

**THIRD SPECIAL SESSION**  
**May 28, 2019**  
**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 Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of approving a contract with the Village of Speculator for the collection of taxes and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____	Richard A. Wilt
Benson _____	John M. Stortecky
Hope _____	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake _____	Brian Wells
Inlet _____	John Frey
Lake Pleasant _____	Daniel Wilt
Long Lake _____	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse _____	William G. Farber
Wells _____	Donald W. Beach

Also present: Tracy Eldridge – Highway Superintendent and Pete Klein-Press

Public Comment: No one present.

Bid Opening:

Spec. No. 9-2019 Purchase & Installation of Generators

1. Gentech Emergency Power  
6804 Duanesburg Rd.  
Duanesburg, NY 12056
  - a. Generator & Install Community Services Building - \$33,650.00
  - b. Generator & Install Indian Lake Transfer Station - \$23,030.00
  - c. Generator & Install Lake Pleasant Transfer Station - \$24,671.00

Total for All - \$81,351.00

A motion was made to accept the bid and refer to committee by Mr. D. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees: No reports.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting is for approving a contract with the Village of Speculator for the collection of taxes. The Village of Speculator had a resignation of their longtime clerk and tax collector. The Village reached out to the County Treasurer's Office to see what they could do under the shared services model. The office already does tax collection for Lake Pleasant Central School; which is going well. After having a conversation with the Mayor and sharing the model we use with the school they were not only very interested but their board approved entering into an agreement. The timeframe is such that we need to setup the bank account and start collecting taxes before the next Board meeting so we need authorization before then.

Beth Hunt, County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

The Chairman stated that it would be the same model as the school. Ms. Hunt stated that it is 600 parcels which is less than half of what the school taxes are. It will be a good learning experience for the new Account Clerk in her office. They are all set. They will be able to pay online. They will be able to start June 1<sup>st</sup>.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 170-19**

**AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER TO BE THE  
COLLECTING OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPECULATOR TAXES**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. D. WILT:**

WHEREAS, according to Real Property Tax Law Section 578-2, the County has the right to enter into a contract with a village for the collection of village taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Speculator Trustees have agreed on May 13, 2019 to enter into a village tax collection agreement with Hamilton County for the collection year 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has agreed to be the tax collecting officer for 2019 for the Village of Speculator during its normal village tax collection period of June 1 to November 1 with the collection office being the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that Beth Hunt, Hamilton County Treasurer, is authorized to collect the Village of Speculator taxes for 2019, at the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office for an agreed amount of \$4,200.00 for 2019 to be paid by the Village of Speculator, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Village of Speculator to provide Village tax collection services for the year 2019 at \$4,200.00, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-19**

**AUTHORIZING WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION CONTRACT – COUNTY LAW  
LIBRARY**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. STORTECKY:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 323-15 dated November 20, 2015 authorized a three (3) year contract with West Publishing Corporation to fulfill the County's need for a law library, and

WHEREAS, said contract has expired, and

WHEREAS, West Publishing Corporation has offered a new three (3) year contract for \$480.01 per month for the first year, increasing 2% per year for the remainder of the contract, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a new three (3) year contract with West Publishing Corporation to fulfill the County's need for a law library.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated we have been very involved in the Hamlet to Huts program since its inception. We have also been heavily involved in meetings within the County because we are at the center of the Great South Woods. It has become evident that DEC is dealing more and more in partnership relationships rather than straight up having the capacity to come in and do trail development work. The way their resources have been drawn towards the high peak region communities we have been left behind. His suggestion

