

2020

THIRD SESSION

MARCH 5, 2020

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, William G. Farber presiding. Mr. Farber led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

Arietta	ABSENT
Benson	John M. Stortecky
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Nick Mauro

Also present: County Attorney, Susan Brink-Census, Caitlin Stewart and Jaime Parslow-Soil & Water and Dee Parks-Warren County OFA

A motion was made to accept the minutes of January 24th and February 6th 2020 by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had met with Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director the day before about Coronavirus. She will be updating us frequently.

Presentations:

The Chairman introduced Dee Parks, Warren County OFA. Ms. Parks thanked the Board for inviting her. She had handed out a packet of information to each Supervisor which included their brochures, brochures regarding NY Connects, a Join Us for a Meal flyer and a blue packet called the health file which can be put on the refrigerator for the ambulance. The Chairman thought the blue packet was an awesome idea. Ms. Parks gave an overview of what they do. They have a website and a Facebook page that can be followed. They have an Advisory Council that meet quarterly and discuss what is going on during that time. She stated that the Supervisors are welcome to attend any of those meetings. The Chairman asked for her to send him an email with all the meeting dates so he could pass them along. Ms. Parks stated that their office assists with

application assistance and farmers market coupons. There is Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) and she reviewed everything availability under that program. They can't offer assistance with home repairs right now as they don't have a contractor. She asked the Supervisors if they knew of any contractors willing to go into homes to help with repairs to please let her know. She talked about their volunteer system for medical transportation as well as having separate contracts with the towns for social transportation. She stated that they help their clients with Emergency Planning and help make them aware of Hamilton County's Vulnerable Population Registry. They do provide a blizzard meal so if the meal site is closed, they have a meal that is shelf stable. She discussed Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP). OFA has contracts with Home Health Care Partners as well as Home Aides of Central Adirondacks. Seniors are welcome to use these as an option if they don't want to use Hamilton County Public Health or if they have a provider that is closer. Under EISEP they have Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) where seniors can use this service and OFA pays the monthly fee. They help seniors find the right health insurance. She discussed the Nutrition Program which is home delivery and/or congregate meals. They have a dietician on staff to help clients. She discussed NY Connects which is a program for anyone, regardless of age, looking for long-term care services and support.

The Chairman stated that he appreciates her coming in and thanked her for giving an update. He stated that with the Vulnerable Population Registry concept there are a lot of towns steering away from doing that. That is due to a number of Supervisors that don't believe during an emergency they have the capacity to be able to do that. He feels that the thinking behind it was that it is a great thing during a power/phone outage but not during a real emergency where the capacity is consumed. He asked that when OFA provided that information that they keep it exclusive to the towns that have been in a position to do that. Ms. Parks stated that during their home visits they have only mentioned it to those that the towns are in agreeance. She did state that Warren County is talking about doing away with their Special Needs Registry because they have not seen it being utilized the way it is supposed to be. Instead they will be using National Grid and for the northern part of Hamilton County it would be NYSEG. They have their registry so clients can go on that one.

Ms. Parks discussed what they will be working on for 2020. This includes an Annual Report which will have more statistics. As soon as she has it completed, she will send it out. They want to get the Handyman Contract up and running again as well as transportation.

Mr. Wells asked what the procedure was for closing the meal site in regards to inclement weather, is it based on area school closing. Ms. Parks stated that if the school is closed their meal site is and if the school is not, they leave it up to the discretion of the drivers for delivery but meal site is still open. The blizzard meals get sent out as 2 during the fall and 2 during the winter seasons. They are working with the Warren County Union, which includes us in Hamilton County, to eliminate snow days. How it stands now is if the school is closed, the meal site is also closed and the employees don't report to work. She hopes that will change where the employees will report to work anyways to package the meals and then deliver those the next day. This way the blizzard meals will be delivered on a regular basis.

Mr. Wells stated that he has heard that hours were cut for a position at the Indian Lake Meal Site. Ms. Parks agreed that they had. Mr. Wells talked about the budget effect of that. The Chairman

stated that the County doesn't budget that way. We budget for a lump sum amount by working with OFA; a budget amount that is appropriate to cover the cost. There was a period where the cost was creeping up and going over but in the last couple of years we have been under the appropriated amount. What OFA does is bill us for the actual cost that they are incurring that isn't covered by State and Federal program money. It is not based on us entering into an agreement that we will pay them "X" and then they get to keep the savings. OFA runs and administers the program for the 2 counties and then they simply bill us for what their cost overruns were. Mr. Wells stated that he wouldn't be doing his job as Town of Indian Lake Supervisor if he didn't object to the hours being cut. He is getting concerns from his constituents so he felt it had to be brought up. The Chairman asked what the implications were for the constituents at the meal site. Ms. Parks stated there should not be an impact on the community. When the analysis was done it was based on the NYSOFA staffing requirements. They have a spreadsheet that they give them which the numbers are then plugged in. They also compared it to other meal sites that serve a similar amount of meals both home and congregate. They found that the Indian Lake meal site was over staffed. The intent is not to cut positions unless they become available through resignation or retirement. If they feel that they can cut the hours then they suggest that. She stated that it is 1 hour less a day and it shouldn't affect the community. Mr. Wells stated that if it does he would hear about it. Ms. Parks stated this was done similarly in the Johnsbury Meal Site. There was a lot of uproar amongst the staff and the staff got the community behind it but it has worked out very well. Mr. Wells stated that he had heard there were a lot of volunteers that came in to pick up the slack. Ms. Parks disagreed and stated that the only volunteers utilized at the sites are to deliver the meals only. Mr. Wells asked for cleanup either. Ms. Parks stated no not for cleanup either. She thanked the Board and stated that she would be sending out the information regarding the Advisory Council meetings and the Annual Report once completed.

