

**2023**

**SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**DECEMBER 7, 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 the opening prayer.

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

Arietta	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	ABSENT
Indian Lake	Brian E. Wells
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	ABSENT
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	ABSENT

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

A motion was made to accept the minutes of November 2, 2023 by Mr. Farber, seconded by Mr. Snyder. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that during the bi-weekly call and a follow up call with Jacqueline Murray, Attorney that represents the County on APA and tower projects, it looks like they expect to have the APA applications ready for submission in the next couple of weeks. It is coming together well. They are working on getting coverage maps that better define exactly the coverage they gain from this. He thanked Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, for his help with East Mountain. They are getting that site wrapped up and ready for winter. He discussed the issues with acquiring Tyler software. He thinks they have that worked out with NYS. That forced the County, when they thought there was a funding issue, to talk a little more in depth with Fulton County about what they could do in partnership with them, and they are actually a better solution. He had a meeting with Jill Dunham, Emergency Services Director, and the Sheriff's Office today and they are going to continue to pursue whether there is a better opportunity partnering with Fulton County before they finalize the decision on how to move forward.

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that there are a couple resolutions on the agenda for the PTED&P Committee. One is for an Adirondack Mountain Club invoice that did not get paid. The services were rendered and authorized in 2022. Another resolution is for an Administrative Assistant position that Christy Wilt, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, has asked for. It was discussed on Committee Day. The Chairman thanked Mr. Rhodes for allowing him time to talk with her to clarify a couple of things.

Mr. Rhodes asked if there was a plan for a permanent solution to fill the duties of Director of Patient Services. The Chairman stated that there wasn't one yet, but they are still advertising the position. Mr. Rhodes asked if they had a timeframe of when they were going to start pursuing other options. The Chairman stated that he would wait until the new Chairman takes over in 2024.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated that Internal Management has an authorization to renew County Health Insurance benefits for 2024.

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Eldridge to open bids. Mr. Eldridge stated that he would be opening three today.

Bid Opening:

**Spec. 13-2023 Regular Gasoline Unleaded 87 Octane Minimum**

1. Petroleum Traders  
7120 Pointe Inverness Way  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Bid Location:

Lake Pleasant Location -	\$0.3233 fixed over OPIS
Long Lake Location -	\$0.3233 fixed over OPIS
Indian Lake Location -	\$0.3233 fixed over OPIS
Arietta Location -	\$0.3233 fixed over OPIS
Inlet Location -	\$0.3233 fixed over OPIS
Morehouse Location -	\$0.3233 fixed over OPIS

2. Mansfield Oil Company  
1025 Parkway SW  
Gainesville, GA 30501

Bid Location:

Lake Pleasant Location	\$0.3496 fixed over OPIS
Long Lake Location -	\$0.3496 fixed over OPIS
Indian Lake Location -	\$0.3496 fixed over OPIS
Arietta Location -	\$0.3496 fixed over OPIS
Inlet Location -	\$0.3496 fixed over OPIS

Morehouse Location - \$0.3496 fixed over OPIS

A motion was made to accept the bids and refer them to the committee by Mr. Farber, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes asked Mr. Eldridge what the average rack price was. Mr. Eldridge stated that Buell Fuels has the state contract for diesel right now and it's around \$0.373 a gallon per day. Currently, Mansfield is the County's bidder, and we would pay that same day \$0.334. He stated that they are under NYS contract typically. Carried.

**Spec. 14-2023 Regular No.2 Diesel Motor Fuel (ULSD)**

1. Mansfield Oil Company  
1025 Parkway SW  
Gainesville, GA 30501

Bid Location:

Lake Pleasant Location - \$0.3805 fixed over OPIS  
Long Lake Location - \$0.3805 fixed over OPIS  
Indian Lake Location - \$0.3805 fixed over OPIS  
Arietta Location - \$0.3805 fixed over OPIS  
Inlet Location - \$0.3805 fixed over OPIS  
Morehouse Location - \$0.3805 fixed over OPIS

