

2023

SIXTH SESSION

JUNE 1, 2023

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

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

Arietta	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	ABSENT
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	ABSENT
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Rebekah M. Crewell

Also present: County Attorney, Kimberly Byrne- Personnel Officer, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, Beth Hunt-Treasurer, Jodie Small-Deputy Treasurer and Carl Widmer-CPA, Drescher & Malecki.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May 4th and 10th, 2023 by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Mr. Farber. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

PRESENTATION:

Carl Widmer, CPA-Drescher & Malecki, introduced himself. Stated that he has been a partner on Hamilton County's audit for the last few years and he has come to present to the full board the results of the county audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. He stated that most of the testing was performed during the month of April and that they had worked with the Treasurer's Department primarily.

A handout was given to the Board for them to follow along with. His presentation included:

- Products of Our Audit
- Auditor Communications
- County Road Fund – Revenues/Transfers In and Expenditures/Transfers Out with a 5-year graph

- Total Fund Balance – County Road Fund with a 5-year graph
- Road Machinery Fund – Revenues/Transfers In and Expenditures/Transfers Out with a 5-year graph
- Total Fund Balance – Road Machinery Fund with a 5-year graph
- General Fund - Expenditures with a 5-year graph
- General Fund - Revenues with a 5-year graph
- Total Fund Balance - General Fund with a 5-year graph
- Real Property Tax in Proportion to General Fund - Total Revenue with a 5-year graph
- Net Sales Tax in Proportion to General Fund-Total Revenue with a 5-year graph
- Unassigned General Fund Balance to Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out Ratio with a 5-year graph

Mr. Widmer stated that Hamilton County is subject to a single audit because you receive and spend in excess of \$750,000 of Federal Aid. As your auditors we perform that compliance audit over the county's programs. We don't test 100% of the federal spending. It is on a rotation basis of the different federal programs and this past year we tested the HEAP program. He stated that there was a good report card with no reportable findings. There is a separately issued small report called NYS DOT that they also do. It is similar to the federal compliance audit and there was a good report card there also. He discussed what is required from the auditor under Auditor Communications. He stated that as the auditor they plan and perform an audit to gain reasonable assurance that the numbers that are in the county's financial statements can be relied upon. The value of this is having the auditor's professional opinion. He discussed how there are policies that the county abides by and certain estimates that get calculated to culminate the financial statements each year. If they would have changed from prior years it would be the auditor's responsibility to inform the Board of this. Luckily this year there weren't any major changes. Every NYS municipality is subject to implementing all of the Government Accounting Standard Boards (GASB). The auditor makes sure the county is compliant with those as well. There was one that required the leases to be recorded a certain way this year. He stated that it wasn't too impactful on Fund Balance. GASB-87 was fully implemented so the county is good with that. He discussed the importance of independent verification and how they examine himself and the whole audit team's relationship to everyone at the County to ensure that they don't have anything that could be considered a bias. He stated that they are free and clear of any issues.

Mr. Widmer stated that during last year's discussion the Board talked about adding County Road and Road Machinery activity. So, it has been added this year. Mr. Widmer stated that in 2022 the County Road Fund Balance decreased by \$214,000 because expenditures were around \$7.6Million and revenues were around \$7.4Million. They used a graph to show what the total County Road Fund Balance was for 5 years and broke out how it is in the financial statements. He stated that at the end of 2022 the total amount of County Road Fund Balance available was \$966,640. He stated that the common benchmark to judge how healthy it is, would be to take the available Fund Balance and compare it to the full year's spending. He stated that there was an increase in both County Road and Road Machinery because it's still that recovery from COVID. He stated that Road Machinery Fund Balance decreased by \$57,000 because expenditures were a little over \$2.8Million and revenues were at around \$2.8Million. The total Road Machinery Fund Balance available at the end of 2022 was \$238,570. He stated the County took the appropriate action with

the Road Machinery Fund in allocating and increasing the real property tax in these funds to try to help them even up on how much they are going to have to spend. In addition to that there were transfers out of the General Fund to the Road Funds so they could fund all the spending that they had during the year. He stated that the County should stay on this path and thinks that Fund Balance should start to improve or at least stabilize. There were a lot of big purchases this year and that shouldn't be the case every year going forward.

