

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**May 23, 2022**  
**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 Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of considering the appointment of the Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson _____	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope _____	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake _____	Brian E. Wells
Inlet _____	John Frey
Lake Pleasant _____	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake _____	ABSENT
Morehouse _____	William G. Farber
Wells _____	Nick Mauro

Also present: Cathleen Rogers-Democratic Commissioner, Jade Sherman, Beth Hunt-Treasurer, Kimberly Byrne-Personnel Officer, Diana Stuart and Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that they would be discussing Emergency Management later and he gave an update on the towers. They had completed another set of balloon tests with the APA for Arietta and Morehouse. The Hope location would be next.

Mr. Mauro: Stated that there were two resolutions on the agenda; Jade Sherman's appointment and one regarding a copier for the County Clerk.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that there is a resolution on the agenda for Public Works. It is to authorize paying for two Ford trucks that were previously approved by the Board to purchase.

Mr. Snyder: Stated that he is disappointed with the Cathead Mountain results. He was hopeful that they could still get it done. The Chairman stated that there was an article that just came out in the Adirondack Explorer. He was frustrated in how Hamilton County is being portrayed. He stated that all the work that Mr. Farber had put in was amazing and now to see it be sabotaged by a certain organization is frustrating. Mr. Farber discussed how negative it had become.

Charlie Kraebel, Press, entered during Mr. Farber's discussion.

Ms. Bain: Stated that Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, had sent them a resignation from Katie Tomlinson. She hopes that they will be able to get together with Ms. Mahoney shortly to go over the job description for Medical Records Clerk so they can then advertise.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey welcomed Jade Sherman aboard.

**RESOLUTION NO. 170-22**

**APPOINTMENT OF JADE SHERMAN AS DEMOCRATIC COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS**

**DATED: MAY 23, 2022**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, this Board has received a recommendation from the Hamilton County Democratic Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-204 sub 5 of the Election Law, to appoint Jade Sherman a resident and qualified voter of the Town of Wells, Democratic Commissioner of Elections, to fill a vacancy, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the recommendation be accepted, and Jade Sherman is hereby appointed as Democratic Commissioner of Elections to fill a vacancy for a term beginning May 25, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the annual salary of the Democratic Commissioner of Elections is hereby set at \$54,537.00 on an annual prorated basis for the remainder of 2022 and the annual salary be set by Local Law at budget time each year payable in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, FARBER, AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: ARSENAULT

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-22**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MAP COPIER - COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

**DATED: MAY 23, 2022**

**BY MR. MAURO:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Clerk's Office purchased an OCE map copier in January 2010 for \$2,759.00 that has served the office well, and

WHEREAS, this copier is no longer functioning and a recent quote estimated the cost to fix the current problem would be \$1,500.00, and

WHEREAS, this copier is over 10 years old and other issues could arise that would require additional service calls and parts replacement, if available, and

WHEREAS, a recent quote was obtained from Derby Office Equipment for a new Canon Color Copier under state contract price in the amount of \$4,726.45, which includes a rebate and removal and recycling of the current OCA copier as Derby Office Equipment felt there is no longer any value in this copier and therefore no trade-in value, and

WHEREAS, the Canon Color Copier is highly recommended for the department's needs and would relieve the additional pressure that has been put on the Real Property Tax Department for making map copies for the County Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk met with the Central Government Committee and made them aware of this equipment issue and they agreed that a new copier was needed, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to purchase a new Canon Color Copier under state contract price in the amount of \$4,726.45, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$4,726.45 from Contingent Account A1990.0401 to Account No. A1410.0405 Supplies for the purchase of said copier and the County Clerk and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: ARSENAULT

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-22**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR FORD TRUCKS - DPW**

**DATED: MAY 23, 2022**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 115-22 authorizes the purchase a one (1) 2022 Ford F600 truck and Resolution No. 134-22 authorizes the purchase of one (1) Ford F550 Crew Cab for use by the DPW, and

WHEREAS, the said trucks ordered were delivered, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has inspected the said trucks and they meet specification and recommends payment of the trucks, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Don's Ford, Route 12N, Utica, NY 13502 in the amount of \$150,030.00 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. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: ARSENAULT

Cathleen Rogers, Jade Sherman and Diana Stuart left the meeting.

Beth Hunt, Treasurer, stated that they just received the judgement concerning foreclosed properties. There were seven parcels that she unfortunately still had to do work on. That included putting the deeds in Hamilton County's name and getting them filed with the County Clerk. The added work means she would miss the June Auction. They usually do this in conjunction with Fulton County. She asked for the Board's approval to do an online auction for the parcels instead of holding on to them. She stated that in the resolution it reads, "*hold property auctions on our behalf in conjunction with Fulton County's tax property auctions or through internet auction bidding*,". She would like to move forward with an online auction. Mr. Farber asked if other counties used it and how they did. Ms. Hunt stated that yes, they have and that they seem to be really happy with it. The Chairman asked if there needs to be a resolution for a specific number of parcels or if it could be a blanket one. Ms. Hunt stated she wasn't sure how it was handled and she reminded them that they had passed the resolution to extend the contract for 2022 and 2023. She gave an example of where Fulton County puts the properties that first don't sell at live auction on the internet to sell. Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director, stated that he had spoken with other County Directors about this process. They all felt that the online auction actually generates

more interest and the return they get is better than live auction. Mr. Frey asked if there needs to be minimums set. Ms. Hunt stated that she hasn't set minimums before and explained how she comes back with the bid price for Board approval. They can reject bids. She further stated she would have eight properties on the next foreclosure and that she would be doing an acceptance of back taxes resolution for Board Day. Mr. Tomlinson asked how the auctions were advertised. Ms. Hunt stated that it was in the paper, online and that Absolute Auctions does advertising for it as well. She further discussed one of the properties in Wells and how she will have to discuss it with the County Attorney because of it being in an estate. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea to move forward with the online auction.

#### Other Reports:

Mr. Mauro: Stated that Board of Elections is on the Committee Day schedule later to discuss having to work on Memorial Day to accept independent petitions as well as on the Juneteenth holiday for Early Voting.

Mr. Frey: Stated this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> running of the Black Fly Race. It starts in Inlet and ends in Indian Lake this year. It's the second weekend in June. There are over 1,000 registrants.

The Chairman: Stated that the Memorial Day Parade is in Indian Lake this year. They will be starting on Bennett Road again as in years past. The start time is around 1PM and they are all invited to march.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Snyder. Carried.