

**AGENDA**  
**SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

10:30 AM    Call to Order  
              Pledge to Flag  
              Opening Prayer  
              Roll Call

              Public Comment Period

              Reports of Standing/Special Committees

10:45 AM    Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 1        Resolution to Set Date of Organization Meeting.

No. 2        Authorizing Hamilton County to Opt Out of the Negotiation Class -  
              *Opiate Litigation*

No. 3        Authorizing the County to Retain Outside Counsel for Pharmaceutical  
              Price Fixing Recovery Litigation

No. 4        Creating the Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender

No. 5        Authorization to Amend the 2019 Contract with Comprehensive Medicine,  
              PLLC – Community Services

No. 6        Authorizing Chairman to Sign “Certification Statement for Electronic  
              Billing” for Hamilton County Community Services

Review of the 2020 Tentative Budget

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**BY**

RESOLVED, that the Organization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO OPT OUT OF THE NEGOTIATION  
CLASS - *OPIATE LITIGATION***

**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**BY**

WHEREAS, Judge Polster of the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio has preliminarily approved a request to certify a negotiating class setting forth the framework to assist the Court and the parties to achieve a national resolution of the opioid litigation, and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to negotiate in a group and the New York cities and counties are currently coordinated in a state litigation in Suffolk County, and

WHEREAS, the coordinated litigation in Suffolk County will be the next county case be tried and Hamilton County is already in a unique situation to negotiate as a group, and

WHEREAS, to opt out of the class, an *Exclusion Request Form* needs to be signed on behalf of Hamilton County and submitted to counsel prior to November 22, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hamilton County is authorized to execute an *Exclusion Request Form* to opt out of the *Negotiation Class* as is advised by our legal counsel in this matter.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO RETAIN OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR  
PHARMACEUTICAL PRICE FIXING RECOVERY LITIGATION**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**BY**

WHEREAS, the Pharmaceutical Price Fixing Recovery Litigation is now moving forward within the court system, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Attorney recommends Hamilton County pursue said Pharmaceutical Price Fixing Recovery Litigation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County is hereby authorized to retain and contract with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC Attorneys at Law to represent Hamilton County in the Pharmaceutical Price Fixing Recovery Litigation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Napoli Shkolnik PLLC Attorneys at Law are hereby authorized to bring an action on behalf of Hamilton County in an effort to recover Pharmaceutical Price Fixing costs on behalf of the County.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**BY**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Assigned Counsel Coordinator's Office was established to manage the assigned counsel panel and facilitate effective legal representation in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Sterling T. Goodspeed was appointed the Hamilton County Assigned Counsel Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, in the last several months significant changes have occurred in Hamilton County, including the following:

- Substantial diminishment of counsel available to participate in the panel
- Substantial diminishment of the practicing attorney population
- Assumption by the Assigned Counsel Coordinator of more criminal defense responsibilities due to a diminished panel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2020, the Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender will be established to provide criminal representation to all indigent legal defendants, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following individuals are hereby appointed effective January 1, 2020 to the following positions in the newly established office:

Sterling T. Goodspeed – Hamilton County Public Defender - \$90,000.00

Martin Pozefsky – Assistant Public Defender - \$50,000.00

Susan C. Goodspeed – Administrative Assistant Paralegal - \$16,400.00

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE 2019 CONTRACT WITH COMPREHENSIVE  
MEDICINE, PLLC – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**BY**

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved a contract with Comprehensive Medicine PLLC to provide tele-psychiatry to residents of Hamilton receiving mental health services at Hamilton County Community Services, and

WHEREAS, the utilization of services exceeded the cap of \$30,000.00 specified in the contract, and

WHEREAS, services projected to be provided by Comprehensive Medicine PLLC will require additional funding through the end of the current year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2019 contract with Comprehensive Medicine PLLC from a \$30,000.00 cap to a \$45,000.00 and the Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN “CERTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR ELECTRONIC BILLING” FOR HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

**BY**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services is required by the NYS Department of Health to have a current Certification Statement for Electronic Billing to allow the Adirondack Health Institute to process electronic claims on its behalf through the State’s Medicaid Fiscal Agent for its Care Coordination Services, and

WHEREAS, the current Certification Statement for Electronic Billing for this program expires December 21, 2019, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Certification Statement for Electronic Billing to recertify electronic billing for ETIN BE6W Care Coordination Services for Hamilton County Community Services

Seconded by