

2023

FIFTH SESSION

MAY 4, 2023

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, Brian E. Wells presiding. Mr. Wells 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	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	ABSENT

Also present: County Attorney, Jamila Page-Cornell Cooperative Extension Senior Issue Leader, Kimberly Byrne- Personnel Officer, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer and Tracy Eldridge-Highway Superintendent

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March 28th and April 6th, 2023 by Mr. Farber, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson. Carried.

Public Comment:

Jamila Page, Senior Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension, thanked the Board for their continued support. She stated that the registration for Game of Logging is ending on Friday. They currently have two spaces available in Level 2 as well as Level 3. Those classes will take place between May 9th and 11th. She asked the Board members to touch base with their Highway Superintendents to see if they had any staff members to attend. She stated that this is an expensive workshop to participate in. They took feedback in from last year and worked really hard to find grant funding to make this more affordable. The registration fees include the instructor and everything else on the front end. She further discussed how the grant works and that it was only for this year. She also discussed scheduling classes going forward. Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, thanked Ms. Page for her efforts and stated that he would be sending seven of his employees.

Ms. Page further discussed programs and events that were coming up. In that she included Ag literacy week which connects youth to where food comes from. Wild edible workshops will return this year. They will be working with Public Health to expand their garden seed share stations. They will also be at the farmers markets doing a wide variety of tabling programming.

Participating in Conservation Field Day and working collaboratively with another association on energy education. She will be reaching out later to set up a time when the Board could meet the energy educator.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that they continue to have Committee meetings. They have several resolutions on the agenda to move the project forward. He and Mr. Rhodes are in the process of scheduling some meetings with property owners for the tower sites. Things are going well with DANC fiber and the fiber connection as well as getting Lake Pleasant to Hope connected to Frontier fiber.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated that he had met with Mr. Eldridge, John Walker, Lisa, Alex from his department, and Len Cronin at the parking lot at Buck Mountain. They discussed the plans there. It seems like the owner is willing to give a lot of stone. It is good and they have a game plan. He confirmed that Mr. Eldridge could start on that in a couple of weeks. He stated that they should be set to open in a few months. It's a 1.2-mile hike from the parking lot to the top of the mountain and he feels it's going to be popular. The parking lot design is nice. He is looking forward to the project being completed and the public able to use it.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Chairman stated that the first resolution on the agenda was tabled last month. He asked if the mover and seconder would withdraw the resolution and replace it.

A motion was made to withdraw the TABLED resolution Award of Bids for Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2023 and replace it with the one that was handed out by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Arsenault.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-23

AWARD OF BIDS FOR STONE, SAND AND GRAVEL ITEMS FOR 2023

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for purchase of Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2022, pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No. 7-2023, dated March 28, 2023, and

WHEREAS, eleven (11) bids were received in response to said invitation to bidders, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was withdrawn leaving ten (10) bids for consideration, and

WHEREAS, after further review the bid received from G. H. Wood should be rejected at this time because of a potential conflict of interest, and

WHEREAS, that leaves nine (9) bids for consideration as on file with the Clerk of the Board, be it

RESOLVED, that nine (9) bids, as on file with the Clerk of the Board, for Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2023 be accepted and awards made wherever hauling and loading expense and quality of product is most advantageous to the Hamilton County DPW as determined by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 150-23

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the term of office of Munro Collie Smith, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminated December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Munro Collie Smith has been a dedicated member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics since the creation in 1995, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that Munro Collie Smith, continue as a member of the Board of Ethics, be it

RESOLVED, that Munro Collie Smith, be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2023 terminating December 31, 2027.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 151-23

FUNDING DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT – DT22-1014-E00

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant Project DT22-1014-E00 in the amount of \$172,413.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not entirely been spent, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0405 Domestic Terrorism Grant SH22-1014-E00 at \$152,163.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0113 – Domestic Terrorism Grant SH22-1014-E00 at \$152,163.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 152-23

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANT FOR NYS DIVISION OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT – DT22-1014-E00**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No 308-22 authorized and funded NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant – Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant – DT22-1014-E00 in the amount of \$172,413.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be working in conjunction with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office to prevent domestic terrorism within both of the counties, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office funding will be used to hire a consultant to implement the Domestic Terrorism Plan that was submitted to NYS DHSES on December 28, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office would like to hire Lucretia L. Ferry, a consultant to meet the needs of the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, be it

