

ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2015

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	Phillip Snyder
Hope	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian Towers

Also present: County Attorney and Pete Klein

The Clerk of the Board announced the first order of business is nomination of a Temporary Chairman.

Mr. Wells nominated Mr. Towers, seconded by Mr. McGovern. Carried.

Mr. Towers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Edwards nominated Mr. William Farber, seconded by Mr. McGovern.

As there were no further nominations, the Board voted on the appointment. Appointment approved unanimously.

Mr. Farber thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve another year as Chairman.

Chairman Farber stated the next item on the agenda is to appoint a Deputy Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-15

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Brian Towers is hereby appointed Deputy Chairman for the year 2015.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

A motion was made to accept the minutes of December 4, 2014 and December 19, 2014 by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Wells. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Report of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Wilt: Would like to setup an Emergency Management meeting on Committee Day, January 26, 2015 to discuss the communications grant.

Mr. Edwards: Reported they had a HOME Grant meeting this morning and approved number 19. They also have another contractor that is willing to do work under the program.

Mr. Wilt announced that there is room for one more project under this grant.

The Chairman reported that Avalon is going to be going through a transition of changing the size and scope of what they will be doing. Mr. Jim Thatcher and one other staff person are going to another firm. We will have a role in how to move forward. This is not the ideal time due to the way the application process is done. Because of that there is a resolution at the end of the meeting to authorize Mr. Alan Hipps who works with Adirondack Community Housing Trust to move forward with our next application so that we don't have a laps in services.

STATE OF THE COUNTY

The Chairman stated it is a great privilege and the work is rewarding to be the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors. This is a unique opportunity to deal with larger regional issues but also to be able to work with the County Department heads on individual projects as well.

2015 is going to come with challenges. We had a good year in 2014 with all of the things that we accomplished. We made huge commitments to our road/bridge infrastructures this past summer. When you look at the grounds here in Lake Pleasant and the new employee in Indian Lake verses a contractor for cleaning we definitely are going in the right direction and everything is working well.

Solid Waste remains stable; we implemented a stronger recycling system.

What really shows is the appearance of the County buildings and grounds, the work we are doing, the way the complex is kept. Public Works is going well.

In regards to communications, he would like everyone to thank Mr. Purdy, Mr. Wilt and the Sheriff who have been heavily involved with implementing the two and a half million dollar grant to upgrade our communications system. We were very fortunate to get the level of funding that we received and position ourselves to hire Blue Wing and sort out our communication issues.

The Department of Social Services' and Public Health Nursing Service's morale is good; we have developed a direction in moving forward even with upcoming retirements and managed care.

Community Services are also moving forward to bill Medicaid for services they are providing. As the State has moved more and more towards moving people out of centralized facilities and back into the main stream, the funding hasn't kept pace. The funding has continued to move up in small increments that are really tied to cost of living increasing for the existing staff. And yet we see more and more people that have been decentralized and are no longer in facilities that are now within the communities and they need more and more service.

Whether it is our County Clerk's Office, Treasurer's or Real Property Tax Service they all go through transitions with the changes at the State and with retirements within the offices. Real Property just had a major retirement in terms of someone who has been with the County for thirty plus years. The good news is that people don't leave Hamilton County like they leave other employers. The person who retired from Real Property with thirty plus years is coming back part-time so we won't have to hire someone to fill that position. That is a cost saving for the tax payer and it's a tribute to the kind of employer/work place that it is here.

We also have a great relationship and work well with our Court system.

We implemented a contract with ROOST to provide tourism, marketing and promotion for Hamilton County. Everyone who has worked with ROOST throughout the County has talked about the wonderful level and quality of services and marketing that we are getting through ROOST.

Hamilton County, as much as it has grown in terms of the complexity of issues it has also grown modestly with peaks and valleys but one thing that remains consistent is the way we come together and work together. That has been a lot of our success.