Mr. Widmer stated that they broke down the General Fund expenditures and revenues more so the County can see what ones changed in comparison to prior years. The total amount of expenditures went up from \$12.6 Million in 2021 to \$13.9 Million in 2022. That amount excludes \$1.5 Million of interfund transfers. The biggest change was in general government support and in particular the 5-year building project. He stated that revenues for General Fund went up \$1.3 Million from 2021 and the two main areas that changed were non-property tax items and state aid. The unassigned category has held constant, and the \$1 Million increase was allocated to Solid Waste and Capital Project Reserves. He stated that they had discussed the unassigned in 2022 and that it was a very healthy amount. The County had an opportunity to look ahead to see what's on the horizon and what to earmark this Fund Balance for.

Mr. Widmer stated that outside of compliance they looked at internal controls and there were no reportable findings with that either. He stated that financial statements will be ready to release very shortly. He also stated that in regards to the management letter they are going to include a comment about a Fund Balance policy. He thought that some of the moves the County made could be incorporated into a document that will help support that going forward. He thinks it's a good thing to have in the County's book of policy and procedures.

Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, entered the meeting during the Audit Review.

Carl Widmer left the meeting.

The Deputy Chairman introduced Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, and stated that he was here to discuss the county fleet.

Mr. Eldridge stated he wanted to discuss the light fleet. They are running into some issues with keeping them on the road along with some big repairs. They have been moving vehicles from department to department trying to fill the need and everybody has been very cooperative. The County just purchased two Altima vehicles and they went in service yesterday. One is for Public Health and the other Social Services. Some of the Malibu vehicles and the older Impala in Public Health are getting so many miles. He stated that COVID put them behind in purchasing. They are trying to catch up but the Home Health Aides are putting a lot of miles on. There is one car going to Carbone for a repair. There is another car in the body shop from an accident and there is another in the County garage with some pretty serious repairs. He has spoken to both Erica Tomlinson, Public Health Director, and Lynette Greene, Community Services Director, about the fleet. He stated that Public Health has a 2016 Impala with 90,000 miles and that will be the one they switch out with the new Altima. He still has to make the determination if that vehicle is worth while to move on to another department. They have a 2017 Chevy Malibu with 100,000 miles on it and is pretty tired. They have been decent vehicles, but they don't seem to like the high mileage as well

as the old Impala vehicles. They also have another 2017 with 75,000 miles and 2-2018's with 65,000 miles. He stated that Social Services currently has four. The 2017 with 75,000 miles will be replaced with the new Altima and he will pick another department to transfer it to. He stated Community Services have five vehicles and have consistently put the least number of miles on. He knows that they are short staffed but stated that they are fully funded for vehicles. They have a 2017 Dodge Caravan with 25,000 miles, 2019 Chevy Malibu with 16,000 miles, 2020 Malibu with 5,000 miles, 2022 Malibu with 3,800 miles and 2022 Malibu with 1,500 miles. He stated that Community Services has money to purchase another car right now. He thinks that they could turn the 2019 down now because it is 5 model years old. If they purchased another vehicle for Community Services that would relieve some pressure off the Public Health fleet. Also, Ms. Tomlinson has some money but it's to be determined if the money can be used towards vehicles. If so, he would recommend they buy a couple vehicles. He stated that they don't have a lot of good turn downs to transfer to the other departments. He stated that he can still get the Altima vehicles. They are 9-12 weeks out under the current mini-bid. He doesn't feel that leasing is the way to go as long as the County is still getting aid for vehicles. He has also received news from the state association that the County is mandated to do a report on all the fleet vehicles. It is really in-depth. He stated that he has canceled the electric vehicle, but he thought they would start with some hybrids in 2024. He asked the Board for their thoughts regarding the purchase of a couple more vehicles. He stated that he thinks they should get them while they can, and they had the money to do it. The Deputy Chairman stated that the Altima vehicles are all wheel drive which is very nice. Mr. Farber stated that he supports ordering two vehicles. He also stated that he doesn't feel there is an issue with turning them down because the departments are reimbursing. He asked that they make sure the grant that Ms. Tomlinson is using can be used for vehicles. Mr. Eldridge stated that they will also have to look at Emergency Services as well as Probation vehicles. They need some good turn downs for them. Mr. Farber asked how many miles is being put on Emergency Services. Mr. Eldridge stated that it wasn't a lot. The Tahoe has 90,000 and thinks it can go for a little while. Mr. Farber asked how many miles were put on a year. Mr. Eldridge stated that he didn't know. He thought another year on it. The Sheriff's Office typically puts 135,000 miles on the Tahoe vehicles before they must consider doing something. The Board agreed that he could purchase the vehicles.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that they were coming up on July when the County will have to be in the position to have the service contracts in place for the whole communications system. They have a contract currently with RS Telecom that they are going to renew a little differently under the Nokia state contract. There are three separate distinct vendors that are working on the communication systems. He thinks that they will go from three moving parts with the service contracts down to two. He feels that with Nokia and RS Telecom talking directly to each other the Sheriff's Office won't have to be in the middle. They will still have Capital Digitronics doing the land mobile items. He stated that there will be committee meetings to discuss. He also stated that at the end of the agenda he will be handing out a resolution for some purchases of microwave equipment on NYS contract. It will be for the connection from Blue Mountain to Inlet to McCauley Mountain. He apologized that the resolution was coming in late.