RESOLVED, that with the approval of the Hamilton County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Lucretia L. Ferry of Mayfield, New York to provide consulting for the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lucretia L. Ferry will be paid a fee of \$75.00 per hour plus any travel and/or required training expenses in an invoice from A3645.0405 – DT22-1014-E00, and the Treasurer and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber stated that the value of the 1-year vs 5-year service contract was discussed during a committee meeting. They ultimately decided that the 5-year service plan was the better way to go.

RESOLUTION NO. 153-23

REFRESHING THE HARDWARE FOR THE MAX DISPATCH SYSTEM AND SERVICE PLANS

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Emergency Management was awarded SICG Grant from NYS Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant SI21-1050-E00 in the amount of \$1,126,497.00, contract C197759, and

WHEREAS, \$66,934.81 of Grant SI21-1050-E00 will be allocated for refreshing the hardware for the MAX Dispatch system and service plans, and

WHEREAS, the refresh will take place with Capital Digitronics and,

WHEREAS, all hardware to be used under NYS OGS contract PT68728 as well as a five year service plan, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Hamilton County Emergency Management Department is hereby authorized to purchase the refresh equipment and a 5-year service plan for the hardware for the MAX Dispatch system from Account No. A3645.0427 – SI21-1050-E00 grant.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 154-23

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR EVALUATION AND SERVICE PROVISION WITH ADIRONDACK ENRICHMENT FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-5 YEARS

DATE: MAY 4, 2023

BY MS. BAIN

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for Comprehensive evaluations for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a suspected developmental delay through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for any combination of Center-Based itinerant or related professional services including: Special Education Itinerant (SEIT) Services; skilled Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Related services; Counseling and/or one-on-one Aide services for children determined to have an eligible level of developmental delay and require center-based services to fully meet their needs; as defined through the CPSE Process, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, the County is required to maintain contracts with several providers for the provision of comprehensive Evaluation and specialized center-based services as described above; in order to provide parents with a choice for service provision, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for comprehensive evaluation and subsequent center-based services is determined by the extent of the evaluation and results, and based on rates set in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the New York State Education Department, and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Evaluations may be requested at any time and/or professional related service provision may be requested at any time through the regular school year and/or the 30 day summer session, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service represents Hamilton County as administrator of this program, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney, for Comprehensive Evaluation and Center-Based professional service provision for children residing within Hamilton County at rates set by the New York State Department of Education, for the period of May1, 2023 through April 31, 2024 between the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and, not limited to but including, the following center-based preschool service providers:

Adirondack Enrichment
413 Bay Road
Queensbury, NY 12804
(518) 761-2025

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 155-23

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN
HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the area that someone lives in plays a significant role in their overall health and well-being, and

WHEREAS, surroundings can impact if, how, and when a person's needs are met, which in turn affects mental health, and

WHEREAS, having safe, stable, and healthy home conditions set the foundation for achieving and maintaining good mental health, and

WHEREAS, with early and effective interventions, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives, and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2023 as Mental Health Month in Hamilton County and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Hamilton County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 156-23

FEDERAL SALARY SHARING FUNDS – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Department has received Federal Salary Sharing funds that can be used to support services provided by the Department, and

WHEREAS, \$16,766.15 in Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund must be spent by December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase available funds in supplies and services due to the purchase of an electronic medical record program, equipment for Trailblazers Program, and other necessary supplies and services for the remainder of the year, be it

RESOLVED, that \$16,766.15 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 A4310.0403 Supplies and Services.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 157-23

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM
FROM PSYCHEASE – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department has determined the need to implement an electronic health records system (EHR) to support mental health treatment services in accordance with Federal and State requirements, and

WHEREAS, an extensive review of applicable EHR systems were conducted and PsychEase was determined to best meet the needs and cost requirements of the department, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the system includes an initial set up fee of \$2,500.00 of which 50% will be credited on future statements after six months. The monthly fee will be \$1.55 per visit (minimum of 100 visits) and includes unlimited users. Additional expenses may include subscription fees to Dr First for e-prescribing services at \$450 per year per medication provider, be it