The Chairman introduced Sylvie Nelson from the North Country Workforce Development Board. Ms. Nelson stated that she and Roberta Bly, DSS Commissioner, have been working closely together for the last 6 months to try to make sure that they can best serve the residents here in Hamilton County. She stated how since William Murphy left that Hamilton County hasn't had a representative and feels that it is very important. She has talked with Ms. Bly and they thought that Ms. Bly could be the representative as it has been difficult to find a business with the requirements that they need to meet. She asked what the Board thought. The meetings are scheduled for every 2 months, except in the summer, and in Saranac Lake, except in June. The Chairman feels that it is important to have representation. He felt that another pitch should be made to the Board of Supervisors to do outreach to see if there is an employer interested. Absent that, he doesn't have an objection to asking Ms. Bly to do it. In the meanwhile, they have been meeting with DSS staff on a regular basis. She feels that the MOU with Clinton County for intakes is going well. She stated how there has been a lot of turnover amongst the Board on her end and talked about the new ones coming aboard. She discussed how they received a grant to serve the dislocated worker. They have been trying to make a conscious effort with advocacy because there are a lot of issues related to work force involvement that needs to be addressed. Two of the main ones are; transportation and child care. She had the opportunity to be a delegate and travel to Germany to see their apprenticeship program. They just received the report from that and will be presenting. The Chairman asked for her to give the new Supervisors an overview and some more detail on the Apprenticeship Program. Ms. Nelson stated that what is interesting about Germany is that all their different schools are tracks and she explained. They engage their students as early as Kindergarten.

The little kids are exposed to different industries and as a society it doesn't matter what is chosen it is never looked at as negative. She feels that over time and with some effort plus advocacy some of these things can be implemented here. She explained how Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act which came after the Workforce Investment Act in 2014 basically ties the workforce involvement with the different counties all across the US. The Board of Supervisors role is to approve nominations to their Board plus the local and regional plan. Her role is to ensure that the Federal dollars go to NYS through the Department of Labor, who go through the 33 different Workforce Involvement Boards. She stated how we are very fortunate in this area because the people that work and meet with the individuals are very professional. State reviews always come back very good.

Mr. Wells asked if she could send out an email explaining the criteria so they can try to recruit a business owner/employer.

Ms. Bly explained how One Work Source Development became part of Department of Social Services (DSS). Anyone that applies for cash assistance through DSS is also signed up under One Work Source. They have tried to recruit other businesses but with no luck. Being understaffed did not help the situation either. The department has had funding that they had to give back to be disbursed to other counties. They have really geared up in the last 6 months to try to bring in another affiliation with the One Work Source.

The Board thanked Ms. Nelson and Ms. Bly for coming in.

The Chairman introduced Susan Brink from the Census. Susan Brink introduced herself as a Partnership Specialist for the US Census. She thanked the Board for being invited. She gave a power point presentation explaining what the US Census does, the importance of the census and the process that will be happening. She gave the statistics on New York State Funding. New York pays the most in Federal Taxes but it gets 2nd to last back. The last 10-year census NYS lost 2 Congressional Seats and now they are saying lower population. She talked about the hiring of Census workers in the area. \$20 per hour and \$0.58 reimbursement per mile. There are waivers for those people who are receiving benefit services but want to work as a Census worker. This way it won't affect their benefits. She talked about Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM) and how useful it is. Mr. Stortecky asked if she could recite what Article 1 Section 2 of the Constitution says. Ms. Brink stated that she couldn't but would be able to send it to him. She stated that she had posters and flyers for the Supervisors to take back to their towns.

The Chairman introduced Caitlin Stewart from Soil & Water. Ms. Stewart stated that she is the District Manager for Soil and Water and that she would like to introduce their new District Technician, Jaime Parslow. She handed Ms. Parslow the floor to go over the 2019 Water Quality Monitoring Report. This was also handed out to the Board. Ms. Parslow reviewed the handout. The report covered understanding water quality parameters, assessing acid rain impacts & acidity, understanding road salt impacts and aquatic invasive species and then it gives the data for the 21 monitored lakes. She stated that the overall quality of all of our lakes is really great and we are very lucky to live where we do. The only thing that they are looking at is road salt influence. They will continue to monitor. The Chairman thanked her and welcomed her back. Ms. Stewart stated that this report would soon be on the website and that if there were any lake associations interested

in them giving a presentation that focuses on their lake please let them know. There are two other spring programs she would like to mention. Included in that is the Maple Fest Committee of Speculator requested a talk so they had handed out the flyer showing Lurking in Maples regarding the spotted lanternfly. The second she mentioned was the Adirondack Tree and Shrub Sale. The catalog and order forms were amongst the handouts as well. She thanked the Supervisors for their continued support.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-20

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO COVER 2019 YEAR END BUDGET SHORTAGES

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the following two budget lines were found at year end with shortages, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has identified these shortages, be it

RESOLVED, that \$425.91 be transferred from 2019 Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent and credited to the two following budget lines:

A1355.0104	Real Property Senior Tax Technician	\$ 80.63
A1420.0101	Law, County Attorney	\$345.28

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 80-20

**AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF BEGINNING 2020 HOURLY RATES OF
EMPLOYEES AND FUNDING STEP INCREASES AS NECESSARY**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has identified several inconsistencies in the calculation of the starting hourly rates of employees, and

WHEREAS, several step increase lines in the budget were found to be short, and

WHEREAS, these differences have been identified and confirmed between the Personnel Officer, Budget Officer, and the Treasurer, be it

RESOLVED, that the following payroll account lines be credited with additional money to bring them into budget balance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$21,478.00 be transferred from A1990.401, Contingent to the below listed accounts, and the Personnel Officer and Treasurer be so advised:

A1325.103	\$ 687.	A4010.106	\$ 430.
A1355.102	654.	A4010.115	272.
A1355.106	377.	A4010.116	367.
A1410.103	30.	A4010.119	2263.
A1410.104	405.	A4050.104	31.
A1410.107	118.	A4050.108	117.
A1430.102	118.	A4050.120	237.
A1620.106	59.	A4310.101	1438.
A1620.109	2.	A4310.104	1029.
A3110.104	2074.	A4310.108	893.
A3150.104	235.	A4310.110	207.
A3110.109	776.	A4310.117	1025.
A3140.103	1152.	D5010.102	90.
A3150.101	367.	A6010.105	1418.
A3150.102	122.	A6010.111	24.
A6010.109	132.	A6010.117	535.
A3150.105	539.	A6010.120	103.
A3150.107	998.	A8020.103	1145.
A3150.108	998.		
A3150.109	11.		

Seconded by Mrs. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 81-20

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Investment Policy for the County of Hamilton was renewed on January 7, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer in working with the new investment advisors Three+one Company, have brought the County of Hamilton's Investment policy more up-to-date with the NYS Comptroller's guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer wishes to add one more bank to the list approved by Resolution No. 4-20, dated January 7, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of Finance and the County Treasurer recommend updates to the Investment Policy and the addition of the below listed bank:

Add: TD Bank, NA, \$4,000,000.00 (Four Million)

be it

RESOLVED, that the above change be adopted and the attached Investment Policy dated January, 2020 be adopted, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

**INVESTMENT POLICY & GUIDELINES
FOR
Hamilton County, NY**

UPDATED JANUARY, 2020

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for deposit and investment by Hamilton County ("the County") on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the County investment activities are, in priority order:

- To conform with all applicable federal, State and other legal requirements (legality);
- To adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- To provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity) and
- To obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

To appropriately meet these objectives, the County will make investment decisions based on categories of cash with which the time horizon is continually calculated using a liquidity analysis of past and anticipated future financial requirements.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Finance Official maintains responsibility for administration of the investment program who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment policies. Such procedures shall include internal controls to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based upon records incorporating the description and amounts of investments, the fund(s) for which they are held, the place(s) where kept, and other relevant information, including dates of sale or other dispositions and amounts realized. In addition, the internal control procedures shall describe the responsibilities and levels of authority for key individuals involved in the investment program.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the County to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with prudence, diligence, skill, judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which knowledgeable and prudent persons acting in like capacity would use, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived. All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the County to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling. The Finance Official shall establish appropriate limits for the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institution or dealer, and shall evaluate this listing at least annually.

VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the County for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Finance Official within five days of receipt/deposit, unless a written agreement exists between the Finance Official and a department head that specifies otherwise.

The Finance Official is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control procedures to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with

management's authorization, properly recorded, and managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

the County shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes. The Finance Official is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians.

VIII. COLLATERALIZATION

All demand and time deposits of the County in excess of the amount insured under the provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act-

\$250,000 Transaction Accounts

\$250,000 Time Deposits

\$500,000 Total Coverage

shall be secured by eligible collateral, consisting of any one, or combination, of the following:

1) A pledge of eligible securities, as provided in General Municipal Law, Section 10, which is provided in Appendix A.

IX. SECURING DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits and investments at a bank or trust company, including all demand deposits, certificates of deposit and special time deposits (hereinafter, collectively, "deposits") made by officers of the County that are in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, including pursuant to a Deposit Placement Program in accordance with law, shall be secured by:

1. A pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value" (as provided by New York State Law in appendix A) that is at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits by the officers. See Schedule A of this policy for a listing of "eligible securities."
2. A pledge of a pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities, having in the aggregate a market value at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from all such officers within New York State at the bank or trust company.
3. An "eligible surety bond" payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The governing board shall approve the terms and conditions of the surety bond.
4. An "eligible letter of credit," payable to the County as security for the payment of 140 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any. An "eligible letter of credit" shall be an irrevocable letter of credit issued in favor of the County, for a term not to exceed 90 days, by a qualified bank (other than the bank where the secured money is deposited). A qualified bank is either one whose commercial paper

and other unsecured short-term debt obligations (or, in the case of a bank which is the principal subsidiary of a holding company, whose holding company's commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations) are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, or one that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

5. An "irrevocable letter of credit" issued in favor of the County by a federal home loan bank whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as security for the payment of 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any.

X. COLLATERALIZATION AND SAFEKEEPING

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits made by officers of the County shall be held by (the depository or a third party) bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) are being pledged to secure such deposits together with agreed-upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon a default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities (or pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) held may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events of default which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities.