2. Petroleum Traders  
7120 Pointe Inverness Way  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Bid Location:

Lake Pleasant Location \$0.4045 fixed over OPIS  
Long Lake Location - \$0.4045 fixed over OPIS  
Indian Lake Location - \$0.4045 fixed over OPIS  
Arietta Location - \$0.4045 fixed over OPIS  
Inlet Location - \$0.4045 fixed over OPIS  
Morehouse Location - \$0.4045 fixed over OPIS

A motion was made to accept the bid and refer them to the committee by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Farber. Mr. Eldridge discussed the history with bidders over the years. In 2023 it was Mansfield and they have had a tremendous amount of trouble with Mansfield's back office. It has caused delays in billings. They had made a mistake with one of the deliveries in Long Lake. It was tough getting it straightened out. There is good documentation back and forth with them and at one point he had written them stating that if they didn't get it straight, he was going to ask to terminate the contract. He stated that they were better for a bit, but they are back to it. It is not a problem with their delivery, but it's been a big issue. It's not going to be awarded until December 22<sup>nd</sup> but he would like to have a conversation with the County Attorney. He stated that the low bidder for gasoline was Petroleum Traders. Mr. Farber added that Mansfield was for diesel. He

stated wouldn't their only option be to determine Mansfield an illegible bidder because of the past performance being bad enough to warrant that. The County Attorney stated that they are able to take that into consideration in awarding the bid, as long as they can substantiate it. Carried.

**Spec. 15-2023 #2 Fuel Oil & Kerosene**

1. G. A. Bove & Sons, Inc.  
76 Railroad St  
Mechanicville, NY 12118

**Bid Location:**

No. 1 - Hamilton County Nursing Dept.	\$0.3555 over "OPIS"
No. 2 - Hamilton County Highway Garage-Indian Lake	\$0.3555 over "OPIS"
No. 3 - Hamilton County Buildings Dept-Lake Pleasant	\$0.3555 over "OPIS"
No. 4 - Hamilton County Jail	\$0.3555 over "OPIS"
No. 5 - Hamilton County Social Services-Kerosene Only	\$0.3555 over "OPIS"
No. 6 - Hamilton County Legal Wing-Kerosene Only	\$0.3555 over "OPIS"
No. 7 - Indian Lake Central School	No Bid
No. 8 - Long Lake Central School	No Bid

1. Petroleum Traders Corp.  
7120 Pointe Inverness Way  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**Bid Location:**

No. 1 - Hamilton County Nursing Dept.	No Bid
No. 2 - Hamilton County Highway Garage-Indian Lake	No Bid
No. 3 - Hamilton County Buildings Dept-Lake Pleasant	No Bid
No. 4 - Hamilton County Jail	No Bid
No. 5 - Hamilton County Social Services-Kerosene Only	No Bid
No. 6 - Hamilton County Legal Wing-Kerosene Only	No Bid
No. 7 - Indian Lake Central School	\$0.3286 over "OPIS"
No. 8 - Long Lake Central School	\$0.3286 over "OPIS"

A motion was made to accept the bids and refer them to the committee by Mr. Farber, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes asked why we bid out for both Indian Lake and Long Lake Central Schools. Mr. Eldridge stated it's because they were always on a state contract and then the state contract didn't have a fuel oil bid so as a shared service he started bidding for them a couple of years ago. Last year they received no bid for them, so he helped them with extending their contract. He stated how Petroleum Traders had stepped up to the plate last year and bid again this year which is very helpful. He stated how he had to piggyback off the Town of Long Lake's fuel bid to get fuel to the Long Lake garage because no one will bid on that either. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman asked if everyone had a chance to review. The Clerk of the Board pointed out that July 4<sup>th</sup> fell on the first Thursday, so the meeting has been changed to Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**RESOLUTION NO. 370-23**

**CALENDAR SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SESSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

RESOLVED, that the attached calendar as submitted by the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors be set up through November 7, 2024 with dates for the Annual Session determined at a later date, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Committee meetings shall be held on the Tuesday, ten days prior to the regular Board meeting.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COURTHOUSE  
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

2024 Annual Meeting Calendar presented December 7, 2023  
All meetings will start at 10:30 A.M. except when otherwise stated.

