

2025

FOURTH SESSION

APRIL 3, 2025

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

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

Arietta	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian E. Wells
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: Hamilton County Attorney, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, Lisa Johnson-Deputy Public Works Superintendent, Caitlin Stewart-Hamilton County SWCD Manager, Katie WhitKovits-Hamilton County SWCD Technician, Amanda Fletcher-NYS Dept of Labor Public Work Wage Investigator, Betsy Earley-Retired DMV Clerk, RaChelle Martz-County Clerk, Carole Ruiz-Personnel Officer, Amy VanDerwerker-Personnel Assistant, and Press

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: No report.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that since their last meeting he met with DANC regarding the tasks and scheduling for the fiber build between Lake Pleasant, Morehouse and Arietta. Everything is going as expected. They are still waiting for National Grid on a couple of items. They are working with them on some technicalities relating to pole replacements. They are suggesting some alternatives to National Grid to avoid the replacement costs of around \$30,000 per pole. They are trying to figure out what's going on with the coverage maps for the towers in Arietta and Hope. Eastern had the wrong coordinates from Wells and Blue Mountain tower so they had to review everything. Now the new maps don't show the same coverage in the areas. They have a call this afternoon to discuss the new maps and how to proceed.

The Sheriff had a full-time employee give their two-week notice. They interviewed two more applicants yesterday. The new snowmobiles, UTV, and trailer for the Sheriff's Office are outside for the Board to view. The trailer was donated by Blizzard.

Mr. Snyder: Stated that he attended the Intercounty meeting in Saratoga. It was very informative. They met at the National Racing Museum. Ms. Hunt added that they gave them free passes so if anybody wants to go, she has extras.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that she also attended the Intercounty meeting. It was very interesting. They had a presentation by Patrick Cummings, NYSAC Counsel. He discussed some of the short-term rental (STR) information. She feels, as Finance Chair, that the Board needs to pursue looking at the registry. She stated that Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, has 3 quotes.

Ms. Hunt stated that she went to the NYSAC conference, and they gave the Board members a framed picture of the NYS county seals. Ms. Hunt stated that they presented one to the Governor as well.

Mr. Wells: Stated that he also attended the Intercounty meeting and he would say that Hamilton County was well represented. There was some good information that was helpful regarding the County's building plans. All counties discussed the court renovations needed. He stated that when they finally do the project, he hopes they don't cut costs or undersize. He thinks the Board members should have county pins when they go to events, they are a good ice breaker and people like them.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that Public Health is working on correcting their insurance carriers; trying to get contracts so they can get a better response from them.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that Public Works is still down employees and the search is on for that. He will be bringing a resolution from the floor. It is a couple promotions for Public Works employees. He stated that they had a meeting that morning discussing projects. They will be setting up a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss further. There are a couple of resolutions for vehicles and award of bids.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Chairman introduced Amanda Fletcher, Public Work Wage Investigator from the NYS Department of Labor.

Ms. Fletcher stated that she had met some of the Board and that they like to come out every two years to meet with the towns. This is to make sure that everyone is aware of their responsibilities as a contracting agency. She discussed prevailing wages and has handouts if anyone needs them. If they are going to have a project that involves construction, reconstruction and demolition that falls under Article 8 of the Labor Law, which requires payment of prevailing wages. There is no monetary threshold. She further explained the process.

Ms. Fletcher also stated that as of 12/31/24, the Department of Labor (DOL) implemented a contractor registry. To be a contractor that does any kind of work on a public work project they

are required to be registered with the DOL and be on the registry. There is a \$250 fee that covers the registration for two years. There are certain insurances that the State requires these contractors to have. They must have proof of it submitted to them before they allow them on the registry. There are also contractors who are disbarred from doing public work. She encouraged the Board to call with questions. They would much rather avoid a problem than have one. Mr. Wells stated that a lot of the time the engineering firms take care of the certified payroll and all documentation. He asked if it would take the liability off the town. Ms. Fletcher stated it would not. With the certified payrolls, the engineers can hold a second copy, but you must retain your own copy. It can be an electronic copy. Also, you will put in a notice of completion when the project is done. You can allow the engineer to do that for you. Her best advice is to make sure they are doing it. She finished by giving the Board a handout.

