

2020

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 12, 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	Richard A. Wilt
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: No one present.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: Mentioned emails between himself, Tracy Eldridge-Highway Superintendent and the Chairman. The Chairman stated that he had responded back and thought they could add it to the Committee meeting scheduled for that afternoon. Mr. Wilt had suggested that it would be good if more people had a better understanding of the complexity around the water system. The Chairman stated that can be added to be discussed this afternoon, also Mr. Eldridge has an idea about employees that can be discussed at that time. The Chairman discussed the IRS Vehicle policy as it pertained to Mr. Eldridge's idea about a commuting issue. Finance is scheduled for 1:30 PM and Public Works at 2:15 PM.

Mr. Wilt: Stated that he is still tracking down information in regards to the ESRI GIS maintenance. The Chairman thanked him for his work on it.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had spoken with Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, in regards to a resolution. He clarified that it would be on the Agenda November 17th. The Chairman agreed and discussed further.

The Chairman: Stated that the District Attorney had been successful in finding an Account Clerk for his office. He is proposing moving his current Account Clerk to Confidential Secretary and seeking authorization to hire. He stated that he would get the letter out for Board approval later that day.

Tentative Budget Review:

Mr. Frey started the budget review with General Fund Revenues.

The Board asked how sales tax is doing. The Budget Officer stated that it was up and down. The last two reports from the Treasurer's showed that Hamilton County was doing worse than the rest of the state. Not by huge amounts but still in comparison to last year. The problem the County has with sales tax is that we are so small and there are smaller rather than larger businesses. They further discussed.

A.1989.100-Other Economic Assistant Planning/Tourism Intercounty Printing. The Budget Officer stated that some of the local communities and organizations have taken the County up on printing within the last year. When he confirmed with Christy Wilt, Economic/Tourism Director, she stated that it wasn't all Census related printing.

A.2215.0000-Election Services Charges. The Budget Officer stated that this might be something they can refine but in all likelihood the County won't have the chargeback numbers soon enough. He assures the Board that it will be more than \$50,000.

A.2260.1000-911 System. The Budget Officer stated that it should be \$3,000.

The Budget Officer stated that nothing was being imposed for 2021 but there has been a conversation about Solid Waste chargebacks and where they really are. The Board should expect to have the conversation during 2021 regarding tipping fees. This will be in advance of their Town budget talks.

A.2615.000-Stop DWI Fines. The Budget Officer stated they were flat even though the appropriations were reduced. This is because the fines are a lockbox so the County needs to track unexpended fine balances and spend it up for a DWI purpose.

A.2690.100-Tobacco Settlement. Mr. Arsenault asked what this was for. The Budget Officer explained and then stated that the County hadn't decided to take the lump sum but rather over a length of time. It has gone on longer than originally anticipated.

A.3389.100-State/Federal Aid DA Full Time. Mr. Frey asked if there was legislation passed regarding the District Attorney. The Budget Officer stated that there hadn't been and further discussed.

The Board reviewed Highway Fund Appropriations and Revenues.

The Budget Officer stated how they were able to scale back in the projects. The County Fleet is in good standings which gives them the luxury to make some changes. These changes are not sustainable though. When the revenues and sales tax both come back up, then the money can go back into the Highway budgets.

D.3089.0000-State Aid NYS DEC Moose River Plains. The Budget Officer stated that there is a multi-year agreement for this. It will be \$25,000 per year so that is the anticipated revenue. Mr. Eldridge did adjust CHIPS as well. He further discussed the legislation.

DM.5130.201 Machinery Road Equipment. The Budget Officer stated that with having FEMA projects this year consuming a lot of the department's time, it has left remaining CHIPS money. This has allowed the County to purchase equipment needed earlier and in turn decrease the budget for next year.

Other Reports:

Mr. Frey: Stated that the meeting scheduled for that afternoon was to discuss salaries. He feels that it won't be an easy meeting and hopes that the Board can come to a consensus.

Recess until November 17, 2020 at 10:30 AM.