In the event that the pledged securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the County, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the County or the custodial bank or trust company. Whenever eligible securities delivered to the custodial bank or trust company are transferred by entries on the books of a federal reserve bank or other book-entry system operated by a federally regulated entity without physical delivery of the evidence of the obligations, then the records of the custodial bank or trust company shall be required to show, at all times, the interest of the local government in the securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) as set forth in the security agreement.

The custodial agreement shall provide that pledged securities (or the pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities) will be held by the custodial bank or trust company as agent of, and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not be commingled with or become part of the backing of any other deposit or other bank liability. The agreement shall also describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the collateral and it shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of collateral by the custodial bank or trust company and for the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security causes ineligibility. The security and custodial agreements shall also include all other provisions necessary to provide the County with a perfected security interest in the eligible securities and to otherwise secure the local government's interest in the collateral, and may contain other provisions that the governing board deems necessary.

XI. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As provided by General Municipal Law Section 11, the County's governing body authorizes the Finance Officer to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

1. Special time deposit accounts in, or certificates of deposit issued by, a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in New York State;
2. Through a Deposit Placement Program, certificates of deposit in one or more "banking institutions", as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r;
3. Obligations of the United States of America;
4. Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America, where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
5. Obligations of the State;
6. With the approval of the State Comptroller, obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 24.00 or 25.00 (i.e., Tax Anticipation Notes and Revenue Anticipation Notes) by any municipality, school district or district corporation in the State other than the County;

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event at the option of the County within two years of the date of purchase. Time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit shall be payable within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for which the moneys were obtained, and shall be secured as provided in Sections IX and X herein.

Except as may otherwise be provided in a contract with bondholders or noteholders, any moneys of the County authorized to be invested may be commingled for investment purposes, provided that any investment of commingled moneys shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within such time as the proceeds shall be needed to meet expenditures for which such moneys were obtained, or as otherwise specifically provided in General Municipal Law Section 11. The separate identity of the sources of these funds shall be maintained at all times and income received shall be credited on a pro rata basis to the fund or account from which the moneys were invested.

Any obligation that provides for the adjustment of its interest rate on set dates is deemed to be payable or redeemable on the date on which the principal amount can be recovered through demand by the holder.

XII. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

All financial institutions and dealers with which the County transacts business shall be creditworthy, and have an appropriate level of experience, capitalization, size and other factors that make the financial institution or the dealer capable and qualified to transact business with the County. The Finance Official shall evaluate the financial position and maintain a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners, and custodians. Recent Reports of Condition and Income (call reports) shall be obtained for proposed banks, and security dealers that are not affiliated with

a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers.

The County shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amounts of investments that can be made with each financial institution or dealer.

XIII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Finance Official is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, from an authorized trading partner
2. By participation in a cooperative investment agreement with other authorized municipal corporations pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law and in accordance with Article 3-A of the General Municipal Law.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the County by the bank or trust company.

Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law Section 10(3)(a). The agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of, and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not be commingled with or become part of the backing of any other deposit or other bank liability. The agreement shall also describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to secure the local government's perfected interest in the securities, and the agreement may also contain other provisions that the governing board deems necessary. The security and custodial agreements shall also include all other provisions necessary to provide the County with a perfected interest in the securities.

The Finance Official, where authorized, can direct the bank or trust company to register and hold the evidences of investments in the name of its nominee, or may deposit or authorize the bank or trust company to deposit, or arrange for the deposit of any such evidences of investments with a federal reserve bank or other book-entry transfer system operated by a federally regulated entity. The records of the bank or trust company shall show, at all times, the ownership of such evidence of investments, and they shall be, when held in the possession of the bank or trust company, at all times, kept separate from the assets of the bank or trust company. All evidence of investments delivered to a bank or trust company shall be held by the bank or trust company pursuant to a written custodial agreement as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10(3)(a), and as described earlier in this section. When any such evidence of investments are so registered in the name of a nominee, the bank or trust company shall be absolutely liable for any loss occasioned by the acts of such nominee with respect to such evidence of investments.

XIV. DEFINITIONS

The terms “public funds,” “public deposits,” “bank,” “trust company,” “eligible securities,” “eligible surety bond,” and “eligible letter of credit” shall have the same meanings as set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10.

Appendix A

Schedule of Eligible Securities for Collateralizing Deposits and Investments in Excess of FDIC Coverage (see Investment Policy, Section VIII)

[Note: This is not a list of Permitted Investments. Please see Investment Policy, Section X, for Permitted Investments. Moreover, this list is for purposes of illustration only. Governing boards, in the exercise of their prudent discretion, must determine which types of eligible securities, authorized by law, to list as permitted.]