10:50AM Mr. Rhodes left the meeting.

Amanda Fletcher left the meeting.

The Chairman introduced Caitlin Stewart from the Soil and Water District.

Caitlin Stewart introduced herself as the Soil and Water District Manager and Katie WhitKovits as Soil and Water Technician.

Ms. Stewart stated that they are here to give a spring update as well as highlight some of their 2024 accomplishments. On the Board's desks they have the 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Spring Update. Also, their Conservation District turned 60 years old on February 4th and they are rebranding with a very sharp new logo that their Board of Directors approved.

In the Annual Report Ms. Stewart discussed Conservation on the Ground: Town by Town, which highlights programs, projects and events that occurred in the municipalities of Hamilton County. She shared with the Board the ways they could get in contact with them.

Ms. Stewart stated that she wanted to discuss three priorities that they are working on this spring. She gave an update on the septic system replacement fund. That is the program that they are overseeing on behalf of and at the request of Hamilton County. Homeowners can apply for grant reimbursement of up to \$10,000 to repair, replace or upgrade an existing septic system. The Soil and Water team partnered with Hamilton County Economic Development and Tourism, and they mailed applications to 2,016 eligible landowners. They figured out the eligibility based on the state requirements of 250ft or less to a priority waterbody. She thanked the municipalities for helping them cover the costs of postage. The staff has answered 218 landowner inquiries, both phone calls and emails. The application deadline was March 31st, and they have 105 applications. The response was very good. They are only able to fund 20 applications. Moving forward, the awardees will be vetted by Lenny Croote, Senior District Technician. Then they will take their recommendations to their Hamilton County Soil and Water Board and then from there they would love the Board of Supervisors' approval. They imagine that there are going to be some very disappointed people, only 20 out of 105 people can be funded. They did include two questions; Are you a seasonal or year-round resident and income. They were hoping to get this money to the people that really need it the most. The District will be mailing award and denial letters. The

homeowners will then proceed with installing their septic system replacement project. All the canceled checks, their approved plans and pictures will be sent to the District. The District will review them, send it to the Treasurer and then the Treasurer will seek disbursement from the Environmental Facilities Corp. They will send checks directly to landowners. Mr. Wells asked if the Supervisor could get a copy of the approval and denials for their town. That would give them a heads up when someone comes into their office and wants to know why they didn't get it. Ms. Stewart stated they would certainly get that to them. Mr. Fernandez confirmed that there would be reasoning attached to the denial letters, so the person knows why they didn't get it.

Ms. WhitKovits invited everyone to attend the 30th Annual Hamilton County Envirothon. The Envirothon is a one-day event for high schoolers within the County. It is hands on. The students will be taking exams in forestry, wildlife, aquatics, soil and a current issue that changes every year. They encourage all the schools to compete. This year they have Long Lake and Wells involved. She told Mr. Wells that she would get Indian Lake there next year. The event is May 1st from 9:15AM-1:15PM. If any of the Board is available during that time period, she asked them to please come over to partake in the event or just see what the high schoolers are doing. She invited the Chairman to do a welcome speech or hand out awards at the award ceremony.

Ms. Stewart gave Mr. Croote special recognition. He is now their Senior District Technician. He has served for 20 plus years. It is exciting to see him move up in his position with Soil and Water.

Ms. Stewart stated that for municipalities, if they have erosion, they can help them with hydroseeding. The District received two grants totaling \$172,000. They are county wide grants to assist municipalities to keep their road banks stable, get water off the road, and promote stability and erosion prevention. Mr. Croote is teaming up the Highway Superintendents and this grant focuses on improving water quality, decreasing erosion and sedimentation. All of this is to protect the surface water and drinking water. After highway departments complete their road construction or following a storm event District staff will install best management practices. Mr. Croote and Ms. WhitKovits will hydroseed. She stated that Highway Superintendents were encouraged to contact Mr. Croote. She stated that Mr. Croote is excited about tackling this program.

Ms. Stewart concluded with a video showing 2024 Year End Reviews. She asked for the Towns to reach out with any conservation or natural resource needs as they are thinking about summer projects. She thanked the Board member directors and the Board for their support.