	MEETING DATE	CUT OFF DATE SUBMISSION OF BILLS
Organization Meeting 2PM	January 4, 2024	December 26, 2023
February Meeting	February 1	January 23, 2024
March Meeting	March 7	February 27
April Meeting	April 4	March 26
May Meeting	May 2	April 23
June Meeting	June 6	May 28
July Meeting	July 3 (Wednesday)	June 25
August Meeting	August 1	July 23

September Meeting	September 5	August 27
October Meeting	October 3	September 24
November Meeting	November 7	October 29

Committee meetings shall be held on the Tuesday, ten days prior to the regular Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 371-23**

**CONTRACT FOR INDIRECT COST REIMBURSEMENT PLAN 2023**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Faughnan has prepared indirect cost allocation plans for the County of Hamilton for many years, and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Faughnan has made a proposal to implement the indirect cost allocation plan for the fiscal year 2023 at a cost of \$4,100.00, which is the same cost as the last contract, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer recommends the County contract with Thomas J. Faughnan for the professional service for one year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Hamilton contract with Thomas J. Faughnan to prepare the indirect cost allocation program for the County of Hamilton for the fiscal year 2023. The County shall pay and Thomas J. Faughnan agrees to accept the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$4,100) for the preparation of the program for the year 2023, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary contract on behalf of the County.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 372-23**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Supervisors' Representatives to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District terminate December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint two (2) Supervisors as representatives to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to appoint Betsy Bain and Chris D. Rhodes as Supervisors' Representatives for a term of one-year commencing January 1, 2024 terminating December 31, 2024, be it

RESOLVED, that Betsy Bain and Chris D. Rhodes be appointed as Supervisors' Representatives for a term of one-year commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 373-23**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR  
2024**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, a review of the current health insurance rates received for the year 2024 indicated a 2.5% increase in premium for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Signature PPO and Excellus BlueCross Blue Sheild Hybrid PPO, and a 6% increase in premium for Aetna Medicare PPO, and

WHEREAS, a review of the current dental insurance rates received for 2024 indicated a 9% increase in premium for The Standard dental insurance, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has reviewed the insurance proposals offered by Burnham Benefit Advisors and suggests the County renew its current health insurance benefits

offered under Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and Aetna and change its dental benefits for 2024 to Delta Dental, and

WHEREAS, it has been further determined that the County will offer a Cash Buyout or a Flexible Spending Account Buyout with a benefit card, for employees not enrolling with the County health insurance program and the buyout options will match the Annual Affordable Care Act (ACA) maximum limit (\$3,200 for 2024), and

WHEREAS, it has been further determined that the County Flexible Spending contribution match should be increased from the current \$777 amount to a rate equal to the annual health insurance policy premium percentage increase (2.5% equals \$797 for 2024) for those eligible employees electing to take the Excellus PPO plans, and

WHEREAS, it has been further determined that the County will offer an Excellus Vision Plan to employees, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Hamilton County will again offer eligible employees the Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Signature PPO Plan and the Excellus BlueCross Blue Shield Signature Hybrid PPO Plan, and be it further

RESOLVED, Hamilton County will continue to pay 90% or 80% towards the premium cost for either Excellus plan, be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will again offer the Aetna Medicare PPO to retirees, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will offer Delta Dental Insurance to eligible employees, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County will offer a Cash Buyout or a Flexible Spending Account Buyout with a benefit card, for the employees not enrolling with the County health insurance program (\$3,200 for 2024), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Flexible Spending contribution match (\$797 for 2024) will be offered to eligible employees electing to take the Excellus PPO plans, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will offer an Excellus Vision Plan to eligible employees. and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Hamilton County Personnel Officer to start meeting immediately with employees and to send out Retiree Aetna Medicare PPO information, effective for January 1, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer is hereby authorized to disseminate this information as appropriate and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to enter



into agreement with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for employee health insurance coverage for the year 2024 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Personnel Officer be notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber confirmed that this had come in as a request based on everything they have going on right now. He stated that he thought it was understandable.