“Eligible Securities” for Collateral	For purposes of determining aggregate “market value,” eligible securities shall be valued at these percentages of “market value”:
(i) Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government-sponsored corporation.	100%
(ii) Obligations issued or fully guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the African Development Bank.	100%
(iii) Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the market value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.	100%
(iv) Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of this State or obligations of any public benefit corporation which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.	100%
(v) Obligations issued by states (other than the State) of the United States rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2nd highest; 80% for 3rd highest.
(vi) Obligations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2nd highest; 80% for 3rd highest.
(vii) Obligations of counties, cities and other governmental entities of another state having the power to levy taxes that are backed by the full faith and credit of such governmental entity and rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	100% if rated in the highest category; 90% for 2nd highest; 80% for 3rd highest.
(viii) Obligations of domestic corporations rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.	80%

(ix) Any mortgage-related securities, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which may be purchased by banks under the limitations established by federal bank regulatory agencies.	70%
(x) Commercial paper and bankers' acceptances issued by a bank (other than the bank with which the money is being deposited or invested) rated in the highest short-term category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and having maturities of not longer than 60 days from the date they are pledged.	80%
(xi) Zero-coupon obligations of the United States government marketed as "Treasury STRIPS."	80%

RESOLUTION NO. 82-20

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 72-20 AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR
REMAINDER OF THE COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE REPAIR PROJECT**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 337-19 authorized the courthouse entrance repairs, and

WHEREAS, the west entrance repairs were completed in 2019 and the east entrance repairs will be completed in spring of 2020, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 72-20 authorized the funding for the Courthouse Entrance Repair Project - East Entrance with the incorrect project total and incorrect Court Administration reimbursement percentage, and

WHEREAS, the correct ending 2019 balance of Account No. A1620.205 is \$38,000.00 and these funds need to be moved into the current 2020 budget so the work can be completed and the Office of Court Administration will fund 56% of this work, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 72-20 be hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$16,720.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County to Account No. A1620.205 Court Improvements, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1620.205 Court Improvements by \$21,280.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3021.0000 Court Facilities by \$21,280.00 and the DPW Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

**AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO**

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 83-20

NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC – BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County entered into an agreement with NTS Data Services, Inc., for the furnishing of software known as Sign-IT and TEAM-2000 and for five (5) years of printing and binding of poll books for the Primary and General Elections which expires on December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County entered into an agreement with NTS Data Services Inc., for support and maintenance services related to IMS Interface Messaging System, Virtual Data Base Administration and System Administration which expires December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, NTS Data Services, LLC has made a proposal for a new contract for the maintenance and support of TEAM/Suite Voter Registration, IMS Interface Messaging System, Virtual Data Base Administration and System Administration and for the printing of poll books, including the printing and binding of poll books for the Primary and General Elections in the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, including the Presidential Primaries in 2020 and 2024, for a total of twelve (12) elections at the contract price of one hundred seven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$107,800.00), and

WHEREAS, the majority of the associated cost is hereby determined to be a professional service, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into contract with NTS Data Services, LLC, for said services for the years 2020 through the year 2024, including the Presidential Primaries in 2020 and 2024 at the total contract price of one hundred seven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$107,800.00).

Seconded by Mrs. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 84-20

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AID TO PROSECUTION GRANT

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has an annual State Aid agreement with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, and

WHEREAS, said agreement needs to be renewed, and

WHEREAS, the agreement is proposed for \$30,200.00, the contract period will be for 12 months, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign Aid to Prosecution Grant Project No. AP19-1020-R02 for the period of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$30,200.00 on behalf of the County of Hamilton and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 85-20

**APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH DRESCHER AND MALECKI, LLP
TO AUDIT ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORTS FOR HAMILTON
COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services (HCCS) is required annually to file a full Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) for the previous state fiscal year by May 1st, and

WHEREAS, a full CFR under Mental Hygiene Regulations requires that it be audited by an independent auditor and a Compliance Review Letter signed by the independent auditor be submitted with each CFR, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will sign a letter of engagement with the accounting firm Drescher and Malecki, LLP to perform these audits at a cost of between \$100.00 and \$200.00 per hour dependent upon the staff used to perform each audit and provide a Compliance Letter for each CFR, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of this service is not to exceed \$5,000.00 and that it be charged to the department's Account No. A4310.403 Supplies and Service, and be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign the letter of engagement.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 86-20

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CARPET AND FLOORING IN COMMUNITY SERVICES
BUILDING**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, carpet and tile flooring within the Community Services Building needs to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent requested and received a proposal from Oliver's Flooring, Inc. for the removal of the old carpet and vinyl flooring and replacing with new carpeting and flooring at a cost of \$53,277.21, and

WHEREAS, Oliver's Flooring, Inc. are under New York State Contract #PC68597 and the DPW Superintendent and the Community Services Director recommend that we move forward with the said carpet/flooring replacement, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to hire Oliver's Flooring, Inc. of Northville to complete the said carpet/flooring replacement in the Community Services Building at a cost of \$53,277.21 under NYS Contract #PC68597, be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize a transfer of \$53,277.21 from Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund balance be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A4310.403 Supplies and Services to cover the said cost and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Community Service Director, Clerk of the Board and the DPW Superintendent be so advised.