We will need to figure out what the right fit is for Economic Development in Hamilton County. What the role will be for the IDA; do we contract or do we have the IDA play a bigger part or a staff person in the office? Who should be implementing any grants that we receive? We will have a lot a paper work to be completed once Phase II of the Broadband is complete. Our County IDA is very dependent on our Economic Development Director to work with them to develop the paperwork around loans and to meet and speak with small business owners. We really have a non-

traditional Economic Development Department because we are so focused on the businesses that are here. Our Economic Development Department spends so much time focused on the small businesses within our communities, how do we help them along, what resources do they need etc.

There are so many pieces that need to be brought together. We need to continue to support what is here and also look at how to get at some of those bigger higher aspirations that we have for this County and our economic success.

We set a pretty tough task in front of us as we went through our budget process looking forward at our salaries, grade and step system and the merit system. We need to look at where various Department heads fit in, look at experience, qualifications, jobs being done and think about evolving forward ten years from the last time there was a major update. We need to see if we are continuing to pay the right jobs and right job titles the right amount of money. Question if all of our structures make sense and are we incentivizing in the way our grade and step system works. Are there inconsistencies between what we pay for and what we incentivize. Make no mistake if you setup incentives that induce bad behavior, you will get bad behavior; if you setup incentives that encourage good behavior you are more likely to get that good behavior in return. That doesn't mean we are not getting great performances from our employees already, it means our ability to stream line our systems with the kinds of outcomes that we are really interested in. This is not about creating county jobs, we are in this business not for ourselves, we are in the business to serve the constituents. We are in the business to provide services and we need to optimize the way we provide those services for the best service possible at the lowest possible costs.

The Chairman thanked the members again for nominating him as Chairman for another year.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if this is a function that Chairman Farber has served all along and every Chairman has up to this point. Chairman Farber stated yes, the Chairman has always been the representative. This just formalizes it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-15

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTY JURY BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that William G. Farber, Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby appointed Supervisor Representative on the Hamilton County Jury Board.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 3-15

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Frank Mezzano is hereby appointed Budget Officer for a term January 1, 2015 ending December 31, 2015.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers stated they had some great candidates that they interviewed and Ms. Darling was very enthusiastic and she will be a great addition.

Mr. McGovern stated they couldn't have gone wrong with any of the final four. He is blown away by Ms. Darling's education and expertise. She has a great deal of energy and proposed programs.

The Chairman agreed with the others that it is very unique when we have the ability to hire someone where their educational background is so impressive.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-15

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY HISTORIAN

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

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 Eliza J. Darling of Benson, NY as County Historian for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015, at an annual salary of \$10,000.00 paid from Account No. A7510.101 in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 5-15

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

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gordon L. Purdy, II is hereby appointed Director of Emergency Services for a term of January 1, 2015 ending December 31, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$22.384 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, 2015 ending December 31, 2015 at an annual salary of \$7,266.00 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, 2015 ending December 31, 2015 at an annual salary of \$7,266.00 from Account No. A3640.102 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 6-15

HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fire Coordinator, has requested the appointment of a County Fire Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, County Law Section 225-a provides the authority for the County Board of Supervisors to make such appointments, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator has worked through the Fire Chiefs from the various Fire Departments within Hamilton County to develop a list of representatives, as well as alternates in some instances, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors also has the authority to appoint a representative from those towns which are not serviced by a Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made for the term of January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015:

Benson	John G. Stortecky, James Lewek
Blue Mountain Lake	Chief Greg George, Ass't Chief Charles Brusio
Hope	Chief Peter Robinson, Ass't Chief Eric Robinson
Indian Lake	Chief Paul Strain, Stephen King
Inlet	Garret Hoffman
Lake Pleasant	Chief Bill Wharton, Ass't Chief Chris Hayes
Long Lake	Chief Paul Brown, 1 st Ass't Chief Anthony Clark
Morehouse	Chief Brian Taylor, Pres. Ted Bartella
Piseco	Tim O'Rourke, Robert Kruggel
Raquette Lake	Chief Mark Bird, Michael Lamphear
Speculator	Chief Karl Blanchard, 1st Ass't Chief Tom Hoover
Wells	Chief Vince Lauria, Ass't Chief Rob Both

and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy be forwarded to each Board member hereby appointed along with a copy to Don Purdy and Jay Griffin.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked if there was a change.