**RESOLUTION NO. 374-23**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCRUAL OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATORY TIME FOR  
THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, Susan Hartmann, the Hamilton County Assistant District Attorney is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve an increase of her compensatory time up to 120 hours, as she has accrued over the 80 hours approved by the Chairman of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the increase of compensatory hours is due to an increased work load which involves discovery requirements, in combination with court appearances, preparing grand jury presentations, and a great deal of motion practice, which take up a significant amount of time and cannot be put off, due to deadlines, be it

RESOLVED, that due to the increased workload in the District Attorney's Office, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approve Susan Hartmann to accrue up to 120 hours of compensatory time, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer be notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 375-23**

**AGREEMENT WITH GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL FOR MORGUE AND  
LABORATORY SERVICES**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that with approval of the County Attorney the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an Agreement with Glens Falls Hospital for morgue and laboratory services.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 376-23**

**INCREASE WIC 2023 BUDGET**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, Agency # 12000, renewed Contract No. DOH01- C38237GG-3450000 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to provide Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC) Services, for the period of October 1, 2023– September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for Fifty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$53,800), and

WHEREAS, only a portion of the grant was included in the 2023 County budget, and

WHEREAS, newer employees required additional training, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appropriation lines be increased:

Account No. A4082.0102 WIC Program Support	\$ 6,000.00
Account No. A4082.0801 WIC Fringe	\$ 3,300.00

to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4482.0000 by \$9,300.00, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 377-23**

**MEDICAID AND MEDICARE COST REPORTS**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to submit the following Cost Reports annually for all services provided by the Nursing Service:

Certified Home Health Agency Medicare Cost Report  
Certified Home Health Agency Medicaid Cost Report  
Diagnostic and Clinic Services Medicaid Cost Report

and

WHEREAS, the current contracted provider of accounting services for the Nursing service is McCarthy and Conlon, LLP, and

WHEREAS, Michael McCarthy, CPA will complete the reports within appropriate timeframes and review results with the Public Health Nursing Service, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Medicaid and Medicare Cost Reports for Year 2023.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 378-23**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR PROVIDER SERVICES  
WITH ADIRONDACK HEALTH INSTITUTE ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
NURSING SERVICE**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to perform periodic full and updated Community Health Assessments (CHA), and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service supported and participated in development and implementation of a regional community health assessment, through grant funding obtained by the Adirondack Health Institute, for completion of the Community Health Assessment, and

WHEREAS, the cost share for the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to remain a part of this valuable regional process is \$5,000.00, which has been proposed in the 2024 Municipal Budget and is reimbursable through the State Aid process at 100%, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Public Health Nursing Service with the Adirondack Health Institute, not to exceed \$5,000.00, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 379-23**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN "CERTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR  
PROVIDER UTILIZING ELECTRONIC BILLING"**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service submits electronic claims to the State's Medicaid Fiscal Agent, and

WHEREAS, the agency maintains 3 programs for which one or more “Certification Statement for Provider Utilizing Electronic Billing” forms is required as follows:

**Preschool Special Education Program:**

ETIN: 6N8 – Medicaid Provider Number 03085178 - Expires May.

ETIN: BE56 – Medicaid Provider Number 03085178 – Expires December.

**Early Intervention Program:**

ETIN: NY7 – Medicaid Provider Number 02960992, NPI 1528197894 – Early Intervention Service Coordination. Expires October.

ETIN: 00E8 – Medicaid Provider Number 02960992, NPI 1528197894 – Hamilton County Public Health Early Intervention Service Coordination. Expires May.

**Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service (CHHA):**

ETIN: NY7 – Medicaid Provider Number 02997386 – Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service. Expires October.

ETIN: OZ7 – Medicaid Provider Number 02997386 – Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service. Expires February.

ETIN: J5T (BlackTree) – Medicaid Provider Number 02997386 – Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service. Expires October.

