

2011

SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

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 Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

Arietta	Absent
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: Pete Klein

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Barry: Internal Management met to review a couple of personnel matters and they also met with a couple of employees.

Neil: Congratulated everyone who is with us for another term.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained this needed to be done after the public hearings were held.

RESOLUTION NO. 296-11

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011
CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE DIVISION
OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has identified the need to assist small businesses as it's most critical community development need, and

WHEREAS, the County contains a substantial number of microenterprises with five or fewer employees, one or more of whom is the owner, in need of assistance for purchasing of inventory, procurement of machinery, furniture, fixtures and equipment, operating capital, and

WHEREAS, many of these microenterprises employ or are owned by low and moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, financial assistance is needed to support entrepreneurship and business expansion leading to the creation of jobs for low and moderate income persons within the community, and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program funds, combined with private investment, will create an affordable financing mechanism for business owners interested in starting a business or improving an existing microenterprise establishment in the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Chairman William Farber to sign and submit an application for \$200,000 to the Division of Housing and Community Renewal for a microenterprise grant program targeting businesses County-wide, to act in connection with the submission of the application, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if this is something the Nursing Service is going to do on a monthly basis and the Chairman stated yes. The employee that is responsible for doing the medical billing is out on medical leave.

RESOLUTION NO. 297-11

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH BLACKTREE CONSULTANTS – CHHA

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2011

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, Certified Home Health Agency bills for health care services rendered to residents and is required to complete this function within a specific time frame, and

WHEREAS, the current staff member assigned this tasks is out on medical leave, and

WHEREAS, extensive staff training is required to complete home care billing in an accurate and effective manner, and

WHEREAS, the vendor providing the electronic medical record, Healthwyse has recommended using the services of Blacktree Consultants for billing and collections on a temporary basis, and

WHEREAS, Blacktree Consultants will provide the above services at a maximum rate of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4000.00 per month until this function can be resumed by the Agency, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service with Blacktree Consultants located at 128 Verdant Drive, Phoenixville, PA 19460, to provide home care billing and collection services, at a rate of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,000.00 per month, to begin November 10, 2011 upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that Tracy had discussed this position with the Board previously.

RESOLUTION NO. 298-11

**AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO HIRE MARK O'CONNOR FOR
TEMPORARY OPENING IN LAKE PLEASANT**

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2011

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the County Highway Department has a temporary opening at the Lake Pleasant facility, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends Mark O'Connor of Lake Pleasant to fill the temporary MEO position, and

RESOLVED, that hereby the Highway Superintendent is authorized to hire Mark O'Connor of Lake Pleasant at MEO rate step hire effective Monday November 14, 2011 until April 15, 2012 and the Personnel Officer and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

Review of Tentative Budget:

The Chairman asked Mr. Towers to review this portion of the budget with everyone.

Highway – Mr. Towers stated that he feels Tracy did an outstanding job in keeping his tentative budget in line.

5010.102 Administrative Assistant was discussed this morning and they will return to this. The Chairman is hoping by next Monday they will be in a position to finalize some of these personal services. Mr. Towers stated we could finalize it now, the Chairman stated he has a figure from Tracy of \$40,256 which is an incorrect amount. At 35 hours a week it is \$32,345 and that is the number from Kim for that position. For a 40 hour week it would be \$36,966.

The Chairman feels this is a beginning with changes. Tracy is having a lot of changes coming up with the building department. Discussion continued.

Mr. Towers continued to review line for line.

5112.203 Mr. Towers stated if we were inclined to look at exceeding the tentative budget as being presented and exceeding the 2% cap he recommends that they put some more money back in the bridge project line. Mr. Towers feels bridges are at the top of the list and we have been successful in the past in doing a lot of work in-house.

Mr. Edwards stated he feels we should not worry if we are above or below the tax cap but what is best for this County in the long run.

After a discussion Mr. Frey recommended adding \$100,000 to 5112.203.

Mr. Towers proceeded to review the rest of Highway's budget.

The Chairman discussed why they decided to request an increase in our sales tax. It was decided to write a resolution to reaffirm our support for a sales tax increase.

The Board members continued to discuss the state mandates and the County budget.

The Chairman asked for a five minute recess.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM and discussed the fund balance.

The Chairman called for a recess at 12 noon for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and discussion continues on the tentative budget.

1:10 P.M. recessed at this time until November 14th at 10:30 AM.