Seconded by Mrs. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 87-20

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND LABOR REQUIRED TO
IMPLEMENT BROADBAND SERVICE FOR HAMILTON COUNTY INDIAN LAKE
AND LAKE PLEASANT FACILITIES**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 240-19 authorized the installation of broadband in the Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant county facilities, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County executed a contract with Frontier Communications of America, Inc. on August 30, 2019 to provide the broadband services, and

WHEREAS, Fulton County Information Technology department has created a network diagram, scope of work and equipment list for Hamilton County needed to finalize the project, and

WHEREAS, the equipment list supplied by Fulton County includes NYS OGS Contract pricing and Sourcewell pricing through SHI, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Information Technology Department has proposed providing the experienced labor required to install the equipment and networking for all of the departments using Fulton County Information Technology personnel at a rate of \$45.00 per person/per hour plus mileage, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County DPW be authorized to order the equipment through SHI, Inc. using NYS OGS Contract pricing or Sourcewell at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00, be it further

RESOLVED, the DPW is authorized to use Fulton County IT Staff to install the equipment and manage the changeover to broadband and be paid the rate of \$45.00 per person/per hour plus mileage upon completion and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Public Works Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 88-20

**AUTHORIZATION FOR LAND SURVEY FOR BIG BROOK BRIDGE ON COUNTY
ROUTE 4**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MRS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has applied for Federal funding to replace the Big Brook Bridge located on County Route 4, Big Brook Road, and

WHEREAS, because of the Federal funding process right-of-way (ROW) it is required that adjacent property needs to be owned by Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent feels that if Hamilton County moves forward and purchases the necessary ROW that would be necessary for bridge reconstruction and re-alignment Hamilton County stands a better chance to receive Federal funding for this bridge replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends hiring Van Dusen & Steves Land Surveyors to complete a land survey of the property adjacent to this bridge at a cost of \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to hire Van Dusen & Steves Land Surveyors to complete a land survey of Big Brook Bridge on County Route 4 in Indian Lake at the cost estimated mention herein and this cost will be a charge to Account No. D5020.403 Engineering Services and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 89-20

**AUTHORIZING INCREASED FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECT FOR DAMAGE
REPAIR FROM HALLOWEEN STORM 2019**

DATE: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 335-19 authorized Appropriations of \$250,000.00 for repairs of damage from the Halloween Storm of 2019, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has been continuing emergency repairs from the damage and needs more funding to continue the damage repairs, and

WHEREAS, the DPW needs to have funding available for these resources while state and federal government agencies continue to complete damage assessments for the declared disaster for Hamilton County for the related storm damage, and

WHEREAS, DPW Superintendent recommends the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the County Road Fund balance to fund these ongoing repairs, be it

RESOLVED, that \$250,000.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Capital Account No. H7.8760.401 Halloween Storm 2019 and that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make the said transfer and the Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 90-20

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SOIL BORINGS AND LAND SURVEYS FOR BRIDGE
REPLACEMENTS**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County sustained major damage to several bridges from the Halloween Storm of 2019, and

WHEREAS, two of the bridges that were damaged will need to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the engineering of the bridge replacements will require land surveys and soil borings, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent and Andrew Bell, Engineer have requested proposals from four (4) vendors and only received two (2) price quote estimates from Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL) and CME Associates with ATL being the lowest estimate as follows:

Soil Boring per engineers soil boring scope requirements - \$5,286.50 for each bridge for a total of \$10,573.00, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Andrew Bell, Engineer received a proposal from Van Dusen & Steves Land Surveyors to complete land surveys for both bridges per engineers scope requirements at a cost of \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 per bridge, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to hire Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL) for soil borings and Van Dusen & Steves Land Surveyors for land surveys of Fayle Road Bridge in Morehouse and Haskell Road Bridge in Arietta at the cost estimates mention herein and these costs will be taken out of Account No. H7.8760.401 Halloween Storm 2019 and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 91-20

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO R&B CONSTRUCTION

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, R&B Construction has been doing emergency scour repairs to the county owned Dunning Brook culvert on Gilmantown Road in Wells, and

WHEREAS, this culvert sustained major scour damage from the storm on Halloween, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 335-19 authorizes a capital project for storm damage repairs and the Superintendent recommends making payment for repairs on Dunning Brook culvert to date, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment #4 as follows:

\$22,568.14 from Account No. H7.8760.401 made payable to:

R&B Construction, L.L.C.
1094 Bulls Head Road
Amsterdam, NY 12010

and the Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 92-20

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 75-20 APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE FOR
STATE SNOW & ICE CONTRACT**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 75-20 Authorizes amending the appropriation and revenues for the state snow & ice contract, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 75-20 amended the final expenditures and revenues for 2019 as follows:

Appropriations -
D5144.401 Equipment Rental - Increased - \$ 81,221.43

D5144.402 Salt - Increased - \$236,150.81

Revenue –

D2302.000 Snow Removal - Increased - \$317,372.24

and

WHEREAS, due to a clerical error Account No. D5144.402 needed to be increased by \$252,593.38 not \$236,150.81, be it

RESOLVED, Resolution No. 75-20 be amended as follows:

Appropriations –

D5144.401 Equipment Rental - Increased - \$ 81,221.43

D5144.402 Salt - Increased - \$252,593.38

Revenue –

D2302.000 Snow removal- Increased - \$333,814.81

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

Seconded by Mrs. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 93-20

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BRANT LAKE COLLISION

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, DPW Pickup #88 needed some body repair, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator took the vehicle to Brant Lake Collision for repairs,
and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of the said repairs of
vehicle #88, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Brant Lake Collision, Inc.
11 Town Landfill Road
Brant Lake, NY 12815

in the amount of \$2,238.53 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.404 Repairs and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked what was needed to be changed. The Chairman stated that after NYMIR came in they reviewed all of our Local Laws and information as part of their risk assessment for the County. One of the things they identified was something other counties and municipalities that they represent have modified and they made the recommendation we do as well. The change will better protect the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-20