ETIN: CLHF – Medicaid Provider Number 02997386 – Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service. Expires July.

be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign each “Certification Statement for Provider Utilizing Electronic Billing” for the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, as needed, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 380-23**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH GLENS FALLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR  
RABIES SPECIMEN PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
NURSING SERVICE**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required under New York State Public Health Law (PHL) and 10 NYCRR 40-2.100 and 2.101 to designate and maintain a system for communicable disease control, including rabies, and

WHEREAS, PHL sections 2140 through 2145 gives primary responsibility for control and suppression of rabies to local health departments, and

WHEREAS, that responsibility includes provision of specimen preparation by a qualified veterinarian; provision of quarantine for un-vaccinated suspect rabid animals; as well as euthanasia and cremation as appropriate following PHL, and

WHEREAS, the Glens Falls Animal Hospital, 66 Glenwood Avenue, Queensbury, NY 12804, is willing to provide said services for the County of Hamilton following NYS DOH guidance and directives, and

WHEREAS, HCPHNS is supported by annual NYSDOH grant funding and NYS aid to fund these activities, and

WHEREAS, Glens Falls Animal Hospital has agreed to collect fees for cremation, quarantine and/or subsequent required rabies vaccinations from animal owners as feasible per NYS Law, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Glens Falls Animal Hospital for provision of services as outlined above upon, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 381-23**

**CONTRACT WITH LAURA DAVIS, PHARMACEUTICAL CONSULTANT FOR THE  
YEAR 2024**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to have a Pharmaceutical Consultant to ensure compliance with all federal and state regulations relative to the storage of pharmaceuticals within the Agency, and

WHEREAS, providers qualified to perform these services are limited within Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Laura Davis, 212 Meriline Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302 has agreed to perform the services for the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service at a charge of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per visit to the County plus mileage at the prevailing county rate, and

WHEREAS, she also agrees to provide pharmaceutical services to the County in the event of an emergency requiring large scale distribution of drugs or vaccines by the Agency at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per hour plus mileage, and

WHEREAS, she will maintain professional liability insurance in order to provide additional services during large scale distribution of pharmaceuticals, with the understanding that she will be reimbursed by the county for insurance premiums, not to exceed \$200.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into contract with Laura Davis, upon approval of the County Attorney, to perform Pharmaceutical Consultant Services for the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service pursuant to 10NYCRR Section 752.5, as delineated above for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 382-23**

**CONTRACT WITH PATRICIA A. HAWLEY – MEDICAL RECORD CONSULTANT  
AUDIT REVIEW – YEAR 2024**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, as part of its Health Care Compliance Program will require a medical record audit review on its files on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, providers qualified to perform these services within Hamilton County are very limited, and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Hawley, of 1787 Call Street, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 has agreed to perform a medical records audit review of the files at a cost of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per day plus mileage at the prevailing county rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Patricia A. Hawley to perform a medical records audit and review of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service Records, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 383-23**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH WHISPERING PINES  
PRESCHOOL TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL  
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for special education and related services for children aged 3 – 5 who reside in Hamilton County and have a developmental delay as defined through a comprehensive evaluation through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Whispering Pines Preschool is an approved provider of special education and related services through the New York State Department of Education, and



WHEREAS, the frequency and duration of services for each child is based on the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and rules applying to section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, as determined by the CPSE committee in preparing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and

WHEREAS, the compensation for special education and related services are set at rates in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Department of Education, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into contract with said provider to provide the aforesaid services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 pursuant to an aforesaid IEP for each eligible child, with compensation for each eligible child, with compensation for services rendered at the current approved rates set forth for Hamilton County by the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Education Department, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 384-23**

**CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AT COMMUNITY SERVICES – EILEEN EHRENBERG, MD**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for psychiatric services, and be it

WHEREAS, psychiatric services were budgeted in the 2024 Community Services budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Psychiatrist Eileen Ehrenberg, MD, of 23 Featherfoil Way, Malta, NY 12020, who provides this service, be paid \$1,500.00 per day not to exceed an annual amount of \$36,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024, and be it

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Hamilton County Community Services with Dr. Eileen Ehrenberg and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 385-23**