The Chairman stated we started hiring five boat patrolmen two years ago. The only change is that we moved the date up to the 25th to accommodate training. This authorizes the hiring; if anyone has concerns they should talk to the Sheriff.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-15

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

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has reported to this Board there is a need for five boat patrolmen to patrol lakes in Hamilton County during the 2015 Summer Season (June through September), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff be authorized to hire five boat patrolmen for the 2015 Summer Season beginning June 25th with any advance required training authorized, and be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained as part of the award from TNC based on Essex County's application, which included as partners Hamilton County and the Five Towns; what they received was a microenterprise grant, which they need an advisory group to evaluate the applications.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-15

AFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADIRONDACK PARK UPPER HUDSON RECREATION HUB GRANT, MICROENTERPRISE GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE (GRC)

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has partnered with the Towns of Long Lake, Indian lake, Newcomb, Minerva, and North Hudson from the inception of the Upper Hudson Recreation Hub, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County partnered with all of the aforementioned municipalities in developing a grant application for Microenterprise Grant funding, and

WHEREAS, based on the success of said application, Hamilton County will now be partnering in the implementation of same, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following slate of representatives is hereby affirmed by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors:

Meade Hutchins – Town of Indian Lake
Alex Roalsvig – Town of Long Lake
Joseph Provoncha – Town of North Hudson
David LaBar – Town of Minerva
David Olbert - Town of Newcomb
James McKenna – ROOST
Connie Prickett – The Nature Conservancy Adirondack
Karyn Richards – NYS DEC

and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Essex County for the purpose of finalizing the appointment of these individuals.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 9-15

**AUTHORIZING RIVER STREET PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP A
SMART GROWTH APPLICATION**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

BE IT RESOLVED, that River Street Planning and Development is hereby authorized to develop a Smart Growth Grant application on behalf of Hamilton County and Adirondack Partnership to implement the Trail Town concept, and be it further

RESOLVED, that River Street Planning and Development be hereby authorized to use the Hamilton County login for the NYS Grants Gateway system and the County Treasurer by so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 10-15

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Investment Policy for the County of Hamilton is to be renewed on an 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. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern suggested that this may be the time to review and possibly put out an RFP.

The Chairman reported we can look at the last time we did this and the time frame and how to move forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-15

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – 2015 COUNTY INSURANCE PACKAGE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors awarded the County Insurance Package to Rose & Kiernan, Inc. with Selective Insurance as the carrier effective January 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the current premiums and the Public Health Professional Policy are due and payable at this time, be it

RESOLVED, that payment due in the amount of \$122,682.50 for the period January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 be hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment due in the amount of \$2,507.00 for the Public Health Professional Policy for the period of January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015 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 \$122,682.50 for Invoice No. 44842 from the several accounts for insurance, and be it further

RESOVLED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment at this time by issuing a check to Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in the amount of \$2,507.00 for Invoice No. 44843 Public Health Professional Policy from Account No. A1910.401 Unallocated Insurance.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 12-15

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – WORKERS COMPENSATION

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors determined on December 30, 2013 to award the County Workers Compensation package to PERMA for 2014 and 2015, and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that taking advantage of the two year rate discount, the non-auditable payroll benefit, and the year two (2015) guaranteed (loss adjusted) rate, are all benefits to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the County is in receipt of the annual premium for 2015 from PERMA for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$135,440.00 based on the two year rate agreement, and

WHEREAS, the County is only eligible for this premium if said premium is paid in full by January 15, 2015, be it

RESOLVED, that the premium be paid in the amount of \$135,440.00 from the 2015 Budget charging the several accounts so noted for Employee Benefits Workers Compensation and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 13-15

**AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF
HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has appropriated the sum of Forty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$44,450.00) 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, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of Forty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$44,450.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment of Forty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$44,450.00) to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County in one payment, on or about February 5, 2015 and said amount shall be paid from Account No. A8750.401, and the Hamilton County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 14-15

