

AGENDA
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 16, 2016

- 10:30 AM Call to Order
Pledge to Flag
Opening Prayer
Roll Call
- Accepting Minutes of November 3, 2016
- Public Comment Period
- Reports of Standing/Special Committees
- 10:45 AM Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District
- 11:00 AM Public Hearing on Tentative Budget
- 11:15 AM Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2016 – A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Hamilton County for 2017 and Authorizing the Adoption by Hamilton County of a Budget for 2017 that may require a Tax Levy that is Greater than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2017 Fiscal Year

RESOLUTIONS:

- No. 1 Authorizing Creation of the Position of Assessor and Solicitation for Qualified Applicants Real Property Tax Services
- No. 2 Authorization to Retain Infinigy for Oak Mountain Tower Site
- No. 3 Authorization to Purchase Livescan Criminal Fingerprint System – DHSES Grant SH16-10580D00
- No. 4 Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Berkshire Farms, Lake Pleasant School, Long Lake School, Indian Lake School and Wells School for the Home Run Program
- No. 5 Approval of Rates for Foster Boarding Homes
- No. 6 Approval of Yearly Clothing Allowance for Foster Care Children

No. 7 Authorizing Payment to LaValley Brothers Construction for Phase III

No. 8 Amendments to and Adoption of the 2017 County Budget

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING CREATION OF THE POSITION OF ASSESSOR AND
SOLICITATION FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, Section 310 of the Real Property Tax Law applies to each local government in Hamilton County which has the power to assess real property for purposes of taxation and said law requires that each shall have one assessor, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has discussed the pending need for qualified individuals to provide municipal Assessment Services to local governments within Hamilton County, to fill immediate needs and long-range obligations, during previous meetings of the Finance Committee, including the October 25th meeting, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the assessment options available to municipalities, the Board of Supervisors determined that the continuing needs of its local governments may be well served through a County Coordinated Assessing program. This program would provide for the functional consolidation of assessing at the county level while maintaining local municipal assessing units. Individual towns, or groups of towns, enter into the program with the county where the county provides all assessment services that would include having a county employee act as the sole appointed local assessor, and

WHEREAS, careful consideration is being given to the future technical and administrative staffing needs for Real Property Tax Services, local governments and other Hamilton County Offices, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2017, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes creation of the position of full time Assessor, in accordance with Real Property Tax Law and Rules for Real Property Tax Administration, and further directs the Personnel Officer to post solicitations for qualified applicants at the usual and appropriate locations, at an effective salary rate of a Grade 15 as indicated in the Hamilton County 2017 General Grade and Step Scale, until further such action by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer shall be so authorized.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN INFINIGY FOR OAK MOUNTAIN TOWER SITE

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 193-16, Hamilton County hired Infinigy to design the solar array and building for the proposed East Mountain microwave tower site, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a replacement structure is needed at the Oak Mountain tower site because of the need for better climate control and generator power at the site, and

WHEREAS, Infinigy has already designed a similar structure for the East Mountain site, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Emergency Manager is hereby authorized to retain Infinigy for the purpose of designing a new structure for the Oak Mountain tower site.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LIVESCAN CRIMINAL FINGERPRINT SYSTEM
- DHSES GRANT SH16-1058-D00**

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Department was awarded DHSES Grant SH16-1058-D00 in the amount of \$50,000, and

WHEREAS, \$18,137.48 of DHSES Grant SH16-1058-D00 was allocated for a Livescan Criminal Fingerprint System for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Livescan Criminal Fingerprint System will be purchased from Biometrics4All under NYS Contract No. PT65343, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Hamilton County Emergency Management Department is hereby authorized to purchase a Livescan Criminal Fingerprint System for \$18,137.48 from Biometrics4All from A3645.415 – DHSES SH16-1058-D00.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH BERKSHIRE FARMS,
LAKE PLEASANT SCHOOL, LONG LAKE SCHOOL, INDIAN LAKE SCHOOL AND
WELLS SCHOOL FOR THE HOME RUN PROGRAM**

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County contracted with Berkshire Farm, Lake Pleasant School, Wells Central School, Long Lake School and Indian Lake School, and

WHEREAS, the Home Run program has proved very successful and it continues to be supported financially in part by the four participating schools, and

WHEREAS, the CCSI Tier 2 Committee recommends continuation of the Home Run Program for 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has indicated that she has sufficient grant funds to cover the county share, and