is to use the model that is used with the Moose River Plains where we step up and ask if they want partners to do this. The proposal would be that we will look at both approved trails and UMP's which is what the Great South Woods project looked at. We look at key connections which are necessary for the Hamlets to Huts program. We have some community connections where there is one little trail segment left to build otherwise the connection can't take place. In instances where we don't have those kinds of priorities, we would also look at some of our existing trails that are highly hiked but could be in better condition. We would develop the capacity so that through the contract with DEC we would get reimbursed for the work we would put in. We would step up and simply assure that our trail infrastructure gets the necessary attention it deserves going forward. We have worked with and talked to Steve Ovitt, Wilderness Property Management, in putting this together. Mr. Ovitt has a remarkable reputation. He has done some of the work in the Hamlets to Huts. We have worked with the Town of Long Lake to develop a trail segment that was necessary on the private land piece to make the connection. That went very well. He has done work in the Johnsbury area in terms of developing trails on private and state lands creating those connections. It has been pretty dramatic in terms of the impact it has had on the community. It would be a short-term relationship having him help us build to capacity to do more of this on our own. Mr. R. Wilt stated that he didn't have a problem with this. The one thing is that we talk about maintenance of trails at the bottom of the list and he feels that they should be at the top of the list. The Chairman stated that could be sorted out. The idea is to make some sort of an advisory team to lead this. He will make sure the application doesn't set it up so one or the other has to be the priority. Included will be existing trails and trail connections identified in the Great South Woods trail developed in Hamlets to Huts. It's basically the implementation of those two grants as well as the trail work. Nancy Berkowitz has been great in working with us on the narrating of it. We will be getting a sample letter out, assuming it passes, for letters of support from the communities.

Mr. Wells stated the Forest Ranger in Moose River Plains called the Town of Indian Lake's Highway Department on Friday, which they don't work on Friday, to have them open the Plains up. He feels that the communication is terrible and that they could have been told Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. They went into Silver Run and put a chain up. It is not the Town's responsibility to open that road up apparently because they don't have the authority to close it. He is just throwing it out there that there needs to be better communication and that he would like to take a look at the contract. The Chairman stated that he thought he could fix that as he thought the communication was supposed to be between DEC and Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent.

The Chairman stated that he would have the Clerk of the Board send an email with the agreement attached to Mr. Frey, Mr. Wells, Mr. Eldridge and himself to continue this conversation and find a fix for this situation.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-19**

**AUTHORIZING NYS DEC 2019 SMART GROWTH PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, every municipality in Hamilton County is deeply committed to preservation of its natural resources, for the quality of life it provides, the economic development it allows and the integrity of the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, the concept of Smart Growth supports the regional strategy of Hamilton County linking environmental protection, economic development, livability, preservation of local amenities, supports tourism and infrastructure, and addresses quality of life for our aging population, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a project grant under the 2019 Adirondack Park Smart Growth Program, to be located in various locations in Hamilton County, that addresses the above strategy, more specifically the creation and analysis of a County trail maintenance and development plan, encouraging County leadership and support for our trail infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of this program, said County Applicant must obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipalities in which the project will be located, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Hamilton County hereby does approve and endorse the application of Hamilton County for a grant under 2019 Smart Growth Program for a project known as Hamilton County Trails Into Prosperity (TIP) and located within this community.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 173-19**

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS - 2019**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, each year the DPW Superintendent needs to purchase materials and supplies for road construction projects, road maintenance projects and have some inventory available for emergencies on county roads, and

WHEREAS, in all instances the purchases are made through New York State Contract, Hamilton County awarded bids or through a piggy back contract bid from another county of New York State, and

WHEREAS, most of these purchases are over the threshold of the County Highway Superintendents authority to purchase without either Chairman's authorization or by board resolution authorizing the said purchases, and

WHEREAS, these materials and supplies include but not limited to stone items, culverts, hot mix asphalt, equipment rental, road striping and general construction items, and

WHEREAS, all expenditures for road projects (construction or maintenance) have been duly authorized by resolutions approved by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Highway Superintendent to purchase materials and supplies as needed without specific authorization for each purchase for road construction and maintenance projects that have been previously authorized by the Board Supervisors by resolution for 2019 and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 174-19**

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR TWO COUNTY ROAD FUND  
PROJECTS FOR 2019**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. R. WILT:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 162-19 authorizes County Road Fund Projects for 2019, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent miscalculated the budget appropriations for two (2) of the approved projects as follows:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Long Lake  
Co. Rd No. 10 – Sabattis Road, Account No. 5112.2516 was budgeted for \$125,000.00

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 3 Town of Arietta  
Co. Rd No. 3 – North Point Road, Account No. D5112.2517 was budgeted for \$125,000.00

and

WHEREAS, both of the said projects should have been budgeted for \$150,000.00 for each project, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the following transfers:

\$25,000.00 - From: Account No. D5112.202 Capital Projects  
To: Account No. D5112.2516 CR10 Sabattis Road

\$25,000.00 - From: Account No. D5112.202 Capital Projects  
To: Account No. D5112.2517 CR3 North Point Road