**A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1982 AND IMPOSING
REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN NOTICE PRECEDENT TO COMMENCEMENT OF
LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON ARISING FROM
DEFECTIVE CONDITION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY, BRIDGE OR CULVERT**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 7 of the year 2020 entitled respectively, "A Local Law Repealing Local Law No. 1 Of 1982 And Imposing Requirement For Written Notice Precedent To Commencement Of Litigation Against The County Of Hamilton Arising From Defective Condition Of County Highway, Bridge Or Culvert" be and the same is hereby introduced to the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the copies of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the County Office Complex, Route 8, Lake Pleasant, New York, on the 2nd day of April, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the County of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2020

State of New York
County of Hamilton

**A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1982 AND IMPOSING
REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN NOTICE PRECEDENT TO COMMENCEMENT OF
LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON ARISING FROM DEFECTIVE
CONDITION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY, BRIDGE OR CULVERT**

WHEREAS, New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), an insurer comprised of some 900 NYS municipal members including the County of Hamilton, has by correspondence dated January 29, 2020, recommended that the County of Hamilton update requirements for litigation against the County arising from the defective or dangerous condition of any County highway, bridge or culvert, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing recommendation is premised upon the potential for exposure, prior claim experience, and claim trends impacting NYMIR municipal clients, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Attorney has recommended that Local Law No. 1 of 1982 be repealed and that updated provisions be adopted so as to impose a requirement for written notice precedent to commencement of litigation against the County of Hamilton arising from the defective, unsafe or dangerous condition of a County highway, bridge or culvert, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors desires to repeal Local Law No. 1 of 1982, and to adopt updated provisions imposing a requirement for written notice precedent to commencement of litigation against the County of Hamilton arising from a defective, unsafe or dangerous condition of a County highway, bridge or culvert, now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that Local Law No. 1 of 1982 is hereby repealed and rescinded, and in place and instead of said provisions, the said Board of Supervisors enacts as follows:

Section 1: No civil action shall be maintained against the County of Hamilton, the

Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works or any employee of the County of Hamilton for damages or injuries to person or property sustained by reason of any highway, bridge, culvert or other property owned by the County of Hamilton, being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous, or obstructed unless written notice of such defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition of such highway, bridge, culvert or any other property owned by the County of Hamilton, was actually given to the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors or to the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works, and there was a failure or neglect within a reasonable time after the giving of such notice to repair or remove the defect, danger or obstruction complained of; but no action shall be maintained for damages or injuries to person or property sustained solely in consequence of the existence of snow or ice upon any town, state, or county highway, bridge, culvert or any other property owned by the County of Hamilton unless written notice thereof, specifying the particular place, was actually given to the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors or to the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works and there was a failure or neglect to cause such snow or ice to be removed, or to make the place otherwise reasonably safe within a reasonable time after the receipt of such notice.

Section 2: No civil action shall be maintained against the County of Hamilton and/or the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works for damages or injuries to person or property sustained by reason of any defect in the sidewalks or the existence of snow or ice upon any of its sidewalks, unless such sidewalks have been constructed or are maintained by the County of Hamilton and/or the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works pursuant to law, nor shall any action be maintained for damages or injury to person or property sustained by reason of such defect or in consequence of such existence of snow or ice unless written notice thereof, specifying the particular place, was actually given to the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors or to the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works and there was a failure or neglect to cause such defect to be remedied, such snow or ice to be removed, or to make the place otherwise reasonably safe within a reasonable time after the receipt of such notice.

Section 3: The Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works shall transmit in writing to the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors within ten (10) days after the receipt of any written notices received by said Superintendent pursuant to this local law, and the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall keep an indexed record, in a separate book, of all written notices which said Clerk shall receive of the existence of such defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition, or of such snow or ice, which record shall state the date of receipt of the notice, the nature and location of the condition stated to exist, and the name and address of the person from whom the notice is received. The Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall preserve the record of each notice for a period of at least five (5) years after the date it is received.

Section 4: The Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall transmit in writing to the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works a copy of any written notice of defect, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed conditions filed in accordance herewith, which has not previously been filed with the Hamilton County Superintendent of Public Works, within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice, and such Superintendent shall take any and all corrective action with respect thereto, as soon as reasonably practicable.

Section 5: This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-20

**SUPPORTING NYS BUDGET FUNDING FOR THE FULL TIME DISTRICT
ATTORNEY POSITON IN HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a Resolution requesting an Amendment of Section 700 of the County Law to make the Hamilton County District Attorney position Full Time, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly both passed S4632 and A7215 respectively, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Veto of said Legislation indicated the need for this change to be included in the NYS Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors understands the need for this inclusion and similarly still needs this critical change, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the needed change to Section 700 be included in the NYS Budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator Gaughran, Senator Tedisco, Assemblyman Thiele, and Assemblyman Smullen.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that Sterling Goodspeed, Public Defender Coordinator, was at a conference and heard more about this. We have had a very labor-intensive paper filing system where we managed and tracked the cases that we were working on under our Public Defense System. This appears to be an excellent way for us to escape that. It is not only an inexpensive way to do that but it is per the resolution through the New York State Defenders Association so it is uniform software that exists statewide.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-20

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN PUBLIC DEFENSE CASE MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM AGREEMENT**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. STORTECKY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the New York State Defenders Association, Inc. for use of the Public Defense Case Management System.