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

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, this Board desires to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., for the year 2015, 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 conservation education, 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 5, 2015 from Fish and Game Account No. A8720.402 Federal Fish and Game, and that the Fish & Game Account No. A8720.402 be charged for any and all other expenses authorized herein, and be it also

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County would provide funding for up to 8 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 also be covered by this contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon completion of the Federation's Coyote Contest they will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 as part of said contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenses under Fish and Game Account No. A8720.402 Fish & Game will be reimbursements to the Federation for expenses already paid under the \$500.00 per club formula and \$500.00 for said Coyote Contest, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated it always works best if the members that are thinking of attending let him know and they can schedule what they are going for to get the best coverage.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-15

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2015 NYSAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the 2015 Legislative Conference in Albany, N.Y. February 2, 2015 – February 4, 2015, 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. Wells and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern stated he was told that there may be another opening.

The Chairman stated one of the members is no longer able to serve and his understanding is the current Chair of the Ethics Board has communicated either with the individual or the family and they indicated that the person will not be able to serve. The Ethics Board has not received a letter stating this so the Ethics will do a letter of request after the next Ethics meeting to the Board of Supervisors to fill what they consider a vacancy.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-15

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the term of office of David Scranton, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminated December 31, 2014, and

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

RESOLVED, that David Scranton be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2015 terminating December 31, 2019.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern had a short discussion with the correction of Robert Ennist moving from Sportsman Alt. Rep to Sportsman Rep.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-15

APPOINTMENTS TO THE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the terms for the Landowner Representative & Alternate expired December 31, 2014, be it

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

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016	Edward Sherman, Landowner Rep.
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016	Kim Mitchell, Landowner Rep. Alternate
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Neil McGovern, Supervisor Rep.
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Clark J. Seaman, Supervisor Rep. Alternate
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Robert Ennist, Sportsman Rep.
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015	Lawrence P. Foy, Sportsman Rep. Alternate

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 18-15

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

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

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 2015, 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. Edwards and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 19-15

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PHONE SYSTEM

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 331-14 adopted December 4, 2014 authorized an agreement with Frontier for a five (5) year buyout/lease to replace the phone systems located at the Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant County facilities, and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires a two (2) month payment, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$4,187.00 payable to TAMCO Capital Corporation from Account No. A1650.0401 Central Communications System-Phone and the Clerk of the Board and the Buildings Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained this matches the resolution that we did in December to set the rate and put the individuals on payroll.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

ESTABLISHING BOARD OF ELECTIONS BUDGET LINE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors corrected a long standing error in the way personal services money is disbursed to Election Employees by Resolution No. 346-14, and

WHEREAS, since this correction was put in place after the adoption of the 2015 Hamilton County Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A1450.0109 Election Workers is hereby created, and be it also

RESOLVED, that \$23,500.00 is hereby transferred to Account No. A1450.0109 Election Workers from Account No. A1450.0413 Election Workers, and the Election Commissioners and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern stated ROOST continues to impress and will be here at 10:00 AM January 14, 2015 to continue their discussion on destination planning.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-15

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT/ACCEPT THE ROOST MARKETING PLAN & TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR THE 1ST QUARTER

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Carol Joannette, VP of the Regional Office of Sustainable of Tourism (aka "ROOST") presented their 2015 Hamilton County Marketing Plan to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the 2015 Marketing Plan, and

WHEREAS, the plan is consistent with the view of the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Marketing Plan will emphasize the priorities discussed with and approved by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the contract to manage the marketing and tourism by the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) was authorized by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 342-14 dated December 19, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors set the 2015 allocation at \$275,000.00 on November 21, 2014, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors approves the 2015 Marketing Plan presented by ROOST and authorizes the Tourism Committee to review and approve the Quarterly spending plans necessary to implement the 2015 plan going forward, and be it also

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay ROOST the quarterly marketing payment of \$80,616.00 from Account No. A6410.401 Promotion and \$6,000.00 from Account No. A6410.402 Admin. for a total of \$86,616.00, which is due immediately for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2015.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 22-15