RESOLVED, that with approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign applicable contracts to purchase PsychEase and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 158-23

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WARRENSBURG COLLISION CENTER, INC. –
INSURANCE REPAIR**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Vehicle # 621 - 2018 Chevy Tahoe was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator has received a supplemental invoice and recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2018 Chevy Tahoe, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$2,717.12 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$2,717.12, and be it further

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

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.
3985 Main Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #5816 in the amount of \$2,717.12 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 159-23

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WARRENSBURG COLLISION CENTER, INC. –
INSURANCE REPAIR**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Vehicle # 95 - 2015 Chevy Silverado was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2015 Chevy Silverado, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$3,595.54 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$3,595.54, and be it further

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

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.
3985 Main Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #5815 in the amount of \$4,595.54 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 160-23

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE, LLC FOR
CONFERENCE ROOM TABLE**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, quotes were received to replace the conference room tables in the Conference Room in the Lake Pleasant Courthouse, and

WHEREAS, three tables were ordered from National Business Furniture, LLC of which two were received in March and one was backordered, and

WHEREAS, the third table was received and inspected by the DPW Superintendent on April 27th with payment due to the vendor in the amount of \$1,666.77, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment in the amount of \$1,666.77 to National Business Furniture, LLC, 770 South 7th's Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214 out of Account A1620.0414 Five-Year Building Project Plan and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 161-23

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECTS FOR 2023

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2023 highway budget the sum of \$1,071,333.00 for the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2023 and these funds are 100% reimbursed through the Consolidation Highway Improvement Program (CHIP's), and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has recommended the expenditure of \$1,035,000.00 for the construction of the following projects:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Indian Lake
Co. Rd. No. 12 – Cedar River Rd., Improve drainage, recycle base and HMA Base & Top @ 20 ft.
Approx. 1.0 mile.....\$300,000.00
Account No. D5112.2534

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Arietta
Co. Rd No. 24 – Old Piseco Road, HMA overlay Base &Top @ 20 ft.
Approx. 2.0 miles.....\$275,000.00
Account No. 5112.2535

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 3 Town of Wells
Co. Rd No. 8 – Griffin Road, HMA overlay Base & PPST Top @ 20 ft.
Approx. 1.5 mile.....\$210,000.00
Account No. 5112.2536

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 4 Town of Benson
Co. Rd. No. 6 – Benson Road, Reconstruct, Full Depth Reclamation, HMA Base & Top @21 ft.
Approx. 0.6 miles.....\$150,000.00
Account No. 5112.2537

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 5 Town of Indian Lake
Co. Rd. No. 4 – Big Brook Road, Replace Large Culvert and pave Base and Top
Approx. 0.4 miles..... \$100,000.00
Account No. 5112.2538

and

WHEREAS, the above designated roads and bridge are on a completed system of the Hamilton County road map adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does allot and appropriate from Account No. D5112.202 Capital Projects, the sum of \$1,035,000.00, for the construction of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 162-23

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS 2023

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2023 highway budget the sum of \$350,000.00 for HMA for maintenance of County Roads, and

WHEREAS, there are roads that need to have Hot Mix Asphalt overlay treatments to keep the road in overall good condition, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the approval of the following locations to have pavement maintenance completed,

County Route 3, North Point Road, Town of Long Lake	
Approx. 2.4 miles	Est..... \$200,000.00
County Route 12 – Cedar River Road, Town of Indian Lake	
Approx. 1.6 miles.....	Est..... \$135,000.00
Total estimate for all mileage	\$335,000.00

and

WHEREAS, purchase costs estimates are under New York State Contract or Piggy Back Contracts from other County's pricing which are subject to Escalation/De Escalation and above costs are based on estimates of current pricing, and