**CONTRACT WITH CITIZEN ADVOCATES, INC. TO PROVIDE LICENSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES BY HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board and the Hamilton County Community Services Department (HCCS) has identified a need for substance abuse services in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Citizen Advocates Inc. of Franklin County, DBA North Star Chemical Dependency Services, has agreed to maintain licensed substance abuse clinics at the Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant offices of HCCS, and

WHEREAS, Citizens Advocates, Inc. will provide administrative and management support to HCCS clinical staff co-located at these locations such that HCCS clinical staff can provide both mental health and licensed substance abuse services to Hamilton County residents, and

WHEREAS, this administrative and management support will include operational management of the substance abuse clinics, supervision of county clinical staff for the provision of substance abuse services, quarterly utilization of services reports to the Local Government Unit and other supports as necessary to comply with applicable state and federal regulations, be it

RESOLVED, that a contract with Citizens Advocated Inc. of Franklin County, in the amount of \$3,510.00 be made, and the Chairman be authorized to sign said contract upon approval of the County Attorney, for the purpose of operating this Clinic, to be paid in monthly installments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber asked if there was a status update on the situation where they were going to contract with them for additional services beyond this sort of pass-through amount that they always contract for. Both the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board hadn't heard anything more. The Clerk of the Board stated that Lynette Greene, Community Services Director, had discussed scheduling to open the proposals but she hadn't heard anything further.

**RESOLUTION NO. 386-23**

**RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON FULTON MONTGOMERY PREVENTION COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A PREVENTION PROGRAM IN HAMILTON COUNTY**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board (HCCSB), the HCCSB's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee, and the Hamilton County Community Services Department has identified a need for chemical dependency related prevention programming in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS) has approved The Hamilton Fulton Montgomery Prevention Council's (HFM Prevention Council), 86 Briggs St., Suite 5, Johnstown, NY 12095, budget for \$81,618.00, annualized, in recurring funding to support a chemical dependency prevention program in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS OASAS has determined that it will provide this funding to the HFM Prevention Council through Hamilton County's OASAS funding, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to enter into contract with HFM Prevention Council for the purpose of providing chemical dependency prevention services in Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designated funding will be paid in quarterly installments based upon the annualized amount of \$81,618.00 when confirmed in Hamilton County's OASAS state aid letter for the contracted period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 387-23**

**RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH COMPREHENSIVE MEDICINE, PLLC TO  
PROVIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY IN HAMILTON COUNTY**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board has identified a need to provide Telepsychiatry on location in the Hamilton County Jail, in Hamilton County Public Schools and at HCCS Clinic sites, and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Medicine, PLLC, of One Fishers Road, Suite 230-A, Pittsford, NY 14534 has the capacity and appropriate licensure to develop and operate a Telepsychiatry program in New York State, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a contract with Comprehensive Medicine, PLLC to provide this service at a rate of \$250.00 per hour for treatment in the County Jail, schools for a maximum of \$52,000.00 per year, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024 and the County Treasurer be so advised

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 388-23**

**APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH DRESCHER AND MALECKI, LLP  
TO AUDIT ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORTS FOR HAMILTON  
COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services (HCCS) is required annually to file a full Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) for the previous state fiscal year by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and

WHEREAS, a full CFR under Mental Hygiene Regulations requires that it be audited by an independent auditor and a Compliance Review Letter signed by the independent auditor be submitted with each CFR, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will sign a letter of engagement with the accounting firm Drescher and Malecki, LLP to perform these audits at a cost of between \$100.00 and \$225.00 per hour dependent upon the staff used to perform each audit and provide a Compliance Letter for each CFR, and be it