AUTHORIZING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, Brandy Richards is a Prevention Educator for Hamilton County Community Services, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services (HCCS) Prevention program has been actively involved in supporting the Four Rivers Alliance Coalition and other prevention initiatives in the County, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services is offering to commit unused 2014 funding to register and cover boarding costs for Brandy Richards, HCCS the Prevention Educator, to attend the CADCA Leadership Forum and SAMSHA 11th Prevention Day scheduled for February 2-5, 2015, at the Gaylord Hotel in Maryland, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County as Ms. Richards has agreed to cover the cost of transportation and the HFM Prevention Council to cover the cost of any other expenses related to the conference through its Four Rivers Alliance Mentoring Grant, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richards will receive continuing education credits towards her Prevention Certification through participating in this conference, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Brandy Richards to attend this Conference as a work event, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 23-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH HOME-HEALTH CARE PARTNERS CORP., REGARDING HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service proposes to contract with Home-Health Care Partners Corp., for the provision of Home Health aide level services for the residents of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service proposes to contract at the rate established with Helping Hands Care Givers for 2014, of \$30.31 per hour for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to sign a contract on behalf of the County of Hamilton with Home-Health Care Partners Corp., 1830 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, NY 12010 to provide services of certified Home Health Aides to the patients of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service/Home Health Agency, at a rate of \$30.31 per hour for the period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 24-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH FORT HUDSON HEALTH SYSTEM INC., REGARDING HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service proposes to contract with Fort Hudson Health System, Inc., for the provision of Home Health aide level services for the residents of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service proposes to contract at the rate established with Helping Hands Care Givers for 2014, of \$30.31 per hour for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to sign a contract on behalf of the County of Hamilton with Fort Hudson Health System, Inc. 319 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828 to provide services of certified Home Health Aides to the patients of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service/Home Health Agency, at a rate of \$30.31 per hour for the period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 25-15

2014 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – REAL PROPERTY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer elected to make retirement vacation payments to Gail Doherty during the December 2014 payrolls, therefore there is a shortage of funds in Real Property Account No. A1355.104, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that \$5,644.75 be transferred from Account No. 1990.401 Contingent to Real Property Account No. A1355.104 Senior Tax Technician to cover said payments.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 26-15

2014 - INCREASING UNALLOCATED INSURANCE REPAIRS TO VEHICLES ACCOUNT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles be increased by \$918.94 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$918.94 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 27-15

2014 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF AND JAIL

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, there are shortages in the Sheriff's and Jail accounts, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make the following transfers:

FROM:

A3170.401 – Other Correctional	\$ 6,210.00
A3110.103 – Deputy Holiday/Overtime	\$ 3,360.00
A3150.111 – Jail Temporary	\$ 3,000.00
A3110.202 – Automobile	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Total	\$12,970.00

TO:

A3150.405 – Medical/Dental	\$ 8,000.00
A3110.402 – Deputy	\$ 3,400.00
A3110.408 – Law Enforcement School	\$ 1,200.00
A3150.403 – Food	\$ 210.00
A3150.402 – Supplies	<u>\$ 160.00</u>
Total	\$12,970.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 28-15

RE-ALLOCATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DCJS GRANT – SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Hamilton County Department of Social Services received a special legislative grant, administered through the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), in the amount of \$5,000.00 to provide additional funding for Domestic Violence services administered by the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence grant year runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and at the 2014 year end there was a remaining balance of \$1,317.86, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the remaining balance of \$1,317.86 be re-allocated within the 2015 budget by increasing Appropriation Account No. A6010.410 Social Services/Domestic Violence,

to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4610, Federal Aid - Social Services Administration and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 29-15

2014 - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, RETIREES OVER 65 INSURANCE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget lacks sufficient funds to cover the 2014 expenditures for the Employee Benefits for Retirees Over 65 Health Insurance Account No. A9060.0802, and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget had a surplus of Budget in the Employee Benefits for Hospital/Medical Insurance Account No. A9060.0801, be it

