
Lake Pleasant, Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake, Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse, William G. Farber
Wells, Brian Towers

Also Present: County Attorney, Pete Klein, Press and Nancy Grosselfinger

The Clerk stated the first order of business would be the selection of a temporary Chairman and called for nominations.

Mr. Hutchins nominated Mr. Towers, seconded by Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Towers took the podium and asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Edwards placed the name of William Farber as Chairman of the Board, seconded by Mr. McGovern. Mr. Towers called for any other nominations. Mr. Wilt nominated himself.

Mr. Towers asked Mr. Getty if procedurally we need to go around the floor and cast a ballot.

Mr. Getty stated that he would like a moment to review the Rules of Procedure to verify it.

After a moment to review the Rules of Procedure Mr. Getty stated that he believes that the motion was in the form of a resolution, consideration can be given to amend that resolution to consider another name, but it would require a second.

Mr. Frey seconded Mr. Wilt's motion to amend the resolution to insert his name.

Mr. Getty advised that there now would need to be a vote on whether or not the body seeks to amend the initial resolution. The vote would be a vote on the amendment of the original resolution.

Mr. Towers stated that we have a mover and a seconder to amending the original resolution. Is there discussion on the amendment?

Mr. Getty clarified that a vote in favor of the amendment is to pass the amendment which would be to adopt Mr. Wilt as the Chairman.

Mr. Frey withdrew his second. He explained that he thought that the amendment was going to add two nominations.

Mr. Seaman seconded Mr. Wilt's motion to amend the resolution to add his name.

Mr. Towers called for a vote.

Mr. Towers instructed the Clerk to call the vote:

Mr. Hutchins – Nay

Mr. Frey – Nay

Mr. Wilt – Aye

Mr. Edwards – Nay

Mr. Seaman – Aye

Ms. Pincombe – Aye

Mr. McGovern – Nay

Mr. Towers – Nay

Mr. Towers stated that the Nays have it. That brings it back to the original motion and second of the name of Mr. Farber. Mr. Towers asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Towers asked the Clerk to call the vote:

Mr. Hutchins – Aye

Mr. Frey – Aye

Mr. Wilt – Aye

Mr. Edwards – Aye

Mr. Seaman – Aye

Ms. Pincombe – Aye

Mr. McGovern – Aye

Mr. Towers – Aye

Mr. Towers stated that the motion passes and congratulated Mr. Farber.

The Chairman stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment of a Deputy Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-10

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barry Hutchins of the Town of Indian Lake is hereby appointed Deputy Chairman for the year 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Towers and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

Motion to accept minutes of November 17, November 20, November 23 and December 3, 2009 by Ms. Pincombe, seconded by Mr. Hutchins. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Hutchins: Apologized for missing Monday's Internal Management meeting. There is a resolution on the agenda as an outcome of that meeting.

Mr. Towers: The Highway/Building Committee met earlier this afternoon with the Highway Superintendent as well as representatives from Laberge. They discussed some building upgrades and downgrades at the Highway facility in Lake Pleasant, in regard to some storage sheds, flooring for one of the other storage barns and disassembling an old barn that we no longer utilize.

In regard to Laberge Engineering Firm, the Town of Lake Pleasant/Town of Arietta/County were successful in a grant application to upgrade their fuel depots and to consolidate some of those services. Laberge gave an update as to where we are in the process and how to move forward. Mr. Towers further reported that they gave Tracy Eldridge the go ahead to get some engineering done to move the process forward with both the floor and the storage shed.

Mr. Wilt: A NYSERDA company came today and did an audit on the Court House. Monday he will attend a meeting to see what kind of funding is available.