WHEREAS, the above designated roads are on a completed system of the Hamilton County road map adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the said paving projects and funds be taken from Account No. D5110.0404 Asphalt and Emulsion in the estimated amount sum of \$335,000.00 as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Arsenault asked for someone to explain. Mr. Farber stated that the authority for counties to implement a sales tax rate more than 3% requires state authorization and the state has never been willing to authorize that more unilaterally up to 4% even though there are so few counties left that aren't 4% or higher. He stated that it keeps materializing and it was in this year's executive budget to make it more uniform where everyone could go to 4% without these local authorizations. It didn't make it through the budget process and now all the counties are having to scramble to do the individual requests. Mr. Arsenault asked how often these requests are. Mr. Farber stated that it used to be every 2-years but now more recently 3-years. The Clerk of the Board stated that it is going back to every 2-years. She also stated that once we have the Bill numbers there will need to be an emergency session to authorize the Home Rule. Mr. Farber further discussed the 2-step process. Mr. Eldridge asked when they first made this request. The Clerk of the Board and Mr. Farber thought about 10 years ago.

Mr. Farber asked if they had to do anything with the mortgage recording tax? The Clerk of the Board stated that the County has to pass a local law. It is up December 1st but they have to have it by October 31st. NYS Tax and Finance stated that they could do it any time as long as they had it by October 31st. Mr. Farber confirmed that they didn't need anything from the State Legislator and the County only had to do the local law.

RESOLUTION NO. 163-23

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT (1%) INCREASE IN COUNTY SALES TAX

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has continued to suffer under the burden of decreasing state revenues, and

WHEREAS, the County has continued to be confronted by increasing mandated costs, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway infrastructure is not adequately funded through CHIPs, and

WHEREAS, all of these factors make the County's financial situation unsustainable without the increase to the County Sales Tax, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby requests Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Hamilton County's elected representatives in the New York State Legislature, to cause to be introduced in the Senate and in the Assembly, a bill to allow Hamilton County to impose by Local Law or Resolution an additional one percent (1%) sales tax, which is not subject to preemption, to extend for the longest period of time allowable by amendments to the New York State Tax Law Section 1210, and any other sections of law which are necessary to fulfill this purpose, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors would like the additional one percent (1%) sales tax to go into effect at the soonest possible date, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors requests that Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblyman Robert Smullen make every reasonable effort to secure prompt passage of said legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblyman Robert Smullen.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 164-23

MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$127,590.00, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$127,590.00 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$3,340.50
Benson	2,438.50
Hope	5,953.50
Indian Lake	40,353.00
Inlet	36,318.00
Lake Pleasant	5,548.96
Long Lake	23,718.50
Morehouse	787.50
Wells	7,995.00
Village of Speculator	1,136.54

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the respective sums so appropriated to the Supervisors of said Towns.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 165-23

APPROVAL TO FUND AND PAY INVOICES RECEIVED UTILIZING THE ARP ACT FUNDS FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL SOFTWARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE TREASURERS, PERSONNEL AND CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, two invoices have been received from Tyler Technologies for the new financial/personnel software being implemented for month of February and March, 2023, and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 288-21 dated November 10, 2021, the Board created the ARP Act accounts to cover the expenses of this implementation, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fund Account No. A1325.0412 – ARP Act Financial Software in the amount of \$5,882.50 to be offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$5,882.50, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Tyler Technologies for Invoice No. 025-414908 in the amount of \$5,492.50 and Invoice No.025-416736 in the amount of \$390.00 from Account No. A1325.0412 ARP Act, Financial Software.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 166-23

ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, there was a need to update and add to the Hamilton County Employee Handbook, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the handbook, the Personnel Officer has recommended the adoption of said updates and additions to the handbook, and

WHEREAS, the following additions, changes, and deletions, be created in the employee handbook:

Addition – Section 406 – Employee Recognition, page 400-3 and 400-4;
Change – Section 503 – Emergency Situations, page 500-3;
Change – Section 504 – Time Records, page 500-4;
Deletion – Section 702 – Overtime/Compensatory Time,

(No employee may accrue more than one (1) hour per week by working through the lunch hour, unless written approval has been obtained from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors), page 700-2;

Change – Section 703 – On Call, page 700-3;

Addition – Section 801 – Holidays, page 800-1;

Change – Section 802 – Vacation Leave, page 800-2 and 800-3;

Addition – Section 805 – Personal Leave, page 800-10;

Change/Addition – Section 807 – Medical Insurance, page 800-12 and 800-13;

Addition – Section 808 – Medical Insurance for Retirees, page 800-15;

Change/Addition – Section 812, Flexible Spending Account, page 800-19;

be it

RESOLVED, that the provisions and policies contained in the Employee Handbook are intended to supersede any and all prior manuals, guidelines or related policies issued by Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that unless specified, this Employee Handbook supersedes and replaces any previous personnel policies issued by the County concerning all policies contained in the Employee Handbook, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer will provide all employees with a copy of the updated employee handbook with said changes highlighted for their convenience.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 167-23

APPOINTMENT OF EMS COORDINATOR

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Avis Warner is retiring from the EMS Coordinator Position and the Board wishes to fill said position, and

WHEREAS, after two rounds of interviews, as well as follow up, the Committee recommends Jon Wilcox, and

WHEREAS, Jon Wilcox has agreed to accept appointment as EMS Coordinator, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Jon Wilcox is hereby appointed EMS Coordinator effective immediately and for a term ending December 31, 2023 at an hourly base rate of \$26.358 from Account No. A3640.0102, not to exceed the Appropriation, 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, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 168-23

AUTHORIZING CORRECTIONS OFFICER POSITION IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a Corrections Officer for the coverage in the Jail, and

WHEREAS, Desiree Ross, of Hope New York has expressed an interest in becoming a Corrections Officer for Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that a new Corrections Officer position be created in the Sheriff's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3150.0112 Corrections Officer J be hereby created and funded at Correction Officer Hire Rate of \$18.238, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$26,000.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent to Account No. A3150.0112 Correction Officer J, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Desiree Ross, of Hope, New York will be hired provisionally as a Corrections Officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so authorized and the Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 169-23

**AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN A CONTRACT
FOR WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS**

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services of the County of Hamilton (hereinafter the “Commissioner”) is charged with the responsibility for the administration of all health and welfare services provided in Hamilton County, at public expense pursuant to the Statewide Managed Care Program, Chapter 165 of the Laws of 1991, directly or through an authorized agent, and

WHEREAS, it is economically and organizationally feasible for the HCDSS to contract with the Provider for the provision of Supportive Investigative Services for the Social Services Programs, and

WHEREAS, upon mutual agreement the previous contract was terminated, and the new contract will commence from June 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 at \$26.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours on a bi-weekly basis, and

WHEREAS, the HCDSS and Provider are desirous of further specifying their mutual obligations and responsibilities owed under this Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the provider has secured liability insurance as part of the contract and the HCDSS is desirous of the provider to be reimbursed said expense to retain contract, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, be and hereby are, authorized to enter into a contract between the Hamilton County Department of Social Services and the Welfare Fraud investigator, with said terms, to provide supportive investigative services for the Social Services Department.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 170-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$345,863.46 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$129,417.57 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 Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 171-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2022-1 BIG BROOK BRIDGE

DATED: MAY 4, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$246,679.00 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$27,427.19
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	17,130.27
Finance Committee	51,255.23
Health Committee.....	16,594.79
Human Services Committee.....	16,767.88
Central Government Committee	5,175.06
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	72,341.04
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	38,904.74

Internal Management Committee 1,082.80

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge Capital Project 2022-1..... \$17,347.04

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND CREWELL

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Stated that he and the Chairman attended Intercounty. It was a good conversation but a little disappointing because by that point in time they had a sense of where the state budget was going to go on some of the issues of significance to the counties. The state now has an adopted budget, and it isn't as kind to the counties as it could have been. He stated that the Intercounty meeting was in the Town of Lewis at what was an old missile silo site and now is Unconventional Concepts, Inc. A neat business embedded in the Adirondacks as one of those treasures they don't know is there but is important to national security. There was also a presentation on a new option that's being developed with the help of NYSAC that may be helpful and worth the consideration for towns and counties related to retiree health insurance benefits. He also stated that there were quiet sidebar conversations about the Town of Hebron and the tragedy that happened. It really pointed out the necessity of cell service. He had worked on this issue initially with Betty Little when there was the tragedy on the Northway and it's disappointing for him. He feels that they haven't done enough over the years and still haven't been able to convince enough people that this is critical. They need to take that cellular task force report that was supposed to be the basis for finding a solution and put together an implementation strategy. The Chairman stated that one important issue is that a lot of it gets blamed on the Blue Line. He feels the cell companies really need to step up. Mr. Farber asked if the Chairman had anything to add. The Chairman stated that he agreed with Mr. Farber about the visit to Unconventional Concepts, Inc., in that it's amazing not knowing what is in their backyard. It was quite a display and feels that learning about these types of things is one of the benefits of Intercounty. He also stated that if anyone would like to go at any time to contact himself or Mr. Farber.