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the County Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 175-19**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT  
FOR SHERIFF VEHICLE - 2019**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. SEAMAN:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 148-19 authorizes the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the said vehicle needs to have ancillary equipment installed such as but not limited to 2 way radio's, emergency lights, sirens, etc., and

WHEREAS, the County has received a written quote for the installation of the ancillary equipment as from JPJ Electronics, 1 W. Whitesboro St., Yorkville, NY in the amount of \$11,536.83, and

WHEREAS, this quote is based on pricing discounts on equipment under a contract JPJ currently has with Otsego County, and

WHEREAS, because of the electronics that new vehicles have from the factory such as air bag components and computer-controlled factory equipment the Superintendent recommends waiving the County's procurement for three written quotes, and recommends that JPJ Electronics complete the installation of the ancillary equipment, be it

RESOLVED, the Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase the Ancillary Equipment from JPJ Electronics installed at a cost of \$11,536.83 and the Clerk of the Board, County Sheriff and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 176-19**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CARBONE AUTO GROUP FOR 2019 DPW VEHICLE**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 27-19 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase two (2) 2019 Chevrolet Pickups for use by DPW, and

WHEREAS, the last one (1) of the vehicles ordered was delivered on May 27, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator had Carbone Auto Group install the following after-market equipment as follows:

Spray In Bed Liner - \$526.50

and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has inspected said vehicle and confirms it is accepted and meets specification and recommends payment of said vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Carbone Auto Group, 5194 Commercial Drive, Yorkville, NY 13495 in the amount of \$30,375.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. DM5130.201 Road Equipment for the DPW and the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 177-19**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PETROLEUM BULK STORAGE REGISTRATION  
RENEWAL FOR LAKE PLEASANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE**

**DATED: MAY 28, 2019**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) 5 year registration renewal fee is due, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will not accept vouchers for the renewal of the registration, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize payment for registration renewal fees of \$500.00 for the County's PBS #5-600228 located at the Lake Pleasant Court House, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$500.00 for the said PBS renewal and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1620.404 Repairs and the County Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN,  
FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Seaman: Thanked everyone that showed up for the Memorial Day Parade. The Chairman stated, like always, Long Lake made an excellent host.

The Chairman stated that he and Mr. Frey had been having a conversation about something that was talked about at a Committee meeting awhile back. The County has an opportunity because of our inclusion in a shared service grant that Franklin County did, to take a step into evaluating the impacts and situation around short-term rentals in the County. He believes that people know the County has really tried to prioritize and figure out how to develop lodging within the County. We

have not had great success in that regard and he went on to explain the struggles the County has had with this. As James McKenna, ROOST CEO, has pointed out in some of his presentations we have really seen a dramatic uptick in Airbnbs and that market. From the standpoint of a tourism economy, it fills some of the demand. Take an area like Lake Placid they use second home rentals in profound ways to give themselves enough capacity to be able to handle their big events. We are seeing more and more second home rentals here as short-term rentals. His conversation with Mr. Frey was about setting up a committee to sit down and meet with Russ Kenyon, Grant Administrator for the 3-county area, to talk about the short-term rental issue. He stated that he was in Long Lake and had a chance to talk to both someone associated with the redevelopment of The Long View and what they are doing for a lodging business with cabins, rooms, etc. and someone who does Airbnb rentals. There was an amazing amount of connection there. He came away from those meetings feeling encouraged by the fact that we could do this with sort of comingling of Supervisors, some people that are involved in community development, lodging and Airbnb and we try to have a conversation about the strength, weaknesses and advantages it has. Let's see if there is a better way to optimize this change in market demand around short-term rentals. Mr. Frey, Mr. Kenyon and himself already have been having conversations and wanted to bring it back to the Board to make sure everyone thought it was a good idea. Mr. Frey stated that probably what will be discussed the most was what to do if, when and how bed tax will come into play. The Chairman stated that he didn't think so. He thought the difference in where we are in Hamilton County and where the other 2 counties are is that they have bed tax. So, for them the big issue was sort of the friction between existing lodging paying the bed tax, short-term rentals that weren't and how to overcome that; how to capture the people that are participating. He thought for us the conversation is a far more basic conversation about what is really changing within the market place. Through the grant they are really able to get us good data on what's really happening, what's really trending within short-term rentals. He feels that we can start on a far more basic level and he thinks the key is getting folks in that have worked on investing in lodging.

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