Mr. Edwards: Resolution No. 7 on the agenda refers to the appointment of the Emergency Services Coordinator and asked for everyone's support.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-10

RESOLUTION TO NAME CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. WILT:

RESOLVED, that Laura A. Abrams be and hereby is named Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2010, ending December 31, 2011 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 3-10

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Section 500 of Article 11 of the County Law of the State of New York provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall appoint a County Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby appoints Attorney Charles R. Getty, Jr. of the Town of Lake Pleasant, County of Hamilton, as County Attorney of the County of Hamilton, as provided by Section 500, Subdivision 1 of the County Law for a term of office commencing January 1, 2010 ending December 31, 2011, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary of the County Attorney be paid from County Attorney Account No. A1420.101 Personal Services \$65,619.00 per annum in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Wilt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 4-10

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Frank Mezzano is hereby appointed Budget Officer for a term January 1, 2010, ending December 31, 2011 at an annual salary of \$6,000.00 paid from Account No. A1340.101 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-10

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY HISTORIAN

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Education Law, Section 148, of the State of New York provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall appoint a County Historian, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby appoints William R. Zullo of Indian Lake as County Historian for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2011, at an annual salary of \$10,383.00 paid from Account No. A7510.101 in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 6-10

APPOINTMENT OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES DIRECTOR

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Herbert W. Schmid is hereby appointed Weights & Measures Director for a term January 1, 2010, ending December 31, 2011 at annual salary of \$12,850.00 paid from Account No. A6610.101 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 7-10

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRE
COORDINATOR AND EMS COORDINATOR

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gordon L. Purdy, II is hereby appointed Director of Emergency Services for a term of January 1, 2010, ending December 31, 2010 at an hourly rate of \$20.631 paid from Account No. A3640.101, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jay Griffin is hereby appointed Fire Coordinator for the term of January 1, 2010, ending December 31, 2010 at an annual salary of \$11,446.00 from Account No. A3640.103, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Gary L. Wickes is hereby appointed EMS Coordinator for the term of January 1, 2010, ending December 31, 2010 at an annual salary of \$9,649.00 from Account No. A3640.102 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 8-10

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the term of office of Dave Scranton, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminated December 31, 2009, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that Dave Scranton continue as a member of the Board of Ethics, be it

RESOLVED, that Dave Scranton be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2010, terminating December 31, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Hutchins and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 9-10

CORRECTIONS TO 2010 BUDGET

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain corrections are needed in the 2010 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the following corrections be made to the 2010 Budget:

Line Title and Line Creation Correction:

A6010.121 CST Administration

A6010.410 Domestic Violence -0-

A6010.411 CST Operating Expense \$30,300.00

Transfer for 2010 COLA & Step:

FROM:

A1990.401 Contingent \$1,939.00

TO:

D5010.102 Senior Account Clerk \$ 431.00

D5010.103 Acc't Clerk/Comp. Support Aide \$1,508.00

and the Personnel Officer be so notified and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10

RULES OF PROCEDURE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisor pursuant to Section 153 subdivision 8 of the County Law is required to adopt the Rules of its Proceedings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County 2010-2011, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid rules shall be applicable to the proceedings of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for the years 2010 and 2011.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Investment Policy for the County of Hamilton is to be renewed on a annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer recommends the banks where monies are deposited and the maximum amount as follows:

NBT: \$15,000,000.00 (Fifteen Million)
Community Bank: \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million)
Key Bank: \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million)
JP Morgan: \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million)
Bank of America: \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million)

be it RESOLVED, that the above listed amendments be adopted and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 12-10

SETTING RATE FOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCE – 2010

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will, effective January 1, 2010, compensate auto mileage incurred by employees on behalf of the County at the rate of \$.50 per mile and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. Towers and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Ms. Pincombe asked that in order for this to happen in your town you have to pass a resolution in your town. The Chairman stated yes, it takes the consent of both the County Board and the Town Board. Mr. Hutchins added that the Towns assume liability.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-10

APPROVAL - USE OF COUNTY ROADS AS SNOWMOBILE TRAILS FOR YEAR
2010

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the use of County roads as snowmobile trails for the year 2010, subject to receipt from the towns concerned of a certificate of insurance covering said use in favor of the County as an additional insured, and in compliance with the existing contracts between the County and the Towns.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, it was discussed who owns the tower and what equipment is on it. The Chairman stated that within this one year period we can get the information together.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-10

