

**2012**

**SEVENTH SESSION**

**JULY 5, 2012**

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, William G. Farber presiding. Mr. Farber led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

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

Also present: County Attorney, John and Irene Hutchins, and Pete Klein, Press

At 10:00 AM a Public Hearing was held for the 2012 HOME Grant Application. The following Board members were present Bill Farber, Neil McGovern, John Frey, Ermina Pincombe, Brian Towers and Bob Edwards. Also present was Jim Thatcher of Avalon. No public was present. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 10:30 AM.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June 7, 2012, by Ms. Pincombe, seconded by Mr. Wells. Carried.

Public Comment: Irene and John Hutchins passed out packets to the Board regarding Ambit Energy Consultants. Irene read the cover letter. They requested a meeting with the Building's Committee Chair to review the County's energy bills. They will come to the next Board meeting to answer any questions that derive from the handouts. John pointed out some of the benefits.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

John: Reported on Committee Day regarding the budget, it was recommended setting a 2% cost of living increase for next year for the employees.

Bob: Would like support for Resolution No. 8, for merits.

Clark: The Chairman stated that there isn't any resolution for today, but they have been having discussions with Beth Ryan on a vacant CHHA position she has due to Beth Waldron leaving; she has retired earlier than expected.

John requested to be involved in the upcoming meetings.

Neil: Asked for support for the Tourism resolution. He will be having a Committee Day Tourism meeting on home steading.

The Chairman reported at 10 AM today the Public Hearing for the 2012 Home Grant Application was held.

The Chairman introduced Jim Thatcher of Avalon regarding the Home Grant.

Jim reported that since 2003 when we first started receiving funds from the Home Grant, 77 single homes have had work completed on them. Jim reviewed the funding levels since 2003. The Chairman asked of the 77 homes what the gross amount that was expended is; Jim said \$1,500,000.00 give or take.

Jim reviewed eligibility for the program.

Jim reported that there were a couple of changes this year, one was titles. He tries to use unique titles in his narratives because not every homeowner is retired; some are working three part-time jobs to try to stay ahead.

The Chairman thanked Jim for his sensitivity on what has been happening in Albany. Homes and workforce preservation programs should be brought up in the application to show how it affects economic development in rural areas. Jim feels that our County can sometimes be ignored by Albany; that is the impression he has gotten in the past.

The other difference is in the past the County has been awarded HOME Funds. The State has renamed it Homes and Community Renewal. One of the sub-agencies is the New York Affordable Housing Corporation. They have State appropriated money from various sources that they have always used for home improvement programs. They are for non-profits; largely they do new construction projects, larger rental projects and a little owner occupied rehab. Their funds have to be matched; you can use 60% of their money and then another source. Jim continued to discuss.

The Chairman asked what we can do to strengthen our application due to our lack of success the last couple of years. Jim feels keeping our active grants running well. Albany did an audit recently and the letter stated that they didn't find anything or any concerns. He feels that should help us. Jim feels the County should find an advocate to help push Hamilton County because the funds are getting tighter.

Jim had a short discussion on the weatherization program and then left.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman wanted to note that more people are going past the deadline than usual, we then receive letters on why they are late and asking to be able to pay now.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 198-12**

### **AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. SEAMAN:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted by Westerman, Ball, Ederer, Miller & Sharfstein, LLP, as the firm representing Wells Fargo Financial Credit Services NY, Inc., mortgagee on property located in Morehouse, in the name of John F. Kelley with parcel ID # 125.000-1-16.200, concerning the 2010 and 2011 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, the attorneys involved have submitted a written explanation of their clients interest in this property and a request to rectify the situation by paying the 2010 and 2011 back taxes, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$4,641.29 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$5,141.29.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 199-12**

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted by McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. as the firm representing Wells Fargo Bank, NA, lien holder of mortgage on property located in Indian Lake, in the name of Thomas Bradley with parcel ID # 66.017-1-12, concerning the 2010 and 2011 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, the attorneys involved have submitted a written explanation of their interest in this property and a request to rectify the situation by paying the 2010 and 2011 back taxes, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$6,502.82 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$7,002.82.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 200-12**

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. TOWERS:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted by Ricky V. Mangona, II owner of record on property located in the Town of Wells, with parcel ID # 138.000-1-50, concerning the 2010 and 2011 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, Ricky Mangona has submitted a written explanation of why the taxes have not been paid and a request to rectify the situation by paying the 2010 and 2011 back taxes, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$1,576.27 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$2,076.27.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if we are just doing this for the summer. The Chairman stated yes, Ms. Melious found this was needed and had the money in her budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 201-12**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 97-12 - PAID SEARCH ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. MCGOVERN:**

WHEREAS, "keyword" advertising of [www.AdirondackExperience.com](http://www.AdirondackExperience.com) is the county's most cost-effective method of reaching out to potential visitors aside from cooperative advertising through the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council, and

WHEREAS, several tourism programs have cost less than anticipated, including the creation of a Mobile Website and Tourism Update Day, resulting in unexpended Publicity budget funds, and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of travelers research their vacations using the internet, and

WHEREAS, additional keyword advertising from July through October will help attract more visitors to Hamilton County, helping local businesses, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an additional \$6,000, \$1,500 more per month for July, August, September and October from Publicity Account No. A6410.401 be added to the \$29,000 authorized in the Resolution 97-12, *Paid Search Advertising Campaign*, dated March 1, 2012 and the Treasurer's Office be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 202-12**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF BUDGETED PUBLICITY FUNDS TO THE ADIRONDACK REGIONAL TOURISM COUNCIL FOR A SNOWMOBILE CO-OP ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN**

**DATE: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MS. PINCOMBE:**

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is an important source of winter commerce in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council (ARTC) has traditionally coordinated a cooperative advertising campaign, including publication of a snowmobile map of the Adirondacks that Hamilton County takes to travel shows, as well as television advertising from mid-November through mid-December, and

WHEREAS, sharing the cost of snowmobile promotion with other nearby counties such as Franklin and Warren makes good economic sense, and

WHEREAS, the total number of counties participating in this cooperative has shrunk over the years and the total Matching Funds contribution to the region was reduced this year, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Planning, Tourism and Community Development budgeted \$10,000 specifically to contribute to the ARTC snowmobile campaign, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that \$10,000 be paid from Publicity Account No. A6410.401 to the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council, Inc., PO Box 911, Lake Placid NY 12946, for the purpose of promoting snowmobiling.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 203-12**

**APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton is in receipt of the Resource Allocation Plan for the County's Youth Board funding provided by the Office of Children and Family Services for 2012, and

WHEREAS, the plan identifies the program and project applications as part of the required components of the County's Comprehensive Youth Service Plan as approved by the Office of Children and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, this plan will qualify the County for State reimbursement for the program year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2012 Resource Allocation Plan and authorizes the Chairman to sign and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated the resolution explains how we got here. Mr. McGovern stated it is a great site.

**RESOLUTION NO. 204-12**

**AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL WORK ON RELOCATION WEBSITE -  
WWW.ADIRONDACKGOODLIFE.COM**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. MCGOVERN:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of a relocation website to help attract new businesses and families to the County in Resolution No. 173-11, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors authorized payment of \$9,600 to Ad Workshop for the completion of website design in Resolution No. 42-12 on January 5, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the website was designed but not populated with data, copy or photography, which was to be accomplished by the Director of Planning, Tourism and Community Development by December 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning, Tourism and Community Development took unanticipated medical leave for more than two months, returning February 6, 2012, and

WHEREAS, a backlog of work in the Office of Planning, Tourism and Community Development required that additional work was needed from Ad Workshop to finish all incomplete aspects of the relocation website, as well as testing of the website, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an additional \$6,446.25 be paid from Planning Account No. A8020.410 Economic Development Contractual to Ad Workshop, PO Box 645, Lake Placid NY 12946 for additional work on www.AdirondackGoodLife.com.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 205-12**

#### **APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2012 MERIT PAY**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR.EDWARDS:**

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

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on June 25, 2012 to review merit evaluations, be it

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

#### COUMMUNITY SERVICES

Paige Benton	July 18, 2012 to July 18, 2013	\$ .44
Noni Irish	July 28, 2012 to July 28, 2013	\$1.21

#### SHERIFF

Brian Hutchins	July 12, 2012 to July 12, 2013	\$1.10
William Witts	July 23, 2012 to July 23, 2013	\$1.65

#### HIGHWAY

Daniel Fish	July 16, 2012 to July 16, 2013	\$1.43
Gregory Foster	July 10, 2012 to July 10, 2013	\$1.32

REAL PROPERTY

Gail Doherty

July 2, 2012 to July 2, 2013

\$1.65

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2012 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.401	Contingent	\$13,891.02
TO:	A4310.104	Clerk	\$366.52
	A4310.113	Clinical Social Worker	\$2,210.67
	A3150.102	Correction Officer B	\$2,296.80
	A1620.102	Senior Custodian	\$2,985.84
	DM5130.101	Mechanics	\$2,636.48
	A1355.104	Senior Tax Map Technician	\$3,014.55

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, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,  
FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 206-12**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. TOWERS:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$117,267.67 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$37,910.16 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 207-12**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

**DATED: JULY 5, 2012**

**BY MR. FREY:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$201,988.69 by the following committees:

Building Committee .....	\$15,421.39
Solid Waste Committee .....	27,419.79
Finance Committee .....	63,920.98
Health & Human Services Committee.....	61,277.70
Central Government Committee .....	23,551.01
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	7,754.15
Internal Management Committee .....	2,643.67

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Towers reported July 18<sup>th</sup> is Common Grounds in Long Lake and he encourages everyone to attend. Discussion will be on the mapping program, the Park that wants to be environmentally friendly, but also be conscience of the fact that there are people who live and work here.

The Chairman stated that was one of the more powerful assertions that came out of their work. We talk about the Adirondack Park as being a model because of public and private lands. The consensus by 85+ percent is that people want this to be a sustainable park in terms of a place that communities survive and they want it more user friendly. He knows that one of the breakout groups will be looking at some of the constitutional land bank issues that AATV has been advocating for. There will be some deep conversations as to whether our communities can sustain themselves.

Mr. Frey stated on July 27<sup>th</sup> the Symphony comes to Inlet.

The Chairman reported in Inlet July 17<sup>th</sup> at 12noon is a picnic celebrating 25 years of service for the Community Transportation Services.

Mr. McGovern wanted to invite everyone on July 7<sup>th</sup> to Speculator for the Parade and Fireworks.

The Chairman reported the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board is looking at the APA Act. There are broad views on how the APA process should be changed, improved, enhanced, etc. Discussion continued.

Mr. Towers reported that the downstream counties from the Great Sacandaga Lake will be responsible for paying taxes due to Black River Hudson River issues.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Ms. Pincombe, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.