Mr. Farber stated that Adirondack Day is in Albany on Monday, May 8th. It is displays from throughout the Adirondacks. It runs just inside security through the concourse and around into The Well. It is always a really interesting day to see the Legislators and staff. That culminates with a reception from 4-6PM in The Well and then AATV is in concert with that. AATV is

planning to have their Board down at the reception and then doing a coffee breakfast event with Legislators on Tuesday morning to try to do a better job of getting out the Adirondack message on behalf of the Towns and Villages.

Mr. Farber stated that the next AATV general membership meeting is June 4th and 5th in Lake Placid. They haven't finalized the schedule as to what will be on that day but to please consider saving the date. That is also a good event and a nice networking opportunity.

Ms. Bain: Stated that yesterday was Community Pride Day in Hamilton County. The Lake Pleasant School rescheduled for Friday but all in all it was a good day and a lot got done.

Ms. Bain asked Mr. Eldridge about Gregg Boyer's plaque. She asked if there was a date scheduled. Mr. Eldridge stated that he was hoping for the third week in May, but he will let them all know.

Chairman: Stated that DMV is going through some staffing shortages now; if any of the Board would like to reach out to offer any support they can, he is sure the County Clerk would appreciate it.

The Chairman stated that he has been requested to do another letter of support for Barton Mines if anyone would like a copy of it. He thought they had discussed it at the end of 2021 beginning of 2022. In his opinion he thought they have been bending over backwards to not only help the APA and NYS DEC but to meet the environmentalist demands. He is definitely in support and he thinks they are doing the right thing. Mr. Farber asked if he could share it.

The Chairman stated that NYSAC sent out a county impact report they had done for the enacted 2023-2024 state budget.

The Chairman stated that he attended a Local Government Review Board meeting. The main focus of the discussion seemed to be the conservation design bill and where it's headed.

Mr. Eldridge: Stated that the state budget was passed. The base CHIPs funding was \$60Million more than the Governor's budget. He hates to complain but it's not enough. He thinks it will probably be a \$60,000 difference for Hamilton County. They included the Solid Waste money in the budget.

Mr. Eldridge stated that he had a constituent from Arietta touch base with him regarding a parking lot at T-Lake. Former Arietta Supervisor, Mr. Farber and himself had been working on this. He is looking for some funding to help with it. He has spoken with Craig Small, Arietta Highway Superintendent, and they are willing to do the work. He would like to get it done. It's not a lot of gravel. It's literally a little bit of ditching, culvert replacement and some materials. He would rather get it done and maybe the funding would come later but it's up to the Board.

Ms. Bain: Stated that she knows that they are repairing the bridge on Route 30 going out of Speculator. Mr. Eldridge stated that they are having a pre-construction meeting in a couple of weeks with the mayor. Supposedly they will be starting the week after Memorial Day. He wasn't

sure what the bridge repairs were but knew that they were starting at the intersection of South Shore Road going to the intersection of Route 8.

Mr. Eldridge: Stated that the state would be starting the bridge in Raquette Lake soon. He further discussed the work that was going to be done and stated that it's going to be a 3-year project.

The Chairman asked Mr. Eldridge about the negotiations going on with Solid Waste. Mr. Eldridge asked if the Chairman had heard back from the Fulton County Chairman of the Board after the letter was sent because he hadn't heard anything yet. The Chairman stated that he hadn't heard anything. Mr. Eldridge stated that he would reach out. He also stated that there was still no report from the Salt Task Force. Mr. Farber stated that it wasn't surprising. Mr. Eldridge stated that they missed their vote on the budget, there were zero monies in the budget.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Farber, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.