RESOLVED, that \$17,626.00 be transferred from Account No. A9060.801 Employee Benefits, Hospital/Medical Insurance to Account No. A9060.802 Employee Benefits, Retirees Over 65 Health Insurance and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 30-15

2014 - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR GENERAL FUND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR RETIREMENT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget is insufficient to cover the General Fund portion of the Retirement Benefits for Employees, and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget had a surplus of Budget in the County Road and Machinery portions of the Retirement Benefits for Employees, be it

RESOLVED, that \$14,000.00 be transferred from Account No. D9010.801 Employee Benefits, Retirement in the County Road Fund, and that \$4,769.75 be transferred from Account No. DM9010.801 Employee Benefits, Retirement in the Machinery Fund, to Account No. A9010.801 Employee Benefits, Retirement in the General Fund, totaling \$18,769.75 to cover the General Fund share of Retirement costs and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 31-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS AN EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Health Law 2550, the New York State Department of Health is the lead agency responsible for the administration of the Early Intervention Program and that each Municipality is responsible for the local administration of the program, which includes accepting referrals of children potentially eligible for program services, assigning initial service coordinators, participating in Individual Family Service Plan (IFPS) meetings, ensuring that services contained in the IFSP are appropriately delivered and reimbursing providers for services not covered by Medicaid or commercial insurance according to rates set by the NYSDOH, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH has allotted \$16,944.00 for the period October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County by and through the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service assumes the responsibilities delineated above, and

WHEREAS, initial service coordinators may be assigned to employees of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Early Intervention Provider Agreement with the New York State Department of Health, pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 32-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) requests the renewal of the contract with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to provide Children with Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHCN) Contact # T029719 for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH has appropriated \$44,736 for the grant period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the contract with Children with Special Health Care Needs Program of the NYSDOH, pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 33-15

**AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH –
NON-SECURED DETENTION FACILITY**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton on occasion is required to place juveniles in a non-secured detention facility, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth operates two (2) non-secured detention facilities for juveniles placed with the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth requires an agreement in order to place juveniles in their facility, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an unreserved usage agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth for the purposes of placing appropriate juveniles with a per diem rate for an unreserved bed of \$285.05 (Two Hundred Eighty-five Dollars and Five Cents) and will be effective from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 34-15

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH BERKSHIRE FARMS AND
PARSONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR CERTIFIED FOSTER CARE
HOMES**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, children placed in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services as a result of abuse, neglect, maltreatment or voluntary surrender require out-of-home placement in Certified Foster Family Boarding homes, and

WHEREAS, these foster homes are certified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and

WHEREAS, maximum state reimbursable rates are established by OCFS, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with Berkshire Farms as well as Parsons Child and Family Services for out-of-home placements.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 35-15

2014 - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS – HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 355-14 authorized a transfer of \$7,986.93 to cover the cost of an ordered plow truck, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent made an error in the amount needed to be transferred of \$427.00, be it

RESOLVED, the following transfer be made:

FROM:	Account No. DM5130.404 Heat	\$427.00
TO:	Account No. DM 5130.201 Equipment	\$427.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the said transfer and the County Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 36-15

AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2014 APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE FOR STATE SNOW & ICE CONTRACT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for State Snow removal for 2014 was set and duly adopted for \$800,000.00 for Account No. D5144.400 for State Snow & Ice Contract, and

WHEREAS, the budget revenue amount for the State Snow for 2014 was set and duly adopted for \$800,000.00 for Account No. D2302.0000 (Snow Removal other Govt) for a total offset of expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the said amounts mentioned herein are estimated by the County Highway Superintendent based on the previous year's expenditures, and

WHEREAS, because of variations of winter conditions the Highway Department has over expended the 2014 budget estimate in the following amount:

D5144.402 Salt	\$121,421.23
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be it

RESOLVED, the 2014 budget appropriation for Account No. D5144.402 Salt be increased by \$121,421.23 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. D2302.0000 by \$121,421.23 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 37-15

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO ACT AS OWNER &
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY FUEL
CONSOLIDATION PROJECT – PHASE III**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Department of State has announced funding of \$797,028.00 for the Hamilton County Fuel Consolidation Project Phase III (FCP III), and

WHEREAS, the Department of State has not released or guaranteed the funds for the construction of improvements associated with the FCP III through any type of funding agreement, and

WHEREAS, the County routinely administers construction contracts and that this experience would benefit all parties involved in the FCP (i.e. Hamilton County, Towns of Benson, Hope, Inlet and Wells) if the County were to act as the Owner and Construction Manager for this project, and

WHEREAS, the design engineer, Laberge Group, was duly engaged for design and construction services for FCP Phase I & II, and

WHEREAS, the County would benefit from the design engineer, Laberge Group, acting in support of the County as the designated Engineer and Owners Representative for the construction contract because of design and construction from the original FCP Phase I and Phase II, and

WHEREAS, the County will own and maintain pumps and fuel management systems at the town's sites since this equipment is fundamental to the County's ability to efficiently track fuel storage levels for ordering, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has determined that the many improvements derived from implementation make this a benefit to the County and the Towns stated herein, and

WHEREAS, the County as Construction Administrator will be required to pay in the first instance construction costs related to the FCP Phase III at this point estimated to be \$797,028.00, and

WHEREAS, improvements at the said Sites are considered a Type II Action per Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 (c) (2) being a replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of a facility in kind on the same site including

upgrades to meet building and fire codes, and does not require further State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County's participation and involvement in the Fuel Consolidation Project Phase III, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to administer the construction contract(s), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County's designated Engineer and Owners Representative for the FCP Phase III construction contract is Laberge Group, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute any and all paperwork related to the implementation of this grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Capital Project Account No. H5.5989.0201 Fuel Consolidation Project Phase III be hereby created and funded by transferring \$797,028.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 38-15

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE 55 TON
LOWBOY EQUIPMENT TRAILER FOR 2015**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have duly adopted the 2015 Hamilton County Budget, and

WHEREAS, within the said adopted 2015 budget the Board appropriated \$256,000.00 for equipment purchases for the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent needs and recommends that the department purchase a new 55 Ton Detachable Equipment Trailer for use in 2015, and

WHEREAS, the said 2015 trailer would be purchased under public bid, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Highway Superintendent/Fleet Coordinator is authorized to advertise for public bid for a 55 ton Detachable Equipment Trailer and the Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 39-15

AUTHORIZING COUNTY FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE AUTOMOBILES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is in need of replacing two vehicles and the County Fleet Coordinator does recommend the replacement of the said vehicles, and

WHEREAS, a 2015 Chevrolet Impala Limited 4 Door Sedan is available on New York State Contract at a cost of \$18,172.40 each including delivery from Emerling Chevrolet of Boston, NY, and

WHEREAS, the vehicles that are to be replaced will be turned down to another department to be utilized and the Fleet Coordinator will determine where the most need is and place the used vehicles there, be it

RESOLVED, the 2015 vehicles will be purchased under New York State Contract for a total of \$36,344.80 for two (2) automobiles delivered, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds be taken out of Account A4050.201 Automobile Public Health to cover the cost of the said vehicles and the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order said vehicles and the County Treasurer, Fleet Coordinator, Clerk of the Board and Public Health Director be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 40-15

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE AUTOMOBILE
FOR SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Social Services Department is in need of replacing a vehicle and the County Fleet Coordinator does recommend the replacement of the said vehicle, and

WHEREAS, a 2015 Chevrolet Impala Limited 4 Door Sedan is available on New York State Contract at a cost of \$18,172.40 including delivery from Emerling Chevrolet of Boston, NY, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle that is to be replaced will be turned down to another department to be utilized and the Fleet Coordinator will determine where the most need is and place the used vehicle there, be it

RESOLVED, the 2015 vehicle will be purchased under New York State Contract for a total of \$18,172.40 for one (1) automobile delivered, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds be taken out of Account A6010.202 Automobile Social Services to cover the cost of the said vehicle and the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order said vehicle and the County Treasurer, Fleet Coordinator, Clerk of the Board and Commissioner of Social Services be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 41-15