Seconded by Mrs. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked how much the funding would impact the County. The Chairman stated that it is \$150,000 per year and roughly \$300,000 for Essex so it's a big deal. He went on to explain the background.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-20

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HAMILTON AND ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE
FUNDING**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton and Essex Counties have worked with NYS over the last 2 decades to prevent the disposal of Solid Waste within the Adirondacks, and

WHEREAS, the agreements to do so have expired and NYS DEC has neither extended those agreements nor funded outside the Park disposal within the EPF, and

WHEREAS, both Counties have continued to work in good faith to protect Adirondack ground water from the impacts of Solid Waste disposal within the Adirondacks, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors respectfully calls upon the

Governor, the Legislature, and NYS DEC to continue to make Adirondack ground water a top priority, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors request the extension of these agreements and the restoration of this critical funding, and be it also

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senator Tedisco, Senator Little, Assemblyman Smullen, Assemblyman Stec, and DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 98-20

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH FACILITATORS,
PRESENTERS AND GUIDES AND PAYMENT FOR SPECIFIC EXPENSES FOR THE
2020 BIRDING FESTIVAL**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is sponsoring a county-wide Birding Festival in June of 2020, and

WHEREAS, this Festival consists of numerous separate events from June 11-14, 2020 including: outings, lectures, seminars and certain events will require paid guides, facilitators or presenters, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign contracts with guides, facilitators and presenters approval of the County Attorney as follows:

Each guide or facilitator will receive per outing, with a daily limit of two (2) guided outings per guide as follows:

- 4 hours or less \$100.00
- 5 hours or less \$125.00
- 6 hours or more \$150.00

Total number of guided outings not to exceed eight (8) per each day of the festival.

Outings, Lectures, and Related Events not to exceed a total of \$5,000.00 from Publicity budget 6410.404, Event Funding and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by Mrs. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained how this was discussed in Committee and how after meeting with the Nursing Service CPA it made sense to move the following under Public Health and then charge back the hours when they are working in a different and specific program.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-20

**AUTHORIZING CREATING AND TRANSFERRING PAYROLL ACCOUNTS –
PUBLIC HEALTH**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, in an attempt to streamline the County Budget and more accurately account for staff time certain Nursing salaries need to be moved to Public Health, and

WHEREAS, these changes are all simple transfers within the Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, these changes were recommended by the Nursing Service CPA, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Health Committee, and the Budget Officer, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create the following Payroll Accounts and fund them by the following transfers:

A4010.102 to A4050.0121	Director of Patient Services	\$ 73,106.00
A4010.104 to A4050.0122	RP Nurse #4	\$ 52,040.00
A4010.105 to A4050.0123	RP Senior RN	\$ 78,925.00
A4010.106 to A4050.0124	RP Nurse #3	\$ 52,930.00
A4010.109 to A4050.0125	P/T On-Call RN	\$ 10,000.00
A4010.113 to A4050.0126	RN Temp.	\$ 7,280.00
A4010.114 to A4050.0127	Medical Director	\$ 13,402.00
A4010.115 to A4050.0128	Home Health Aide North	\$ 34,359.00
A4010.116 to A4050.0129	Home Health Aide South	\$ 29,418.00

A4010.119 to A4050.0130 Home Health Aide \$ 31,064.00

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 100-20

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. MAURO:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$228,799.39 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$142,212.69 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. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 101-20

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL
PROJECT 2019-1 HALLOWEEN STORM**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$279,797.86 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$34,281.28
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	19,279.20
Finance Committee	15,586.35

Health Committee.....	28,847.17
Human Services Committee.....	20,404.52
Central Government Committee	17,967.09
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	14,219.98
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	127,371.64
Internal Management Committee	1,840.63

be it further

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the following Capital Projects:

Halloween Storm Capital Project 2019-1.....\$ 3,693.00

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Stated that he attended the tour of Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (OHSWA) with the Chairman and Mr. Eldridge. He thought it was great and feels Hamilton County would be a great partner for them.

Mr. Frey: Stated that there will be a Central Government meeting that afternoon at 1PM with the County Clerk.

The Chairman: Stated that there really needs to be a meeting set up with the District Attorney. He was unavailable to meet during Board Day so looking at the following week on Monday, March 9th. Asked the Board if there were other conflicts. The same thing applies for the Health Committee. Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, was not able to meet that day because of Coronavirus. She is currently in Albany with other Public Health Officials throughout the state. He would like to do both Central Government and Public Health on Monday, March 9th. Mr. Arsenault asked what time. The Chairman stated he would have to talk with Christopher Shambo, District Attorney, to hopefully figure out a time. His thought was 1:30PM and the other immediately following. Will get the schedule out as soon as he can.

The Chairman stated Hamilton County was the host for Inter County this month. It ended up being cancelled due to the weather. Hamilton County will be the chair for Inter County this year. Thanks to Laura Abrams, Clerk of the Board, that we are able to do this.

The Chairman stated that there was a brief question posed at the end of the Central Government meeting that morning regarding 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County. The County Attorney has looked into this. Now the question is whether circulating a petition and having 600 signatures gives them a way to create a referendum and what that would be. The County Attorney stated that he was advised of that question just prior to the meeting. They don't have a legal basis for this. The laws that are there to permit such initiatives are not inherent in our current statutes. The Chairman stated that he wanted to make sure they were all made aware. Board of Elections is also talking with State Board of Elections and making them aware of this as well. Mr. Wells asked if the Board could get a copy of the first opinion.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.