RESOLVED, that the cost of this service is not to exceed \$5,400.00 and that it be charged to the department's expenditure Account No. A4310.0403 Supplies and Service, and be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign the letter of engagement.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber stated that he hadn't seen a detailed response back to what this grant was for. The Clerk of the Board stated that this was for the UTV and trailer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 389-23**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND FUNDING OF DHSES GRANT – SH23-  
1043-D00**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Department has been awarded a NYS 2023 Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant through the DHSES SHSP program in the amount of \$42,678.00, Grant SH23-1043-D00, therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said NYS 2023 SHSP grant, and the Director of Emergency Management, Sheriff, and County Treasurer be so notified, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3645.0429 SHSP Grant SH23-1043-D00 be created and funded at \$42,678.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0133 SHSP Grant SH23-1043-D00 at \$42,678.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber was asked if he would like to elaborate. Mr. Farber explained that when Jaime Parslow worked at Soil and Water, she oversaw the work but with her moving on to work for NYSDEC and with a new Trails Manager at ADK, it just slipped through the cracks. In a follow-up conversation that week they had discovered the work had been done but the invoice hadn't been submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 390-23**

**FUND ARP ACT ACCOUNT FOR BUCK MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER TRAIL WORK  
AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded ARP Act monies, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 137-22 of April 7, 2022 authorized an agreement with the Adirondack Mountain Club for work on the Buck Mountain Fire Tower Trail in the amount of \$10,500.00, and

WHEREAS, based on transitions within ADK and Soil and Water the invoice for 2022 as not previously paid, and

WHEREAS, said work was completed in 2022 and is an eligible expense under said funding, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to fund Account No. A8020.0418 ARP Act, Buck Mt. Fire Tower Trail in the amount of \$10,500.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$10,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the Adirondack Mountain Club \$10,500.00 for Invoice No. 39430 Dated 12/5/2023 from Account No. A8020.0418 ARP Act, Buck Mt. Fire Tower Trail.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 391-23**

**CREATING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN THE PLANNING,  
TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning, Tourism and Economic Development has met with the Publicity, Tourism, Planning & Economic Development Committee to review the future staffing needs of the Planning, Tourism and Economic Development Office, and

WHEREAS, it was determined that in order to meet the future needs of the Planning, Tourism and Economic Development Office, a position of Administrative Assistant needs to be created as the skill set now aligns with the job duties, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the civil service position of Administrative Assistant which requires NY State civil service testing, be created in the Planning, Tourism and Economic Development Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer advertise for the position of Administrative Assistant for the Planning, Tourism and Economic Development 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 be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 392-23**

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

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

WHEREAS, Vehicle #88 - 2017 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 2017 Chevy Silverado, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$6,052.42 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$6,052.42, 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 #6637 in the amount of \$7,052.00 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. Arsenault and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 393-23**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$176,383.67 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$507,422.31 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. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

**RESOLUTION NO. 394-23**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT 2022-1 BIG BROOK BRIDGE AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2023-1 JULY 2023 FLOODING**

**DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**BY MR. FARBER:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$477,911.67 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee..... \$38,763.34

Public Works (Solid Waste).....	55,229.44
Finance Committee .....	107,790.95
Health Committee.....	8,807.09
Human Services Committee.....	17,155.34
Central Government Committee .....	42,952.07
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	203,784.30
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	2,298.65
Internal Management Committee .....	1,130.49

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge Capital Project 2022-1.....	\$23,411.47
July 2023 Flooding Capital Project 2023-1.....	\$32,730.79

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, AND CREWELL

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Gave an update in respect to the resolution that AATV is circulating on cellular and towers. He thinks that resolution hopefully creates an opportunity for local governments to engage with the state and APA to talk about tower issues. He further discussed Tarpon Towers with the tower project in Inlet. He encourages all the towns to adopt the resolution so that it's clear that AATV is speaking on behalf of all the towns and villages in the Adirondacks. Mr. Arsenault stated that Long Lake tweaked it to their needs, and they passed it last month.

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that Arietta had passed the resolution last Monday.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Farber was honored for his years of service and all that he had done at the AATV General Membership meeting. A lot of what was at that last meeting was done by him behind the scenes. The Chairman stated that they appreciate the work that Mr. Farber has done. He thought the workforce pipeline presentation was very good. It was something new and fresh. Mike Jarvis from Local 773 Plumbers and Steamfitters talked about his programs for young adults. There are a lot of criteria now and there is a waiting list. The Workforce Investment Board was there represented by both Warren and Saratoga Counties and North Country Community College was also represented.