PROCLAMATION:

RaChelle Martz, County Clerk, read and presented the proclamation for Betsy Earley, retiring Motor Vehicle Clerk.

Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation
For Betsy Earley
On the Occasion of her Retirement
January 31, 2025

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to Betsy Earley and honor her for her eighteen (18) years of distinguished service with Hamilton County's County Clerk Office; and

WHEREAS, Betsy began her career with Hamilton County's County Clerk's Office as a Motor Vehicle Clerk on January 2, 2007. She faithfully served as Motor Vehicle Clerk for her entire tenure; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Betsy for her dedication to the outstanding performance of her duties during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of this Board to honor Betsy Earley,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, do hereby commend and honor

Betsy Earley

for her many years of service and dedication as a Hamilton County employee and extend our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and offer our good wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, have hereunto set our hand to this Proclamation this 3rd day of April, 2025.

Ms. Earley thanked everyone and stated that it was nice to be acknowledged. She never thought she would make it this long. She will continue to work and pursue some exciting things for her life. She stated that she chose her gift and really thought about it. She chose the solo campfire because she thought, if they are not looking towards fun what's the point. She thanked them for her gift and the proclamation. The Board thanked her.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 140-25

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED
OFFICIALS**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, New York State Retirement Regulation 315.4 requires time logs, and the Board of Supervisors to set the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials, and

WHEREAS, time logs have been kept and submitted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Hamilton here establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board:

Name	SSN	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	ROA Results	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Christian D. Rhodes	████	████	Supervisor	1/1/24-12/31/25	7.00	6.98		Bi-Weekly	
John Frey	████	████	Supervisor	1/1/24-12/31/25	7.00		X	Bi-Weekly	

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

AYES: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: RHODES AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 141-25

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE – BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the term of office of Shawn Hansen, as Director-at-Large of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District terminated on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has received from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District a recommendation that Shawn Hansen be re-appointed as Director-at-Large to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, be it

RESOLVED, that Shawn Hansen be appointed as Director-at-Large for a term of three years commencing January 1, 2025 terminating December 31, 2027.

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

AYES: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND

HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: RHODES AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 142-25

ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. WELLS:

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

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has recommended the adoption of said updates and additions to the handbook, be it

RESOLVED, the following additions be created in the employee handbook:

Addition – Section 4011 – Separation from Employment: “...unless the employee requests to split the payment into their last two (2) checks. The request needs to be in advance by the employee and approved by the Treasurer’s office.”

Addition – Section 5020 – Outside Employment: “A County employee must fill out the County Outside Employment Disclosure form upon being hired, when their outside employment changes, and verified annually. The record will be stored in the employee’s personnel folder and will be reviewed for any potential ethical violations or conflicts by the Personnel Officer and/or the Board of Ethics.”

Addition – Section 603 – Military Leave and Military Leave of Absence: “An employee on military leave who enters no-pay status, may be permitted to remain on the County’s insurance plans and will be required to make the County whole in regards to medical deductions upon being released from duty. The employee can provide a personal check or may choose to make the County whole through payroll in a way that is agreeable with the Personnel Department and the Treasurer’s Office.”; be it further

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

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

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

AYES: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: RHODES AND FREY

Mr. Rhodes rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 143-25

SETTING THE STIPEND FEE FOR AFTER HOURS ARRAIGNMENTS BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received an amendment to the second statewide expansion of Hurrell-Harring Grant, Contract No. CSTWIDE220 with a term of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, said Amendment includes a budget line to cover the expenses for after hour arraignments handled by the Public Defender's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that the stipend amount per after hours arraignment shall be \$450.00 each arraignment effective April 1, 2025.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Fernandez stated that this is the department working on improving their contracts with the health insurance companies and hopefully you will see more of these.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-25

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE
EMPIRE PLAN**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Services wishes to enter into a contract with United Healthcare Empire Plan, and

WHEREAS, United Healthcare and HCPHNS have agreed to the following fee schedule as set forth in Compensation Exhibit 418: Ancillary Home Care Services Provider Payment:

Home Health Aide	\$32.50
Registered Nurse Services (billed hourly)	\$130.00
Medica Social Services	\$130.00
Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$130.00
Physical Therapy Evaluation/treatment	\$130.00
Speech Therapy Services	\$130.00

and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the agreement will be listed on the signature page and will be in effect for a period of (3) years, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the United Healthcare Empire Plan Provider Agreement upon approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 145-25

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN EISEP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTY OFA FOR PCI AND PCII LEVEL SERVICES –
PUBLIC HEALTH**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service has the capacity to provide personal care worker services for Hamilton County residents, and

WHEREAS, Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging wants to contract for PCI and PCII levels of service under the EISEP program with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for the period commencing April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 for a total of \$45,000.00, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging for PCI and PCII level services under the EISEP program for a term of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 for a total of \$45,000.00.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 146-25

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE
ELDERLY CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN/HAMILTON OFFICE
FOR THE AGING AND HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
SERVICE**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service maintains an agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service provides services for Hamilton County residents under a Community Services for the Elderly contract, and

WHEREAS, this contract has been submitted for renewal for the period April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$3,313.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Public Health Nursing Service and Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 147-25

REIMBURSEMENT TO ADIRONDACK HEALTH INSTITUTE, INC.

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, during an internal audit by Adirondack Health Institute, Inc. it was found that there had been errors in billing for Care Management Services and they had overpaid for those services, and

WHEREAS, after all claims had been revised and adjusted, Adirondack Health Institute, Inc. needs to be reimbursed in the amount of \$9,173.93 for the overpayment of services, and

WHEREAS, that \$9,173.93 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A4310.0403 Supplies and Services, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the reimbursement of \$9,173.93 to Adirondack Health Institute, Inc. to be paid from Account No. A4310.0403 Supplies and Services and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 148-25

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR BUILDING PROJECTS FOR 2025

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 245-22 Authorized \$600,000.00 to begin to fund a Five-Year Buildings Capital Projects Plan, and

WHEREAS, after several projects were completed in 2022, 2023 and 2024 there remained a balance of \$131,577.41, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends transferring the remaining balance to Account No. A1620.0414 Five Year Building Project Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent will be meeting with the Public Works Committee to discuss 2025 projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the transfer of \$131,577.41 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1620.0414 Five Year Building Project Plan and the County Treasurer be so authorized, and the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 149-25

AWARD OF BIDS FOR STONE, SAND AND GRAVEL ITEMS FOR 2025

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for purchase of Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2025, pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No. 8-2025, dated March 25, 2025, and

WHEREAS, twelve (12) bids were received in response to said invitation to bidders, be it

RESOLVED, that all bids for Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2025 be accepted and awards made wherever hauling and loading expense and quality of product is most advantageous to the Hamilton County DPW as determined by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 150-25

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR COLD IN-PLACE RECLAMATION FOR 2025

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received for Cold In-Place Reclamation for 2025, in accordance with Specification No. 5-2025, dated March 25, 2025, as advertised by the DPW Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

1. All States Construction, Inc., Gorman Construction, 200 Church St., Albany, New York 12202

COLD IN-PLACE RECLAMATION

	Recycle Price/ square yard	Recycle with Stabilizer/ square yard
Depth of cut		
4-7 inches	\$.90	\$2.25
7-10 inches	\$ 1.00	\$2.45

2. Peckham Road Corporation, 438 Vaughn Road, Hudson Falls, NY 12839

COLD IN-PLACE RECLAMATION

Recycle Price/ Depth of cut	Recycle with Stabilizer/ square yard	square yard
4-7 inches	\$ 1.60	\$ 3.65
7-10 inches	\$ 1.65	\$ 3.75

and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends the award be made to the low bidder for Cold In-Place Reclamation, be it

RESOLVED, that award be made for Cold In-Place Reclamation for 2025 to All States Construction, Inc., Gorman Construction and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 151-25

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR READY MIX CONCRETE DELIVERED AND APPLIED
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY 2025**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW heretofore solicited bids for the county's purchase of Ready Mix Concrete delivered and applied, pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No 9-2025, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received in response to the said invitation to bidders, follows:

(1) Miller's Ready Mix Concrete
PO Box 291
Mayfield, NY 112117

Item No. 1 – New York State Standard Class “A” Mix Concrete

Total delivered price per cubic yard to the following towns:

Arietta	\$ 227.00	Lake Pleasant	\$ 227.00
Benson	\$ 185.00	Long Lake	\$ N/B
Hope	\$ 185.00	Morehouse	\$ 255.00
Indian Lake	\$ 255.00	Wells	\$ 199.00
Inlet	\$ N/B		

Item No. 2 – 4000 LBS Ready Mix Concrete (Non-DOT)

Total delivered price per cubic yard to the following towns:

Arietta	\$ 227.00	Lake Pleasant	\$ 227.00
Benson	\$ 185.00	Long Lake	\$ N/B
Hope	\$ 185.00	Morehouse	\$ 255.00
Indian Lake	\$ 255.00	Wells	\$ 199.00
Inlet	\$ N/B		

and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends awarding to the low bidder, therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, that the bid be accepted and awarded to Miller's Ready Mix Concrete,
Mayfield, New York as specified above, and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so
notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 152-25

AWARD OF BID FOR PAVEMENT MARKING 2025

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received for Pavement Markings for 2025 in accordance with
Specification No. 4-2025, dated March 25, 2025, as advertised by the County Highway
Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

1. Seneca Pavement Markings
3526 Watkins Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

Pavement Markings -

Mobilization Fee into County	\$1,000.00
Centerline application including materials per mile	\$ 588.00
Edgeline application including materials per mile/per side	\$ 388.00
Yellow traffic line paint per gallon	\$ 16.00
White traffic line paint per gallon	\$ 16.00
Reflectorized Glass Beads per pound	\$ 0.55

Pavement Symbols & Letters -

Stop Bars 18" wide	\$ 5.00 Per Foot
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and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends the award be made to the low bidder for each item, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that award be made for Pavement Markings to Seneca Pavement Markings of Horseheads, NY and the Superintendent, Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 153-25

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL WITH AND WITHOUT
OPERATOR FOR 2025**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County DPW has solicited bids for Rental of Equipment With and Without Operator pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No. 7-2025, and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received in response to said invitation to bidders, as on file with the Clerk of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the intention of the bid proposal dated March 25, 2025, Spec. No. 7-2025, is to secure a tabulated list of Equipment Rental Rates With and Without Operator to be used by the Hamilton County DPW as necessary, be it

RESOLVED, that all bids be and hereby are listed and accepted and are to be tabulated and used as needed and available in order of rate beginning with the lowest in each category, and the Clerk of the Board and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 154-25

ADOPTION OF REVISED FLEET MANAGEMENT POLICY

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fleet Management Policy was duly adopted by Resolution No. 162-10 on June 3, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Management Policy was revised by Resolution on March 6, 2014, April 7, 2017, and July 7, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the Fleet Management Policy be revised to include the GPS Tracking Policy for Hamilton County Fleet Vehicles along with minor updates, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Fleet Management Policy Revision dated April 3, 2025 is hereby adopted as recommended by the County Fleet Coordinator and is on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office and the Personnel Office.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 155-25

AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A LAWN TRACTOR FOR BUILDINGS

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Buildings Division is need of replacing their riding lawn tractor at the Indian Lake facilities, and

WHEREAS, John Deere lawn tractors are available to purchase on NYS Contract pricing, and

WHEREAS, PW Superintendent recommends the purchase of a John Deere X590 Select Series Tractor with 54" mowing deck and bagger in the amount of \$10,106.19, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had estimated during budget discussions the cost to be \$10,000.00 and that was budgeted in the 2025 adopted budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the PW Superintendent is hereby authorized to purchase said tractor from Deere & Co., of North Carolina with United Ag & Turf of Fultonville, NY being the delivering dealer under NYS Contract Landscaping Grounds PC69683 (PG CG 22) in the amount of \$10,106.19, be it further

RESOLVED, that \$106.19 be transferred from Account No. A1620.0401 Lawn to Account No. A1620.0202 Equipment to cover the said cost of the tractor and payment be made from Account No. A1620.0202 Equipment and the PW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 156-25

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE - DPW

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 349-23 authorizes the Public Works Superintendent to purchase Ram pickups for 2024, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Ram 4500 Crew Cab pickup was delayed but was delivered on March 26, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends payment of the vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$82,316.00 out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment to Main Motorcar, 224 W. Main St., Johnstown, NY 12095 and the Clerk of the Board and Public Works Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 157-25

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING - INDIAN LAKE - 2025**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the County is desirous to have a common system for door access for security in all county buildings, and

WHEREAS, all the county buildings have a key fob system that was installed by LINSTAR, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Community Services building located in Indian Lake is the only county owned building that does not have this system yet, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received a written quote for the full purchase and installation of the same system from LINSTAR, Inc. under New York State Contract No. PT68825 in the amount of \$13,115.60 which includes one-year maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the security system be purchased and installed, be it

RESOLVED, that \$13,115.60 from Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund balance be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No A4310.0403 Supplies and Services, Community Services, and be it further

RESOLVED, the DPW Superintendent is authorized to move forward with the purchase and installation of the keyless door security system as described hereon at a cost of \$13,115.60 from LINSTAR, Inc., 430 Lawrence Bell Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221 to be charged to Account No. A4310.0403 Supplies and Services and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, Community Services Director and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 158-25

AWARD OF BID FOR BAGGED, BULK, AND LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE AND EMULSIFIED ASPHALT DUST CONTROL MATERIALS FOR 2025

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received for Bagged Bulk, and Liquid Calcium Chloride and Emulsified Asphalt Dust Control Materials for 2025 in accordance with Specification No. 6-2025, dated March 25, 2025, as advertised by the County Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

1. All States Construction Inc., dba Gorman Construction
Att: Dane Mellon, Sales Manager
200 Church Street
Albany, N.Y. 12202

BAGGED CACl -- Price per Pallet (Pallet =55 bags@50 lbs=2,750 lbs)	No Bid
BULK DELIVERED	No Bid
LIQUID CACl2 -- Price per Gallon 35% Bulk Liquid Applied	\$ 1.50 per Gallon
LIQUID MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE 28-30% Corrosion Inhibited Applied	\$ 1.65 per Gallon

and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends the award be made to the low bidder, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that award be made for Bagged, Bulk, and Liquid Calcium Chloride and Emulsified Asphalt Dust Control Materials for 2025 to All States Construction, Inc., dba Gorman Construction of Albany, New York as specified above and the DPW Superintendent, Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that he wasn't sure if everyone noticed the increase. The Clerk of the Board had reached out to Dee Park, Director of OFA, and she stated that it is due to the stimulus COVID monies that are no longer available. He confirmed that Ms. Park would be here on May 1st to discuss.

RESOLUTION NO. 159-25

FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES OFFICE FOR THE AGING INVOICES

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County received the 2024 4th Quarter invoices from the Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, said invoices total \$102,162.13 and the amount budgeted for the total of 2025 is \$80,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Deanna Park, Director of Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging has explained that the increase is due to COVID Stimulus monies no longer being available, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Park has agreed to meet with the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to update them on the program, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$22,162.13 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A6326.0406 OFA, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the Warren County Treasurer, 1340 State Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845 the amount of \$102,162.13 from Account No. A6326.0406 OFA, for invoices for OFA Programs for the period of 10/1/24-12/31/24.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 160-25

RESCINDING RES. NO. 116-25 AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AT COMMUNITY SERVICES – RACHAEL JONES, MD

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

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

WHEREAS, psychiatric services were budgeted in the 2025 Community Services budget for a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at \$155/hr, and

WHEREAS, that provider is no longer available to serve Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS Dr. Rachael Jones is available to provide in-person care and treatment to individuals in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, there were errors in calculation and in spelling in the previous resolution regarding this matter, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 116-25 be rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Psychiatrist Rachael Jones, MD, of 252 South Main St, Northville, NY 12134, who provides this service, be paid \$250.00 per hour not to exceed an amount of \$170,000.00 during this contractual period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will be in effect from May 1, 2025 until December 31, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$34,920.00 from Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund balance be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A4310.0420 Telepsychiatry to cover the increased expense for 2025, and be it further