Ms. Crewell: Stated that the only thing she had to discuss was the need for the State of Emergency. She has received a lot of feedback from the Town of Wells constituents about the concern regarding the migrant influx coming into the town. She has spoken with the Town Attorney and also the County Chairman. She was hoping they could discuss it and come to a decision today. She stated that her constituents are looking for her to do that. It is a very bold move for Wells to do this on their own outside of the County. She stated that she is within her authority to do so. She doesn't want to and was looking for some advice. She is afraid if she doesn't do something there would be some negative implications. Beth Hunt, Treasurer, asked if there was any confirmation from the state level. Ms. Crewell stated that she hasn't received anything. When she had spoken with the Chairman, she thought he hadn't either. It's truly a speculation at this point. She has been trying to put everyone's mind at ease, but it hasn't always worked. Mr. Farber stated that what he had heard was that it's a patchwork around the state in terms of the counties that are declaring emergencies. At the County they have always respected if a town needed to declare a State of Emergency. The reality is that the County won't have any objection to that. It would be really hard for the Board to have a conversation without the Chairman. He has spoken with counties that have and those that haven't. They need to weigh it out and they are never easy decisions. He doesn't think that anyone would feel anything other than support for the Town of Wells if they decide to declare a State of Emergency on this. At the County level he feels they need to follow the lead of the Chairman. Ms. Crewell stated that the interesting part about it is that the declared State of Emergencies read privately owned property. In the Town of Wells, the Sunmount home is not privately owned, it is owned by NYS. Mr. Farber stated that the constituents need to understand that it's state-owned property. The Deputy Chairman stated that he had spoken with the Chairman and that every indication was they aren't coming north of Albany. Public Health, Community Services and Social Services are all working on tentative plans if something does happen, and they are hopefully going to get together on committee day to discuss. The Clerk of the Board stated that committee day is scheduled for June 27th but a committee meeting can be called prior to that. Ms. Crewell stated that she would go back to her Board and let them know where the County stands.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he has discussed the fleet with Mr. Eldridge several times. He hoped there was going to be enough staff to take care of these new vehicles. Mr. Eldridge stated that his Maintenance Supervisor is out currently for seven weeks. They have been trying to send out as much as they can but that doesn't always work out.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 173-23

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES IN TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors through the Treasurer's Office has been contacted by Michael Berger, concerning property located in the Town of Indian Lake, with parcel ID #55.013-1-3, with 2021 and 2022 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, Michael Berger has provided a written explanation as to why the back taxes have not been paid and a request to pay the 2021 and 2022 back taxes immediately, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$12,638.77 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$13,138.77 to be paid in June.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 174-23

**CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND CANCELLATION OF DELINQUENT TAXES
PARCEL #56.015-1-68.111 LAND UNDERWATER, ADIRONDACK LAKE, TOWN OF
INDIAN LAKE**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, Parcel #56.015-1-68.111, located in the Town of Indian Lake has delinquent tax liabilities for the 2002 tax year in the amount of \$2,627.52, plus interest and penalties, that remain on the list by Hamilton County for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, the 30.7 acre parcel in question was incorrectly classified, described and assessed as "Residential Vacant Land" when in fact the property is actually "Land Underwater", Adirondack Lake, and

WHEREAS, this parcel was not included in the list of tax foreclosure parcels at that time as the delinquent tax lien was considered to be "Permanently Unenforceable" and therefore not suitable for In Rem Foreclosure proceedings, and

WHEREAS, the assessment was subsequently revised for the 2003 tax year to accurately reflect the condition and description of the parcel, however a correction of this "Error In Essential Fact" was not completed, and

WHEREAS, the owners have paid all subsequent taxes based on the corrected assessment, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RPTL (1138 and 1182) the governing body of the tax district shall have the power, by resolution, to cancel the delinquent tax lien if it determines that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of the delinquent tax lien and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the tax would not be effective, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hereby cancel all outstanding delinquent taxes, penalties and interest as described by the Hamilton County Treasurer for the above referenced tax parcel in the Town of Indian Lake, County of Hamilton, and remove said parcel from the delinquent property list, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and County Real Property Tax Director be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 175-23

AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023 A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023 titled "A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at the Supervisors' Rooms in the Hamilton County Municipal Building on the 6th day of July, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO OPT-OUT OF

PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS”, and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023
State of New York
County of Hamilton

**A LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 487 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY
TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton as follows:

- Section 1. Title: This Local Law shall be known as “Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Exemption for Qualified Solar, Wind and Waste Energy Systems Law of 2023”.
- Section 2. Declaration of intent: The intent is to opt-out and disallow any real property tax exemption for County taxation purposes contained in New York State Real Property Tax Law Section §487 for qualified solar, wind or waste energy systems.
- Section 3. Removal of Exemption: The Board of Supervisors hereby removes any exemption provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law Section §487 for qualified solar, wind or waste energy systems for the purposes of County taxation.
- Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 5. Filing: In addition to filing with the Secretary of State, this local law shall be filed

with the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, and an additional copy shall be provided to the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Section 6. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Arsenault asked if this was a new position Ms. Hunt stated that it was.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-23

CREATING PAYROLL CLERK POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has met with the Finance Committee to review the future staffing needs of the Treasurer's Office, and

WHEREAS, it was determined that in order to meet the future needs of the Treasurer's Office, a position with not only accounting skills is required but a position with emphasis on payroll processing, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the civil service position of Payroll Clerk which requires NY State civil service testing, be created in the Treasurer's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer advertise for the position of Payroll Clerk for the Treasurer's Office with the understanding that the position may be filled provisionally by a qualified candidate until the test can be given and a qualified list is certified, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer and Treasurer by so authorized.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 177-23

**AUTHORIZING THE GRADE CHANGE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board has requested a grade change for the position of Assistant Deputy Clerk, be it

RESOLVED, that the grade of the Assistant Deputy Clerk position be increased from Grade 5 to Grade 7, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Personnel Officer be authorized to make this change effective June 1, 2023.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber asked if Ms. Hunt knew how the STOP DWI revenues were coming in. Ms. Hunt stated that she didn't know off hand. The Clerk of the Board stated that they were up last year and holding steady this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 178-23

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – STOP DWI

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the STOP DWI – Law Enforcement Assistance – A3315.0401 due to the purchase of two new Stalker Radar units, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM:

Account No. A915 – Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance STOP DWI \$3,500.00

TO:

Account No. A3315.0401 – STOP DWI – Law Enforcement Assistance

\$3,500.00

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, asked if anyone on the Central Government Committee knew what the unexpected influx of work required by the state was or why? The Board didn't know. Mr. Farber stated that he asked the Chairman when the resolution first came out because his understanding is that they need to be hypersensitive to the issue of maintaining parity when it is the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners between the two lines. He is not sure what the Chairman found out but Mr. Farber suggested that the Chairman confirm that this was something that was being requested in unison by both Commissioners. The County's obligation as a Board and the manager of the County Budget is to make sure they maintain that parity between parties. As long as they have affirmed that and it's a need then he feels they have stayed in compliance with the election law and the intent of it. He apologized for not knowing the details. His understanding is that it had something to do with the availability of one of the deputies. He thinks that is what precipitated a change in who is the Republican Deputy Commissioner, but not sure. Mr. Baker stated that his concern is going forward with the budget; not even 5 months in and they have wiped out one of the categories. Ms. Bain asked if they could table the resolution until they get the information and before any decisions are made? The Board decided to table the resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections will shortly exceed the 2023 budgeted amount in Account No. A1450.0103, due to the unexpected influx of work required by the state, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfer of funds take place to cover the additional need in 2023:

From: Account 1450.0108 Programming	\$1,400.00
Account 1450.0109 Election Worker	\$1,600.00

To: Account 1450.0103 Dem Deputy \$3,000.00

and that the County Treasurer be authorized to make said transfers.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell.

Motion to table by Ms. Bain, seconded by Ms. Crewell.

RESOLUTION NO. 179-23

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE GRANT

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health through Health Research, Inc. (HRI) has offered renewal of Contract No. 1611-16 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the grant year overlaps the 2023 and 2024 County Budgeted fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for \$52,099, and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2023 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2024 Municipal Budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Contract with the NYS Department of Health through Health Research Inc., pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 180-23

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ATTESTATION FOR NYS OMH AND NYS
OASAS COLA**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) and New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS OASAS) enacted budgets for 2023-24 included a 4% increase for salary and salary-related fringe benefits effective April 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the statute authorizing that the increase requires that each provider sign Attestation forms for both NYS OMH and NYS OASAS that the funding be used to support salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases, be it

RESOLVED, that the Attestation forms be completed to indicate that Hamilton County Community Services will use the increase in funding to support salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign the Attestation form as requested by NYS OMH and NYS OASAS and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 181-23

TERMINATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ADIRONDACK HEALTH INSTITUTE, INC.

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services entered into an agreement with Adirondack Health Institute, Inc. to provide Care Management Services per Resolution No. 186-20, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services is only serving four health home clients and the revenue is significantly less than the cost to operate the program, and

WHEREAS, after discussion with the Hamilton County Community Services Board and the Health and Human Services Subcommittee it was recommended to eliminate our Health Home Care Management Program, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the termination of the agreement with Adirondack Health Institute, Inc. effective within ninety (90) days in compliance with the provider agreement with Adirondack Health Institute, Inc.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 182-23

INCREASE OF FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the funds will be exhausted in Hamilton County Department of Social Services Day Care Account No. A6055.0401 by the end of June 2023, be it

RESOLVED, that Appropriation Account No. A6055.0401, Day Care, be increase by Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4689, Federal Aid - Day Care, by Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 183-23

AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL ROAD PROJECTS

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for Capital Road Projects for 2023 was set and adopted for \$1,071,333.00 for Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, and

WHEREAS, that amount is estimated by the County Highway Superintendent in September of the previous year based on previous allocations of State CHIPS funding for highway projects and the actual amount is set after the State Budget is adopted, and

WHEREAS, the actual adopted State Budget for 2023 – 2024 for Hamilton County from the State CHIPS, Pave NY, Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR) and Pave Our Potholes (POP) funds for the State fiscal year 2023 - 2024 is set at \$1,373,283.85 including rollover funds, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends that the County Board of Supervisors amend the 2023 appropriation for capital projects from \$1,071,333.00 to \$1,373,283.85 for 2023 County Highway Projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2023 budget appropriation for Capital Road Projects Account No. D5112.0202 be amended from \$1,071,333.00 to \$1,373,283.85 and also increase Revenue Account No.D3501 Consolidated Highway Aid from \$1,071,333.00 to \$1,373,283.85 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 184-23