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2015 MERIT PAY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

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 December 29, 2014 to review merit evaluations, be it

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

HIGHWAY

Benjamin Eldridge	January 8, 2015 to January 8, 2016	\$1.54
Jamie Wood	January 9, 2015 to January 9, 2016	\$1.32

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Barbara Anderson	January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016	\$1.54
Rebecca Hall	January 2, 2015 to January 2, 2016	\$1.54

SOCIAL SERVICES

Abigail Eichler	January 3, 2015 to January 3, 2016	\$1.54
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TREASURER

Cindy Parslow	January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016	\$1.65
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COUNTY CLERK

Betsy Earley	January 2, 2015 to January 2, 2016	\$1.10
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NURSING

Kelly King	January 12, 2015 to January 12, 2016	\$1.21
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Michelle Hutchins	January 25, 2015 to January 25, 2016	\$1.54
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SHERIFF

Joshua Fish	January 30, 2015 to January 30, 2016	\$.22
Timothy O'Neill	January 17, 2015 to January 17, 2016	\$1.21

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2015 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.402	Contingent for Merit	\$27,080.79
TO:	DM5130.101	Mechanics	\$3,215.52
	D5110.101	Personal Services	\$2,745.60
	A4310.117	Supervising Clinical Social Worker	\$2,813.58
	A4310.118	Account Clerk	\$2,812.81
	A6010.117	Caseworker C	\$2,812.04
	A1325.102	Deputy County Treasurer	\$3,014.55
	A1410.103	Motor Vehicle Clerk	\$2,009.70
	A4050.108	Administrative Assistant to Director	\$2,205.28
	A1165.102	Confidential Secretary	\$2,721.95
	A3150.103	Correction Officer C	\$422.40
	A3150.109	Correction Officer I	\$2,307.36

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 42-15

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$19,079.62 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$93,552.36 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. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 43-15

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$194,080.68 by the following committees:

Building Committee	\$16,760.19
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	5,000.88
Finance Committee	67,392.22
Health Committee.....	17,197.77
Human Services Committee.....	10,093.71
Central Government Committee	20,314.94
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	53,436.32
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	3,577.94
Internal Management Committee	306.71

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

The Chairman read the following resolution into the minutes.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern asked if there was any thought with the Housing Trust and all their various skill sets and funding streams, will they be strictly administration by the old standards or is there a possibility that they would offer more.

The Chairman stated they could do more for us and further explained that not-for-profits are really in a good position because they receive federal and state administrative money to do things like these applications at no cost.

The Chairman suggested having Mr. Alan Hipps come in and speak about what they do.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-15

AUTHORIZING ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST/HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF ESSEX COUNTY TO PREPARE HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Avalon Associates is currently going through a transition, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to assure that said transition does not cause a lapse in funding for Housing Programs in Hamilton County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to explore the options for continuation of the current Housing Programs, and be it also

RESOLVED, that Alan Hips and the Adirondack Community Housing Trust/Housing Assistance Program of Essex County is hereby authorized to develop the necessary Housing Program grant applications to continue Hamilton County's very successful Housing Programs.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Other reports:

Mr. Snyder: Announced the new owners are operating Lapland Lake. The Chairman stated that they should contact Mr. William Osborne and let him know that they are now there so that he can work with Mr. Jim McKenna to setup a meeting.

Mr. Towers: Stated he feels the Board of Supervisors should focus on a few things and do them well in 2015.

The Chairman stated that is a good additional thought. Over the next month he would like to get their thoughts on salaries, grade and step as well as areas of the budget where there are cost savings, budget issues that need to be explored. Then we should decide on what the other 2 or 3 things to focus on are going to be.

Mr. McGovern: Announced the Chamber of this lower region has come out with a support letter and a position on a lodging property project in Speculator. It is a little premature for the county to weigh in but he would like to stress that there have been many plans and studies that have involved the need for more lodging.

The first meeting of SPARC (Speculator Piseco Area Regional Council) will be held the 21st of this month. He feels once it gets running it will become sort of an LDC model.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Towers, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Carried.