Mr. Farber stated that the intent of the Environmental Facilities Corp (EFC) panel was that several of the municipalities had raised some issues with respect to the competitiveness of some of the small water/wastewater systems in the Adirondacks because they tend to have what appears to be high user costs and low benefit. AATV was fortunate enough to be able to get EFC to come up. Not only Maureen Coleman, President, and CEO of EFC, but also Michael Hale, Executive VP of EFC, along with one of their attorneys and grant persons. They not only provided the panel presentation, but they stayed for a while after and met with some of the planners that were there. He hopes that it ends up being helpful to some of the communities that have water/wastewater systems and are trying to get funding.

The Chairman stated that he is going to a meeting on Monday in Malone representing the County. Assemblyman Jones is bringing back the hopefully revised version of the UTV bill. He doesn't know what he is revising but he is looking for support.

The Chairman stated that the Five Towns Coalition is meeting. They are seeing a disturbing trend with NYSDEC and they are looking into it as a group and hopefully he will have something to report after that meeting.

Mr. Eldridge stated that Lisa Johnson, Public Works Administrative Manager, had reviewed the fuel oil bid and GA Bove only bid on two of the Hamilton County sites in Lake Pleasant and they did not bid on any of the buildings in Indian Lake. He thought that maybe he could touch base with Mr. Arsenault's contractor and maybe they will deliver, or he will have to re-bid. He will make sure they are topped off before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Eldridge stated that the inspection stations are starting to print their own stickers. He knew this was coming. Ms. Johnson signed paperwork in April or May of last year and he kept getting emails from them saying your package was going to be delivered and then it would be that was a mistake. The stickers showed up but not a computer. On December 1<sup>st</sup> they shut down their old computer so they couldn't inspect. He finally got ahold of OPIS and he was going to try to lease a computer. When he talked to them, he was told that there was a computer in their shopping cart by Ms. Johnson, but they never received an agreement. Mr. Eldridge stated that he also never got an agreement to review. He has now received the agreement that is 8 pages long. They must cover insurance on it, they want \$40 per month as an ACH payment. He confirmed that the County could buy the computer and it would save them a little. The amount is \$2,324 for the computer and it's a 7-year contract. Their communication is awful. Just so the Board is aware it is going to be a couple of weeks before the County will be able to do inspections again.

Mr. Eldridge discussed the summer storm damage in Long Lake. He stated that all of their damage is done and completed 100% but they had a bad scour on Pine Brook Culvert as well as South Pond Bridge. South Pond Bridge has been repaired and fixed. They are still waiting for a NYSDEC permit for Pine Brook Culvert. Lands and Forest is holding it up because it's on NYS land, and as Mr. Farber is very well aware, they have a 4-rod deeded right away on North Point Rd but they don't have fee title to it. That means they control us. He has brought the fact to FEMA that when he has a flagged bridge, he has a certain amount of time to get it fixed. Prompt red flag is 24 hours and non-prompt is 6 weeks. This one thankfully was non-prompt. He stated that he has inspected it and they are going to watch it because the right course of action is to replace the structure and

FEMA agrees with that. Lenny Croote, Soil and Water Technician, did a hydraulic study and Andy Bell, Engineer, is going to start designing a replacement but he is at wits end with the Forest Preserve. They weren't even going to cut any trees and are well within the right of way. Mr. Farber asked him who the contact was at NYSDEC that must sign off. Mr. Eldridge couldn't remember but Mr. Croote was dealing with him too. He added that he asked FEMA when does safety come into play. FEMA told him to go ahead and do it, but Mr. Eldridge stated that he wouldn't get the funding back. Mr. Farber asked how long have they had the paperwork. Mr. Eldridge stated that the storm was in July so he would guess since August and now they are past the fishery part of it. The Chairman asked him to get a name for him and Mr. Eldridge stated that he would.

As there was no further business, the Chairman recessed the meeting until December 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM.