

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
June 24, 2013
Board of
Supervisors – County of Hamilton
Lake Pleasant, New York

Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call a Special Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Monday June 24, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose authorizing pre-school contracts and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta_____	Richard A. Wilt
Benson_____	Absent
Hope_____	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake_____	Brian Wells
Inlet_____	Absent
Lake Pleasant_____	Absent
Long Lake_____	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse_____	William G. Farber
Wells_____	Brian Towers

Also present: Pete Klein

Public Comment: No one

Report of Standing/Special Committees:

Rick: Stated it is a good idea to put the Indian Lake offices on one generator.

Bob: Attended Intercounty, it was a good program on the Inlet sewer project, very informative and attendees were asking questions.

Bob gave an update on how Ermina is doing.

Brian Wells: There will be a Public Hearing in Indian Lake tomorrow night at 7:00 PM.

The Chairman reported that at Intercounty NYSAC gave their update on where we are in relation to the Legislative agenda which now has some updates. He will send it out to the Board. The biggest change is the Home Rule issue was dealt with at the end. The implementing legislation for Township 40 was passed. All and all everything passed except for a transfer development rights and an APA program bill.

The reappointment of Lonnie Ulrich, Art Lussi and Bill Thomas complemented by Dan Wilt and Karen Feldman as additions for the APA Commissioners is a great thing to see. The two new appointees have open minds that will be a great addition to the agency.

Hamilton County owes Frank Mezzano huge amounts of thanks for the amount of service he has provided on the APA Board. It is a daunting and thankless task serving on that Board.

The Chairman announced the Local Government Review Board meeting is Wednesday and Ermina can't make it so he is willing to volunteer to attend and discuss web portal and the TNC Lands. The Chairman stated that it is important to encourage people from your community who are outdoor enthusiasts to attend the Public Hearings.

The Chairman explained the purpose of this special meeting is because it was identified at a meeting with Public Health that they were going to need some transportation arrangements and also a contract for occupational therapy for CPSE. It was then concluded that we didn't need the transportation, only for an occupational therapist.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Chairman handed out two resolutions.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if this is being done on an hourly basis.

The Chairman explained under section 4410 the Education Law it spells out what the rates are etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-13

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH LORRAINE BROSEMER, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DATED: JUNE 24, 2013

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for Comprehensive Evaluations (CORE) 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, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, the County is required to maintain contracts with related service providers for the provision of skilled Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Related services; in order to provide parents with a choice for service provision, and

WHEREAS, frequency, duration and reimbursement for related services is determined following evaluation and results, based on eligibility guidelines at rates set in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the New York State Education Department, and

WHEREAS, CORE Evaluations may be requested at anytime and/or professional related service provision may be requested at anytime through the regular school year and/or the 30 day summer session, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service represents Hamilton County as administrator of this program, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute a contract, upon approval of the County Attorney, for occupational therapy provision, for children residing within Hamilton County at rates set by the New York State Department of Education, for the Period of July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 between the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and Lorraine Brosemer, Occupational Therapist, P.O. Box 757 Old Forge, New York 13420.

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

AYES: WILT, EDWARDS, WELLS, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE, FREY AND MCGOVERN

The Chairman wanted to discuss the two resolutions that he handed out. The first resolution is to restructure WIB. The background on this resolution is the Director of WIB has left and Mary Beth is now there. The past five years were more County agency staff driven, because of that we have identified some things that perhaps have been administrative challenges. When you go back to having only one person doing this we ended up with an admin cost that was over estimated and we couldn't afford it. We then split the work between three offices, personnel, planning and tourism and social services. It made sense at the time, but it left us clearly without anyone in charge. Because of this we probably have not claimed for all the expenses that we were entitled to and we have not been aggressive about getting money out. Roberta has experience working with WIB from Montgomery County and is willing to take the program over.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Edwards stated we did a great job when we hired Roberta.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-13

RESOLUTION TO RESTRUCTURE WIB ADMINISTRATION

DATED: JUNE 24, 2013

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Local Work Force Investment Board and the Regional Work Force Investment Board have both identified some operational issues with Hamilton County's current WIB structure, and

WHEREAS, the current structure of dividing the responsibilities between three County Departments has provided less effective than was hoped in areas of administration like claiming, staying on top of funding available, and direct interaction with the Regional staff, and

WHEREAS, William Murphy raised these issues at a recent Local WIB meeting, and asked that the County explore solutions, and

WHEREAS, DSS Commissioner Roberta Bly has new staff to focus on this issue, and has offered her Department to take the lead, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the restructuring of our current WIB system to make the Hamilton County DSS the lead department, and be it also

RESOLVED, that this change will make DSS the direct contact with the Regional WIB Office, the two WIB Boards, as well as designating them to coordinate all programs and do all the necessary claiming, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer, the Hamilton County Personnel Office, the Economic Dev. Office, William Murphy, and the Region WIB Office be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, EDWARDS, WELLS, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE, FREY AND MCGOVERN

The Chairman explained the second resolution. This puts Hamilton County in the position to cover the costs that will be associated with this event. By entering into a contract this will allow us to move forward for reimbursement for out of pocket for tents, bands etc.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked the Chairman if he feels that he is getting the kind of help from the State of New York that he originally envisioned with this, both at the County and Town level.

The Chairman stated he doesn't think there is anything about the States involvement that he found frustrating, because as they allow us to do more, it allows us to structure more, so that we are sure that the event in Indian Lake can be spread throughout the community. It has allowed us to make sure that Long Lake, Speculator, Inlet and North Creek are pulled into this and he couldn't be more pleased with that. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE ADIRONDACK WHITEWATER CHALLENGE

DATED: JUNE 24, 2013

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Whitewater Challenge has been announced and will be taking place in Essex and Hamilton Counties, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County and LakePlacidCo (LPEC Quality Destinations, Inc.), are being asked to organize and coordinate the associated events, and

WHEREAS, ESD (Empire State Development Corp) wishes to enter into a contract for such purposes with Hamilton County and LakePlacidCo, for an amount not to exceed \$137,500.00 for such purposes, and

WHEREAS, this Board concludes that this is desirable and in the best interest of Hamilton County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with ESD, and LakePlacidCo, for this purpose, with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and the Director of Economic Development and Tourism be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, EDWARDS, WELLS, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE, FREY AND MCGOVERN

Other Reports:
None

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