EXTENSION OF THE PAGE HILL TOWER SITE LEASE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. WILT:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an extension of the lease with George and Susan Swift for the "Page Hill Tower Site" for 2010 at a charge of \$5,000.00 and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Pincombe and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman pointed out that this resolution proposes to hire them a week earlier than previous years. We are not sure about the budget allocation, we may have to be more sporadic to make up that extra week because it was not budgeted for, but in recognition of the fact that some of the communities have had a concern and we have had a concern about our ability to get the boat patrolmen in line and out there for Fourth of July weekend by waiting to the first of July. We wanted the authorization to start June 25th, if there is a need for more money we can do that through a Central Government Committee meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-10

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE FOUR BOAT PATROLMEN TO SERVE IN SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has reported to this Board there is a need for four boat patrolmen to patrol lakes in Hamilton County during the 2010 Summer Season (July and August), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff be authorized to hire four boat patrolmen for the 2010 Summer Season beginning June 25th, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be authorized to prepare proper contracts to submit to the State of New York to meet the requirements of the State of reimbursement and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-10

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department of Social Services to enter into a cooperation agreement with the County Attorney in order to justify and obtain funding for such representation, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney provides representation to the Department of Social Services through appointment of an Assistant County Attorney, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, the Hamilton County Attorney and the Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to execute a Cooperation Agreement for a term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 between the Department of Social Services and the Hamilton County Attorney upon review of the Hamilton County Attorney.

Seconded by Ms. Pincombe and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 17-10

AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF
HAMILTON COUNTY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has appropriated the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for the support and maintenance of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 224 of the County Law, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a memorandum agreement with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County for the fiscal year of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the amount of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County in one payment, on or about February 4, 2010 and said amount shall be paid from Account No. A8750.401, and the Hamilton County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 18-10

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY FEDERATION OF
SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, this Board desires to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., for the year 2010, and

WHEREAS, the "Federation" has an established program, for promotion and education with respect to wildlife and environmental conservation, and

WHEREAS, the "Federation" through the relationships they have established with the local Fish & Game or Rod & Gun Clubs has an ability to provide a needed service to the County, and

WHEREAS, such service is anticipated to be promotion and education surrounding wildlife, fishing, and environmental conservation, and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to provide these services through existing camps, kids fishing derbies, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be authorized to prepare a contract to pay One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., giving them authority to carry on a program including fish planting, and conservation education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County would provide funding for up to 9 local Hamilton County Fish & Game or Rod & Gun Clubs at up to \$500.00 per club for promotional or educational programs as above defined approved by the Committee of the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. and the County Attorney will include this in the contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman be authorized to execute such contract and that One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be paid on or about March 4, 2010 from Fish and Game Account No. A8720.402 Federal Fish and Game, and that the Fish & Game Account No. A8720.401 Fish Planting be charged for any and all other expenses authorized herein, and be it also

RESOLVED, that all expenses under Fish and Game Account No. A8720.401 Fish Planting will be reimbursements to the Federation for expenses already paid under the \$500.00 per club formula, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-10

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – 2010 COUNTY INSURANCE PACKAGE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors awarded the County Insurance Package to Rose & Kiernan, Inc. with Selective Insurance as the carrier effective January 1, 2010 and

WHEREAS, the current premiums are due and payable at this time, be it

RESOLVED, that payment due in the amount of \$140,028.74, for the period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010 be hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment at this time by issuing a check to Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in the amount of \$140,028.74 from the several accounts for insurance.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-10

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – WORKERS COMPENSATION

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the County is in receipt of the annual premium from PERMA, Hamilton County's carrier for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$106,659.00, and

WHEREAS, if premium is paid in full by January 15, 2010, the cost would be \$104,526.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the premium be paid in the amount of \$104,526.00 from the 2010 Budget charging the several accounts so noted for Employee Benefits Workers Compensation and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. Hutchins and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. McGovern asked to have the reason for the amendment clarified. The Chairman explained that the information between NACo and NYSAC got co-mingled, so it authorized something that did not exist.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-10

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 378-09 - AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2010 NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 378-09 be amended to authorize attendance at the Nation Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. March 6, 2010 – March 10, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-10

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2010 NYSAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the Legislative Conference in Albany, NY. February 8, 2010 – February 10, 2010, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Supervisors and County Officials be granted permission to participate in the above mentioned Conference and that the actual and reasonable expenses of the officers attending such meeting shall be a County charge and be audited by this Board in the same manner as other County charges.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO RENEWAL OF INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY FOR E911 SERVICE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 145-04 on June 3, 2004 supporting the Town of Long Lake in participation in the Essex County E911 system, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 131-05 adopted on June 2, 2005 the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Essex County for 911 service for the Town of Long Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Long Lake has requested the County authorize renewal of the Essex County 911 agreement for 2010, now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a renewal of the inter-municipal agreement on behalf of Hamilton County for the provision of E911 service to the Town of Long Lake through Essex County, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by Mr. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10

CLOSING OF CAPITAL PROJECT ROOF REPLACEMENT 2007-1

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, Capital Project Roof Replacement 2007-1 has been completed to the satisfaction of the Board, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Capital Project Roof Replacement 2007-1 Account No. H1620.204 be closed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to close Capital Project Roof Replacement 2007-1 Account No. H1620.204, transferring the excess funds as follows:

FROM:

H1620.204 Roof Replacement \$37,182.26

TO:

H1620.201 Building Capital Reserve \$37,182.26

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 25-10

PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FROM TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has previously benefited from using the Town of Lake Pleasant lap-top computer for our County Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Pleasant has recently determined said lap-top to be excess property, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County could benefit from acquiring said lap-top and the associated software, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors agrees to purchase one 18 month old Apple lap-top and software from the Town of Lake Pleasant for \$700.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the claim in the amount of \$700.00.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

TRANSFER OF 2009 FUNDS – AATV

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in 2009 Account No. A1920.403 AATV, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

From: A1990.401 Contingent \$ 1,000.00 To: A1920.403 AATV \$ 1,000.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

The Chairman stated that there is an amended Resolution No. 27 on the Boards' desks.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-10

TRANSFER OF 2009 FUNDS – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in several District Attorney Accounts, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made:

From: A1165.107 Paralegal \$ 2,465.95
A1990.401 Contingent \$ 1,060.54

To: A1165.402 Office Supplies, Misc \$ 808.63
A1165.407 Books \$ 2,109.86
A1165.409 Grand Jury Steno \$ 608.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Ms. Pincombe and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 28-10

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO CONTRACT WITH LICENSED GUIDES
FOR TOURISM SHOW COVERAGE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to contract with Licensed Guides for Coverage at Tourism Shows, for \$125.00 per guide, per day, not to exceed two guides for any one day for the year 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Towers and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 29-10

AUTHORIZING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dean Nervik, Economic Development & Tourism Administrative Assistant, be authorized to attend the 2010 Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen Show, Edison New Jersey, January 14 – 17, 2010 with all actual expenses of travel, meals, lodging and registration fees to be a County charge and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 30-10

AUTHORIZING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Christy L. Wilt, Economic Development & Tourism Aide, be authorized to attend the 2010 OSEG Sportsmen's Show, Springfield, Massachusetts, February 18 – 21, 2010 with all actual expenses of travel, meals, lodging and registration fees to be a County charge and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Hutchins and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

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RESOLUTION NO. ESOLUTION NO. 35-10

TRANSFER OF 2009 FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the funds are exhausted in the Hamilton County Department of Social Services Appropriation Account No. A6140.401, Safety net, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

From: A6142.401 Emergency Aid to Adults \$ 570.00
To: A6140.401 Safety Net \$ 570.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Ms. Pincombe and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 36-10

INCREASE OF 2009 FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the funds are exhausted in Hamilton County Department of Social Services Day Care Account No. A6055.401, be it

RESOLVED, that Appropriation Account No. A6055.401, Day Care, be increase by \$605.00 to be totally offset by increase Revenue Account No. A3655, Day Care, by \$605.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. McGovern asked who the Fleet Coordinator is. The Chairman explained that Tracy Eldridge the Highway Superintendent is. It works well because it is his department that does the service on all the vehicles and he knows what needs service, what is costing us a lot to keep up. We have been very fortunate that Chevy Impalas have remained on the state contract, which makes it very easy as Fleet Coordinator to stock parts, etc. That is why he was anxious to buy off the 2009 state contract if possible at the lower price.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-10

AUTHORIZING COUNTY FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE
AUTOMOBILES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the 2010 adopted budget for Hamilton County provides funding for two vehicles for Public Health, and

WHEREAS, 2010 Chevrolet Impalas are available on New York State Contract at 2009 pricing at \$16,595.00 each including delivery, and

WHEREAS, the vehicles that are to be replaced will be turned down to other departments to be utilized and the Fleet Coordinator will work with the other department heads to determine their fleet needs and replace the used vehicles where the need is, be it

RESOLVED, the vehicles will be purchased under New York State Contract for a total of \$33,190.00 for two automobiles delivered and that the funds be taken out of Account No. A4050.2010 Public Health, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order said vehicles under New York State Contract and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and the Public Health Director be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Hutchins and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 38-10

AUTHORIZING 2009 PROJECTS FUND BALANCES TO BE CARRIED OVER TO 2010 BUDGET

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has several Permanent Improvement projects that are not yet completed and,

WHEREAS, these projects will have fund balances at the end of the 2009 Fiscal Year, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized to transfer the following County Road project account fund balances from the 2009 budget to the 2010 Budget:

D5112.2453 N. Stony Creek Bridge-Benson \$ 342.55
D5112.2454 Fayle Road Bridge-Morehouse \$ 559.76
D5112.2455 South Pond Outlet Bridge- Long Lake \$ 5,000.00
D5112.2457 Abanakee Bridge- Indian Lake \$22,364.55
D5112.2463 Fletcher Brook Bridge-Indian Lake \$24,764.92
D5112.2465 CR12 Cedar River Road- Indian Lake \$13,200.17
D5112.2466 CR6 Benson Road- Benson \$ 635.21

D5112.2467 CR24 Old Piseco Road- Arietta \$ 154.02
Total \$67,021.18

and the County Highway Superintendent be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Hutchins stated that he had a conversation with Mike Brooks, who stated that he would be willing to continue to serve, but he wants the Board to know that the Fish and Wildlife Management Board sometimes struggles with keeping things moving forward. Ms. Pincombe asked what this Board does. The Chairman stated that he believes that is what Mike is questioning; others that have served have had the same question. They want to know how effective this Board is at accomplishing anything other than convening periodically to have DEC provide updates. People have in the past come before this Board or sent word to this Board that they would be more comfortable with providing this service and serving on this Board as volunteers if they felt they were really having an impact on policy. There have been issues in the past with fish planting and the Fish and Wildlife Management Board weighed in and took a position and it didn't seem to have any impact on the way DEC did business. The Chairman feels that perhaps the Board members when they convene ought to put the question on the table with DEC as to whether or not the Board really serves a purpose. The Chairman explained that each county has appointees to the regional board.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-10

APPOINTMENTS TO THE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the terms for the Supervisor Representative & Alternate and the Sportsman Representative & Alternate expired December 31, 2009, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made to NYS Fish & Wildlife Management Board Region 5:

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010 Kim Mitchell, Landowner Rep.

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010 Harold Berry, Landowner Rep. Alternate

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011 Clark J. Seaman, Supervisor Rep.
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011 Richard Wilt, Supervisor Rep. Alternate

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011 David Knapp, Sportsman Rep.
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011 Mike Brooks, Sportsman Rep. Alternate

Seconded by Mr. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 40-10

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2010 MERIT PAY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has instituted a merit system for county employees, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on January 4, 2010 to review merit evaluations, be it

RESOLVED, that the Internal Management Committee recommends the following hourly merit increments:

HIGHWAY

Ronald Blanchard January 7, 2010 to January 7, 2011 \$1.43
Benjamin Eldridge January 8, 2010 to January 8, 2011 \$1.43
Kelly King January 12, 2010 to January 12, 2011 \$1.65
Robert Kintner January 24, 2010 to January 24, 2011 \$1.32

REAL PROPERTY

Patricia Hotaling January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011 \$1.65

SHERIFF

Timothy O'Neill January 17, 2010 to January 17, 2011 \$.88

TREASURER

Cindy Parslow January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011 \$1.43

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Barbara Anderson January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011 \$1.21

Rebecca Hall January 2, 2010 to January 2, 2011 \$1.21

COUNTY CLERK

Betsy Earley January 2, 2010 to January 2, 2011 \$.55

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2009 merit pay:

FROM: A1990.401 Contingent \$25,008.11

TO: D5110.101 Personal Services \$2,988.08

DM5130.101 Mechanics \$2,981.44

D5010.102 Senior Account Clerk \$3,013.08

D5110.101 Personal Services \$2,756.16

A1355.102 Tax Map Technician #1 \$3,014.55

A3110.114 Correction Officer D \$1,812.80

A1325.102 Deputy County Treasurer \$2,612.61

A4310.117 Supervising Clinical Social Worker \$2,210.67

A4310.118 Account Clerk \$2,211.02

A1410.107 Motor Vehicle Clerk \$1,407.70

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Personnel Officer be notified.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MS. PINCOMBE:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton is desirous of having a county government website,
and

WHEREAS, monies have been included in the 2010 Planning budget to create such a
website, and

WHEREAS, a proposal from Advertiser's Workshop in Lake Placid to create such a website for \$7,000.00 has been received and reviewed, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has agreed to accomplish the initial development of the site, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Director – Economic Development and Tourism is authorized to spend up to \$7,000.00 to develop the Hamilton County Government Website.

Seconded by Mr. Frey.

Motion to Table by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-10

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 2009 FUNDS INTO PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for Comprehensive evaluations for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a suspected developmental delay through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for any combination of center-based, itinerant and/or related professional services including: Special Education Itinerant (SEIT) Services; skilled Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Related services; Counseling and/or one-on-one Aide services for children determined to have an eligible level of developmental delay and require services as defined through the CPSE Process, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, the County is required to maintain contracts with several providers for the provision of comprehensive Evaluation and services as described above, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for comprehensive Evaluation and subsequent services is determined by the extent of the evaluation and results, and based on rates set in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the New York State Education Department, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is responsible for administration of the Preschool Special Education Program for Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the number of children found eligible for services as described above has grown substantially over the past year and costs have exceeded the 2009 Municipal Budget allocation, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfer of funds occur to fund the anticipated program shortfall as described below:

FROM:

4010.1240 Temporary Staff \$ 5,500
4050.4040 PH Contractual \$ 2,500
4050.4050 PH Personal Expense \$ 2,000
4050.4060 PH Medical Supplies \$ 2,000
4050.4070 PH Telephone \$ 1,500
4050.4080 PH Postage \$ 1,500
4050.4090 PH Office Supplies \$ 2,500
4050.4110 PH Continuing Ed. \$ 2,500
Total \$20,000

TO: 2960.4010 Preschool Special Ed \$20,000

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

Seconded by Ms. Pincombe and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 32-10

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR AMENDMENT TO ANCILLARY PROVIDER
AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
SERVICE AND CAPITAL DISTRICT PHYSICIANS' HEALTH PLAN, INC (CDPHP)

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service has maintained an ancillary provider agreement with CDPHP since approval with resolution 307-07, and

WHEREAS, CPPHP has proposed to modified and updated the Exhibit 1 Schedule B Medicare Advantage Fee Schedule which reflects changes in the current health care industry, and

WHEREAS, this schedule will increase in the number of available nursing immunization and clinic procedures covered by CDPHP, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the amendment to the Ancillary Provider Agreement between the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and CDPHP upon approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by Ms. Pincombe and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 33-10

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE HOSPICE REFERRAL EXTENSION AGREEMENT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MS. PINCOMBE:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 169 adopted August 6, 1992, the Chairman was authorized to sign referral agreements with High Peaks Hospice, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Nursing Service and Department of Social Services is in receipt of an extension agreement with High Peaks Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. for the year 2010, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the extension agreement with High Peaks Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Hutchins and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Hutchins stated that he wanted to thank the people that serve on these committees. It is getting tougher and tougher to find people willing to serve.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-10

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONTINUING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE – 2010

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2010

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the Public Health Nursing Service/Home Health Agency's certification requires Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to appoint members from the Professional Advisory Committee to the Quality Improvement Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Service/Home Health Agency's Professional Advisory Committee Chairman has named the following members for appointment:

Dr. David Welch Mrs. Peggy Flemming
Redfield Medical Office Bldg. Adirondack Lake Rd.
2249 St. Rte. 86, Suite #3 Indian Lake, NY 12842
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Ms. Barbara Anderson Mrs. Millie Anzalone
White Birch Lane Lake View Drive
Indian Lake, NY 12842 Indian Lake, NY 12842

Ms. Kathy Hutchins Mr. Robert Morrison
White Birch Lane Northville, NY 12134
Indian Lake, NY 12842

One Agency Community Health Nurse

be it

RESOLVED, said members be appointed to the Continuing Quality Improvement Committee for the two year period of 2010 and 2011 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN,
SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

NAYS: NONE

OTHER REPORTS:

Mr. Hutchins: Welcomed the new members to the Board.

Mr. Frey: He has had a couple of constituents ask if he would bring something to the Board. It is tax payment time and he has had quite a few requests from people that would like to see installment payments made possible. Has there been anything that he has missed. The Chairman stated that there has not been a recent discussion about installment payments. There was a discussion as part of the county wide data base for the tax collection, about setting up the opportunity for people to pay via credit card. The installment payment was not one of the things that were considered. It has come up before; one of the things that make it a little more complicated is the transfer back and forth, people making one payment while it is in the hands of the tax collector then making the second payment when it comes back to the County. Not that those things are impossible to overcome, it just becomes a little more complex in terms of calculation of interest on balance remaining and those things. He thinks that based on the conversation we had when we were doing the 2010 budget we probably need to come together fairly quickly with the County Treasurer and see where we are on the County Wide Database, because there was going to be software made available to the towns as part of that grant. Certainly having everyone on unified software would make implementation of anything, whether it is credit card payments or installment payments much easier to track and manage. Mr. Towers asked if installment payments are fairly common in other counties. The Chairman stated he does not know how common it is, but he knows that there are other counties that do it. He has talked to other county treasurers that have actually done away with installment payments and went to credit card payments. Mr. McGovern stated credit cards have become more common. The Chairman stated that we will set up a Finance Committee meeting to get an update from the County Treasurer.

Mr. McGovern: The Village of Speculator has at several times requested to the Town Board to take up the matter of making them whole and doing their back tax collection the way the County does for the Towns. The Village was miss informed that it was not doable. It is done in the vast majority of counties. As the only Village in the County, with the least amount of resources it is very difficult for them to chase after those delinquent real property taxes. He does not have the specifics but when he does he will come to this Board with resolution in hand. The Chairman stated that his recollection of the last time it was discussed was that the real break down came over how to catch the Village up in terms of the back taxes that already exist and how you create that ground zero to start at. Mr. McGovern stated that we would have to resolve a starting period going forward. The Chairman stated that one of the initial requests that came to this Board was to make them whole and for us to worry about the back taxes that have already been accrued. Mr.

McGovern stated that it is more pressing to them in the case of water and sewer fees. The only recourse they have is small claims, a lot of paperwork, a lot of legal fees.

The Chairman stated that the APA at their meeting next Thursday is going to get an update on the Jessup River UMP.

Communities that may be in need of recertification credits or getting people trained, the Town of Morehouse is going to be having a BTI class starting on February 8th, it will be the full class, so if you are interested in getting applicators trained, contact him, he just needs to get names and the number of people from each community because they will need to get books.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Carried.