

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**July 25, 2023**  
**Board of Supervisors – County of Hamilton**  
**Lake Pleasant, New York**

Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County  
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call a Special Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of contracting for Microwave System Service and for any other business that may come before said Board.

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

Also present: Tracy Eldridge-Highway Superintendent, Lisa Johnson-Public Works Administrative Manager, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer and Beth Hunt-Treasurer

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that he had discussed the two resolutions on the agenda for the Emergency Preparedness Committee when they were upstairs. They had a Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) meeting and part of the outcome for that was the LCLGRPB authorizing Beth Gilles, Director of LCLGRPB, to move forward in getting the CostQuest data for broadband. That is data that is being used universally across the country. They are a vendor that both the State and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are using. So, by virtue of Ms. Gilles being able to get that data they will have access to more data layers. She expects that they should be prepared by early August to then have meetings between the communities and the providers based on utilizing that data. That will give them the ability to sit down with providers like Spectrum or SLIC and figure out where the gaps still are. One of the big

challenges for them, even with that data in place, will remain the situation around Frontier. Frontier was awarded the early version of broadband funding that came directly from the federal government. Unfortunately for those projects they were very liberal in that they allowed the providers 10 years to do the build out, it is really blocking access to other funds for those areas. The conversation at the regional level and with the ConnectALL Office was started to focus on how to get Frontier to be a good partner in these planning conversations about what the communities need. The County has some corners where there is probably not going to be alternative providers, where they are going to have to partner with Frontier if it's going to be anything other than satellite, but they also have communities (Benson, Hope and Inlet) that could be served very well by Spectrum and (Indian Lake, Long Lake, Lake Pleasant and Wells) by SLIC. Particularly, if they can get DANC funding to build from Indian Lake down to Speculator. They were just awarded the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Award coupled with them working with National Grid that will build fiber from Blue Mountain all the way out the 28 corridor into Warren County and through North Creek. So, the only gap will then be from Indian Lake down to Speculator and that will allow them to link into SLIC's fiber. Then they are going to be building for the County (emergency communications) from the Lake Pleasant Courthouse out to connect to Newport Telephone Company. Even though Frontier hasn't moved to create redundancy they will have a redundant loop all the way through so they can channel singly in both ways to the degree they can get SLIC and others to jump on to use that fiber for backhaul as well as the cellular companies. This will give the County redundancy when the Frontier system goes down.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that there are a few Public Works resolutions on the agenda to purchase vehicles as well as a one-year contract with Constellation for electricity.

Mr. Arsenault: Thanked everyone for reaching out during the flood and a huge thank you to Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, and staff. He stated that the Town, County and State Highway Departments all worked together seamlessly.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 220-23**

**AUTHORIZING 45 DAY EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH RS TELECOM FOR  
MICROWAVE MAINTENANCE**

**DATED: JULY 25, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is in the process of procuring Microwave Service through Nokia's OGS contract and the SmartHands provision of same, and

WHEREAS, Nokia and RSTelecom need additional time to finalize the details for RS Telecom to provide SmartHands service through Nokia to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the County can't be without service in the interim, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 263-22 of August 4, 2022 extended the current RS Telecom Contract through July 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 236-19, authorized Hamilton County to retain the professional services of RS Telecom for microwave service and maintenance for the Lake Pleasant, Oak Mt, East Mt., and Blue Mt. sites for a two-year period, subsequently extended by Resolutions 217-21 and 263-22, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of Homeland Security and the County Attorney, the Chairman be authorized to sign a 45 day contract extension with RS Telecom to continue providing service under the same terms and conditions, and that the Emergency Services Director 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. 221-23**

**AUTHORIZING FIBER CIRCUIT THROUGH FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS TO  
CONNECT LAKE PLEASANT (911 DISPATCH CENTER) TO THE HOPE TOWER  
SITE**

**DATED: JULY 25, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is in the process of permitting an Emergency Communications Tower in the Town of Hope, and

WHEREAS, there is no viable microwave path currently available to the Hope Tower site, and

WHEREAS, it is critical not to delay this site any further, so Hamilton County proposes to use a Fiber connection in advance of the Microwave connection being developed, and

WHEREAS, Frontier is the only provider that has Fiber directly from Lake Pleasant to Hope, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a 5 year agreement with Frontier Communications, for \$380.00 per month, for the necessary fiber connection (Circuit) as specified by C&S Engineering and proposed by Frontier, and be it also

RESOLVED, that no monthly payments shall be due, nor start to accrue, until the fiber connection is in place and all the equipment has been tested, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Frontier Communications and the County Emergency Preparedness Director 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. 222-23**

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE TWO VEHICLES FOR  
PUBLIC HEALTH 2023**

**DATED: JULY 25, 2023**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Fleet Coordinator has determined the Public Health needs two new vehicles,  
and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator has a current a bid for a 2023 Nissan Altima in the  
amount of 30,119.21, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of two (2) sedans for use in  
2023 as follows per NYS Contract mini-bid #23166 Vehicles:

(2) 2023 Nissan Altima AWD 4 door sedans - \$30,119.21 ea.

be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order two (2) 2023 Nissan  
Altimas for Public Health mentioned herein for a total of \$60,238.42 delivered from Kingston  
Automotive LLC, DBA Kingston Nissan, be it further

RESOLVED, that \$60,238.42 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund  
Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No.

A4050.201 Automobile to cover the cost of the vehicles and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Public Health Director, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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. 223-23**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE - COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: JULY 25, 2023**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 210-23 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) 2023 Nissan Altima for use by Community 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. A4310.0201 Automobile and the Community Services Director, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board 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. 224-23**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
CONSTELLATION ENERGY SERVICES OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR 2023-2024**

**DATED: JULY 25, 2023**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the County agreement with Constellation Energy Services for purchase of electricity for all County facilities expires on November 6, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Constellation Energy Services has given a proposal to the County to enter into a fixed price agreement for a period of twelve (12) months beginning November 7, 2023, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Constellation Energy Services of New York, Inc. for a fixed price not to exceed 0.106 kWh for a period of twelve (12) months.

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

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Stated that the Northville Lake Placid Trail turns 100 years old next year and he wanted the Board to be conscious of it. There are a number of related entities that are discussing setting up an Anniversary celebration. Fulton County is very interested in being involved. He is hopeful that the County will find some ways to derive some benefit from that.

The Chairman stated that AATV will be tomorrow in Long Lake and that InterCounty will be Thursday in Johnstown. He also thanked all the crews for all the work that was done in Hamilton County as well as the cooperation between agencies. He thought it went as well as it could go. He stated that the emergency staff in Hamilton County working with the County Emergency staff and responders was also great to see.

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