**AWARD OF BID SPECIFICATION 11-2023 – ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT –
INDIAN LAKE FACILITIES**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee authorized the County DPW Superintendent to advertise for bids for the roof replacement for the Indian Lake Building Facilities, including Public Health, Social Services & Legal Wings, and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received for Roof Replacement for Indian lake County Facilities in accordance with Specification No. 11-2023 as advertised by the DPW Superintendent and Public Works Committee, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

1. S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc.
5640 Depot Road
Voorheesville, NY 12186 - Bid Price - \$300,999.00, Item 1. \$4.46 Sq. Ft.
2. SJBS Construction, Inc.
1159 Kossuth Ave.
Utica, NY 13501 - Bid Price - \$332,700.00, Item 1. \$5.00 Sq. Ft.
3. Titan Roofing, Inc.
200 Tapley Street
Springfield, MA 01104 - Bid Price - \$369,000.00, Item 1. \$5.00 Sq. Ft.

and

WHEREAS, Foit-Albert Associates have reviewed the bids and recommends awarding to the low bidder, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends awarding the bid to S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc. of Voorheesville, NY, be it

RESOLVED, that the award be made to S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc. 5640 Depot Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the said roof replacement in the amount of \$300,999.00 with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$300,999.00 be transferred from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0414 Capital Building Projects and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the County Attorney, Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 185-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PICKUPS - DPW

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 315-22 authorizes the purchase of two (2) 2023 New Ram Tradesman Pickups for use by DPW, and

WHEREAS, the said vehicles have been delivered and inspected by the Superintendent who now recommends payment of the vehicles, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Yorkville, 5017 Commercial Drive, Yorkville, NY 13495 in the amount of \$91,186.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Equipment and the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 186-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR DODGE DURANGO PPV - SHERIFF

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-22 authorizes the purchase of one (1) 2023 New Dodge Durango PPV for use by the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the said vehicle has been delivered and inspected by the Superintendent who now recommends payment of the vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Yorkville, 5017 Commercial Drive, Yorkville, NY 13495 in the amount of \$42,729.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile and the DPW Superintendent, County Sheriff and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 187-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE - PUBLIC HEALTH

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 89-23 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) 2023 Nissan Altima for use by Public Health, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle ordered was delivered, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has inspected the said vehicle and confirms it is accepted and meets specifications and recommends payment of said vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Kingston Nissan, 140 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401-7444 in the amount of \$30,119.21 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A4050.0201 Automobile and the Public Health Director, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 188-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE – SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 88-23 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) 2023 Nissan Altima for use by Social Services, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle ordered was delivered, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has inspected the said vehicle and confirms it is accepted and meets specifications and recommends payment of said vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Kingston Nissan, 140 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401-7444 in the amount of \$30,119.21 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A6010.0202 Automobile and the Social Services Commissioner, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 189-23

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PURCHASE OF 2023 JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR
DPW (SOLID WASTE)**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Resolution 87-23 authorized the purchase of a 2023 John Deere Excavator for the Indian Lake Transfer Station to be paid from Account A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the 2023 Excavator is \$101,501.33 after trade in of the 2017 John Deere 410L Backhoe, and

WHEREAS, there is a current balance of \$95,000.00 in Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$6,501.33 from the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve to Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 190-23

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL #S.7430 AND ASSEMBLY BILL
#A.7615 – CONTINUATION OF COUNTY RECORDING TAX**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors requested New York State legislation authorizing a County Recording Tax, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Hamilton requests the enactment of Senate bill #S.7430 and Assembly bill #A.7615 entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 326 of the laws of 2006, amending the tax law relating to authorizing the County of Hamilton to impose a County Recording Tax on obligations secured by mortgages on real property, in relation to extending the expiration thereof”, and also be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to execute all the necessary documents to enable this enactment, and be it further

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

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 191-23

**CREATION, FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE MOTOR VEHICLE
CLERK #4**

DATED JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is facing a staffing shortage due to the illnesses of two Motor Vehicle Clerks, and

WHEREAS, there is no definite time line for either one to return to work, and

WHEREAS, the office is typically busier during the summer months, and

WHEREAS, the office will also be facing some staff retirements in the near future, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk met with the Central Government Committee and they understood the immediate need and dire situation the office is presently facing, and

WHEREAS, it was agreed that a new Motor Vehicle Clerk position should be created and funded, be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Motor Vehicle Clerk #4 (Grade 6) Account No. A1410.0109 is hereby created and funded by transferring \$21,156.00 from Contingent Account No. A1990.0401, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Kimberley Crandall is hereby hired provisionally effective June 12, 2023 pending the results of the next Motor Vehicle Clerk exam, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer are hereby authorized, and the County Clerk be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 192-23

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS -
COUNTY CLERK**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is facing a staffing shortage due to the illnesses of two motor vehicle clerks and it is unknown when they will be able to return to work, and

WHEREAS, due to this staffing shortage the remaining staff has been willing to work additional hours to cover, and

WHEREAS, the \$2,500.00 allocated for Additional Time, Account No. A1410.0108, in the 2023 budget is nearly exhausted, and

WHEREAS, there is \$5,200.00 in Account No. A1410.0105 Temporary which would be better utilized if transferred to Account No. A1410.0108 Additional Hours to pay these additional wages, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$5,200.00 from Account No. A1410.0105 Temporary to Account No. A1410.0108 Additional Hours and the Hamilton County Clerk and Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 193-23

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK
STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has a 5-year agreement with the Unified Court System for security services to the courts of Hamilton, and

WHEREAS, the contract begins on April 1, 2019 and ends on March 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the contract stated in pertinent part, "All subsequent periods of the contract, the maximum compensation and where necessary new staffing schedule for that period are to be established by mutual written agreement of the parties.", and

WHEREAS, the State Unified Court System has provided a proposal wherein the period of the contract begins on April 1, 2023 and ends on March 31, 2024, the maximum compensation for the period is Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) and the Hamilton County Sheriff provides an attendant staffing schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff has provided an Attendant Staffing Schedule to the State Court System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute an agreement with the New York State Unified Court System to provide Court Attendant Staffing by the Hamilton County Sheriff for the maximum compensation of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) for the period of time beginning on April 1, 2023 and ending on March 31, 2024.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 194-23

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS AN EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Health Law 2550, the New York State Department of Health is the lead agency responsible for the administration of the Early Intervention Program and that each Municipality is responsible for the local administration of the program, which includes accepting referrals of children potentially eligible for program services, assigning initial service coordinators, participating in Individual Family Service Plan (IFPS) meetings, ensuring that services contained in the IFSP are appropriately delivered and reimbursing providers for services not covered by Medicaid or commercial insurance according to rates set by the NYSDOH, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County by and through the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service assumes the responsibilities delineated above, and

WHEREAS, initial service coordinators may be assigned to employees of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Early Intervention Provider Agreement with the New York State Department of Health, pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 195-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO GRADALL 4100 #304

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the County owns a 2007 4100XL Gradall that needed several repairs, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had spoken with the Public Works Committee in late 2022 that the machine was at Alta Construction Company who is an authorized Gradall dealer for these repairs, and

WHEREAS, the repairs needed were the main boom to be disassembled to check rollers and have main hydraulic cylinder rebuilt, swing and tilt motor, and the Air Conditioner repaired, and

WHEREAS, the said Gradall repairs have been completed after several months due to parts issues at a cost of \$17,309.50 and the Gradall is back in service, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment to Alta Construction Equipment New York, LLC, PO Box 22154, New York, New York 10087-2154 in the amount of \$17,309.50 for Gradall #304 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 196-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$123,202.55 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$15,652.97 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. Farber and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 197-23

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

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$332,055.64.00 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$57,641.78
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	137,978.41
Finance Committee	12,960.84
Health Committee.....	8,377.08
Human Services Committee.....	76,094.68
Central Government Committee	26,898.27
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	9,786.48
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	436.97
Internal Management Committee	1,881.13

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge Capital Project 2022-1.....	\$13,024.41
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are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

A motion was made to add Resolution No. 27 Authorizing the Purchase of Necessary Microwave Equipment handed out and moved by Mr. Farber, seconded by Ms. Crewell. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 198-23

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM NOKIA FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES MICROWAVE PROJECT BLUE MT./INLET/MCCAULEY MT. – ST18-1005-D00

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is looking to complete a microwave path that connects Blue Mountain to a newly established site in Inlet and continue to McCauley Mountain in Herkimer County, and

WHEREAS, it is also determined that with this connectivity, both Hamilton and Herkimer counties will be able to utilize interoperability for each other in the event that any incident arises that would so need this connectivity to be established for that to occur, and

WHEREAS, this connection also provides redundancy path and completes a second ring in the microwave consortium, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has been given a quote from Nokia under NYS Contract PM67989 in the amount of \$408,952.68 to complete the microwave ring from Blue Mountain to Inlet to McCauley Mountain in Herkimer County, and

WHEREAS, the purchase is contingent on the approval from Homeland Security, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Emergency Services Office be authorized to issue the required Purchase Order to Nokia for the microwave project that goes from Blue Mountain to Inlet to McCauley Mountain in Herkimer County with funding for this Purchase Order being covered by funds available from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable Communications Formula Grant SICG FY 18 Targeted grant, Account No. A3645.0428.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, WELLS, AND FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Asked if Ms. Crewell would like to report on Inter County. Ms. Crewell stated that they had car issues going but that it was her first time going and it was a great experience. She really appreciated going. Mr. Farber stated that they were joined there by Mr. Snyder and the Chairman. He thought it was a neat local presentation by the Town of Argyle in Washington County on everything they had done around salt and sand storage. They actually built a large facility and house their sand indoors. They have a lot of dirt roads so they use a lot of sand on the road but because there is some salt in the sand, they cover it all in one shed. People that follow the salt use know that Warren and Washington Counties were really way ahead of their time. There has been a lot more going on about this. He thinks in a lot of ways it's kind of sad that the salt task force, the report, and the inability to get that out has really become more of a stalling mechanism than a call to action. He stated that Washington and other counties have implemented on their own dime using bed tax money and other funding streams; when the state has known what the solutions were. He thought it was very impressive what the Town of Argyle had done on their own by financing it. Mr. Eldridge stated that he thought there was another bill passed by the Assembly to do another salt study and task force put together for the Eastern Hudson Valley. He stated that it would be interesting to see how it goes as he still hasn't seen a report. He has advocated by saying that Hamilton County would do a lot of these things, we just need help. The Deputy Chairman stated that they have a live edge plow in Hope and it works really well. The Highway Superintendent has also been doing his own brine and that is working very well too.

Mr. Farber stated that the AATV meeting is in Lake Placid on June 4th and 5th. He stated that they are discussing grant money and the funding available for towns. Also, a new product around insuring retirees which is open to the towns and county and following up with two panels on housing.

Mr. Farber stated that himself and the Chairman participated in two meetings. One with the Senate Encon Chair and the other with Assemblywoman Glick regarding the campground closures. He stated that the Governor and Legislators did their jobs. We helped by filling those jobs and as of the beginning of May they saw a spreadsheet from DEC with every position at Moffitt's Beach filled other than the lifeguard and they still haven't opened the campground. He stated that it's troublesome to have to lobby the two Encon Chairs, the Senate and Assembly to get NYSDEC to do the right thing. He further discussed. Ms. Bain asked what they should do. Mr. Farber stated that the outcome from the meeting with Senator Harckham and Senator Stec was that they were putting together a letter from the two of them to NYSDEC. Assemblyman Smullen and Senator Walczyk just sent another letter to Basil Seggos, Commissioner of DEC, this week. When they had met with Assemblywoman Glick she was notably frustrated with the situation and she was

going to make a call. He stated that the Chairman is trying to get a meeting one on one with Mr. Seggos. He stated that a public meeting would be the easiest thing but it shouldn't have to come to that. We have done everything possible to be a good ally to DEC. Ms. Bain asked if they should set up the public meeting. Mr. Farber stated that he wouldn't dissuade anyone from doing whatever they think is necessary to bring attention to the issue. Sometimes the only way is for them to see it and feel it for themselves; hear it from the constituency. Ms. Bain stated that to have one of these meetings they have to have the right people at it to speak on DEC's part. How do they get it setup? Mr. Farber stated that he thinks they set up a meeting to discuss it and they invite DEC.

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