

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION
October 16, 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 Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. the purpose of appointing a Director of Public Health and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____	Richard A. Wilt
Benson _____ ABSENT	Ermina M. Pincombe
Hope _____	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake _____	Brian Wells
Inlet _____	John Frey
Lake Pleasant _____ ABSENT	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 Standing/Special Committees:

Brian Towers: Tomorrow is Inter-County in Plattsburgh. They are going to continue pushing proposition #4 and #5. If anyone has anything they would like them to say on behalf of the 5 Towns' classification please let him know.

The Chairman stated in respect to the ballot proposals there seems to be a lot of positive comments regarding all of the proposals, 1 through 6. They have had success in getting the word out, Steve Acquario and NYSAC are doing ads and editorials since the NYSAC Conference which seems to be helping. There are other agencies as well doing things to get the word out. A short discussion followed.

John: Apologized for his absence the last couple of meetings. The first draft of the budget has been given to him and Bill. Frank has done an excellent job putting it together. They will have some work to do to get it under the cap; the draft is showing a 2.1% increase and we need to get it down to 1.66%. John stated that the reason they had to increase the sales tax was because Albany didn't come through with the mandate relief.

The Chairman stated a lot of the mandate relief did not come through and because of that it creates a real challenge. It is just not clear what the outcome is going to be, we've had mandate

relief commissions, commissions that have identified the cost drivers but we never seem to be able to get through to the next phase, which is corrective action.

Brian Towers stated it is hard to understand how they came up with a figure of 1.66 or whatever the number is going to be from year to year when your cost for health insurance and costs for state retirement system is not taken out of the equation.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Chairman stated the purpose of this meeting is the conditional appointment of a Director of Public Health. They had the interviews and it was a good group. It will be a conditional appointment due to the lack of experience. The Department of Health will have to review the specific experience qualification that she has.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers stated that they were very fortunate to have the people that did apply. He is also very glad that the chosen candidate is interested in taking the job.

RESOLUTION NO. 256-13

CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2013

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist for the position of Director of Public Health effective January 2, 2014, and

WHEREAS, interviews have been conducted, and

WHEREAS, the process has been confirmed with the NYS Department of Health, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dr. Irina Gelman be conditionally appointed the Director of Public Health for the County of Hamilton effective January 2, 2014 at a salary of \$80,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the NYS Department of Health so that they can work directly with Dr. Gelman to determine the conditions of her appointment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE AND MCGOVERN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman reported that Hamilton County was the grant applicant, therefore the lead agency. The Chairman explained the disbursement process.

RESOLUTION NO. 257-13

**CREATING AND FUNDING ACCOUNTS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY'S
BROADBAND PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO FRONTIER
COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF PHASE I OF THE HAMILTON
COUNTY BROADBAND PROJECT**

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2013

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is a grant recipient of an Empire State Development Grant from Governor Cuomo's Economic Development Funding to create Broadband Service throughout rural Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County worked with Frontier Communications to satisfy their portion of Phase 1 work to bring internet service to hamlets in the County through the North Country Development Council, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Empire State Development Grant disbursement requirements the Independent Auditor for Hamilton County will review the accounting records associated with the Hamilton County Broadband Project, Phase I, and

WHEREAS, account numbers need to be created and funded to support this project, and

WHEREAS, the County will claim reimbursement of State Aid through the Consolidated Funding Agreement, and upon receipt of the \$472,000.00 of State Aid, the Board authorizes payment of \$472,000.00 to Frontier Communications for completion of their Phase 1 work, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. CD8689.401-Broadband Project be created and funded at \$472,000.00, to be totally offset by creating and funding State Aid Revenue Account No. CD3089.100-NYSEDC Aid-Broadband Project in the County's Financial System for the Broadband Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer have the authority to pay Frontier Communications for their Phase 1 work upon full receipt of the State Aid due to the County, for the Hamilton County Broadband Project.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE AND MCGOVERN

RESOLUTION NO. 258-13

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN HAMILTON
COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE AND HEALTHWYSE, LLC**

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2013

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service entered into a contract with HealthWyse, LLC for the provision of a electronic medical record and billing system in 2009, and the system continues to meet the needs of the department and staff of the HCPHNS, and

WHEREAS, HealthWyse, LLC has proposed continuation of the contract ending June 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, HealthWyse, LLC and the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service wish to extend said contract through June 30, 2014, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign all of the necessary documents to extend this agreement for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 for the annual fee of \$12,656.25, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PINCOMBE AND MCGOVERN

A motion to adjourn by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Wells. Carried.