WHEREAS, the 2017 contract would be for a total amount not to exceed \$157,190.00 running from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and serve all four school districts in Hamilton County 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the schools continuing to provide \$21,800.00 (\$5,450.00 per school) of the funding, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Berkshire Farms, Lake Pleasant School, Long Lake School, Indian Lake School and Wells School for provision of the Home Run Program for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 under the terms and conditions set forth above and with approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVAL OF RATES FOR FOSTER BOARDING HOMES

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 374-15, adopted December 18, 2015, established current monthly rates for Foster Care Payments to Foster Parents in Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that the rates for Foster Care for Children, provided by the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, be increased to the following standards of payment, set by the State Department of Social Services:

0 to 5 years, from Five Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$531.00) to Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$535.00) monthly

6 to 11 years, from Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$639.00) to Six Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$644.00) monthly

12 years and over, Seven Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$741.00) to Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$746.00) monthly

and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the case of a child requiring special care, either because of medical problems or severe emotional problems, that the Hamilton County Department of Social Services be authorized to pay a monthly rate of up to One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$1,289.00) increased from One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$1,278.00), and a monthly rate of up to One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$1,953.00) increased from One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,937.00), for exceptional children, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these rates be effective July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVAL OF YEARLY CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, the State Department of Social Services has established new maximum foster care reimbursement rates for local agencies, and

WHEREAS, the current rates for the yearly clothing allowance were established by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors in Resolution No. 375-15, adopted December 18, 2015, be it

RESOLVED, that the yearly reimbursement allowance for replacement of clothing be increased to the following standards of payment:

0 - 5 years – from Four hundred Two Dollars (\$402.00) to Four Hundred Five Dollars (\$405.00) yearly

6 - 11 years – from Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$562.00) to Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$567.00) yearly

12 - 15 years – from Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$872.00) to Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$879.00) yearly

16 years and over – from One Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$1,066.00) to One Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,075.00) yearly

0 - 3 years – A diaper allowance increase from Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) to Sixty-One dollars (\$61.00) monthly, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these rates be effective July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LAVALLEY BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION FOR
PHASE III**

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fuel Consolidation Project Phase III was authorized and is currently under construction for 2016, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has received the second payment request from LaValley Brothers Construction in the amount of \$177,991.05 which has been approved by our engineering firm for this project, Laberge Group, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to LaValley Brothers Construction, Inc., PO Box 208, Wolcott, NY 14590 in the amount of \$177,991.05 for the approved second request for payment, and the funds be taken out of Account H5.5989.201 Fuel Consolidation and the Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AMENDMENTS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE 2017 COUNTY BUDGET

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2016

BY

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the year 2017 has been duly presented to the Board by the Finance Committee and Budget Officer and duly advertised, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on November 16, 2016 as required by Section 359 of the County Law, be it

RESOLVED, that the following increases and decreases be made in the 2017 Tentative Budget:

INCREASE:

A1165.0101	District Attorney	\$6,767
A1410.0101	County Clerk	\$2,277
A3110.0101	Sheriff	\$2,781
A4010.0102	Dir. Of Pat. Services	\$2,333
A4010.0116	CHHA-South	\$1,608
A4310.0109	Mental Health – Temp.	\$4,000
A4310.0113	Clinical Social Worker B	\$3,561
A6010.0114	DSS – Temp.	\$15,010
A8750.0401	Cooperative Ext.	\$889
D5010.0101	Hwy Superintendent	\$2,769
D5010.0102	Hwy Admin. Assistant	\$2,135
D5010.0104	Deputy Hwy Superintendent	\$1,179

DECREASE:

A4010.0404	CHHA Contracts	\$92,000
A6010.0410	Domestic Violence Grant	\$4,000
A6070.0403	TANF Services	\$4,626

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Revenues be amended as follows:

INCREASE:

A2310.0100	Warren/Hamilton NY Connects	\$17,504
A3619.0000	Foster Care Block Grant	\$64,677
A4610.0000	Social Services Admin.	\$419

DECREASE:

A1625.0000	MICA Services	\$30,000
A4641.0000	HEAP Assistance	\$13,300

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following amendments be made:

INCREASE:

County Road Fund Cash Surplus	\$150,000
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DECREASE:

County General Fund Cash Surplus	\$203,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the amendments, amounts as listed to be raised by tax, making a total 2017 Budget \$8,037,620 and pursuant to Section 360 of the County Law, the said tentative budget as amended be and hereby is adopted as the Budget for the year 2017.

Seconded by