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. Rachael Jones and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 161-25

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM FROM PROSPERITY EHR – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

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

WHEREAS, the Psychease system is being sunset by Prosperity who purchased the company, and

WHEREAS, Psychease is being replaced by Prosperity, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the new system includes an initial set up fee of \$2,000.00 and the monthly fee is estimated to be \$922.00, which includes one prescriber and 4 additional providers, be it

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

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 162-25

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 135-24 authorizes the Fleet Coordinator to purchase one Chevrolet Tahoe for the Community Services Department, and

WHEREAS, the said vehicle was delivered, and the Fleet Coordinator recommends payment of the vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$62,784.43 from Account No. A4310.0201 Automobile to Mangino Chevrolet, 4447 State Hwy 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010 and the Clerk of the Board, Community Services Director and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 163-25

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE - SHERIFF

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 134-24 authorizes the Fleet Coordinator to purchase Chevrolet Silverado pickup for the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, said truck was delivered, and the Fleet Coordinator recommends payment of the vehicle, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$69,702.43 from Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile to Mangino Chevrolet, 4447 State Hwy 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010 and the Clerk of the Board, Sheriff and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 164-25

AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, certain vehicles/equipment have become excess and no longer needed by certain County Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has recommended that the following vehicles be disposed of from the County inventory:

Year	Make/Model	VIN	Plate#	Dept	FN
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2015	Chev. Silverado CC	1GC2KUEG9FZ131	AC7670	PW	92
2018	Chev. Silverado 3500	1GC0KYEG1JZ309	BA4966	PW	91
2015	Ford F350 Crew Cab	1FT7W2B63FED69	AW3831	PW	101

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicles/equipment be sold by auction online by Auctions International and the funds from the auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. DM2665 Sale of Equipment, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator see that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are accomplished, and the Fleet Coordinator, Director of Fixed Assets, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells confirmed with the Clerk of the Board that the County hasn't received money from the State yet and that it's been 3 years. The Chairman stated that his understanding was that they are waiting for the County's updated plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-25

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 268-24 authorized funding for creating an updated Local Solid Waste Management Plan by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. in the amount of \$29,200.00, and

WHEREAS, the said plan is not yet completed and the remaining funding from 2024 in this account needs to be transferred to 2025, and

WHEREAS, \$8,996.25 was expended in 2024 in Account No. A8161.0407 SWMP, be it

RESOLVED, that \$20,203.75 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No.

A8161.0407 Solid Waste Management Plan, and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 166-25

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$140,956.41 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$90,152.03 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. Tomlinson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 167-25

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL
PROJECT ELBOW CREEK BRIDGE**

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. WELLS:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$345,696.73 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 35,558.67
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	26,887.77
Finance Committee	121,980.47
Health Committee.....	12,937.58
Human Services Committee.....	19,643.59
Central Government Committee	18,169.30
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	108,980.87
Internal Management Committee	1,538.48

be it further

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

Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$30,367.28
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are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Mr. Tomlinson stated that he would like to bring Resolution No. 29 to the Board, a copy is on the Board's desks. Mr. Eldridge discussed this previously.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-25

AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS – PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2025

DATED: APRIL 3, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has gone through the process with the Personnel Officer, Public Works Chairman and Public Works Committee to recommend the following employees being promoted:

- Jordan Monthony, Motor Equipment Mechanic II, Grade 5 to Senior Mechanic, Grade 7 at his current Step 6 at \$32.80 per hour - Budget Line DM5130.101, effective 4/1/2025
- Greg Puterko, Heavy Equipment Operator, Grade 13 to Road Supervisor I, Grade 15 at his current Step 4 at \$27.25 per hour – Budget Line D5110.101, effective 5/1/2025

and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee and Personnel Officer recommend these promotions, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Personnel Officer is authorized to make the changes as stated hereon and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Rhodes: Apologized to the Board for leaving for a ZOOM meeting. They discussed the maps. For Arietta they are going back to the APA at 120ft. The Hope towers changed quite a bit with Wells location and height. Eastern had errors in their original maps. They have some more work to do, but the validity of the maps is his question now. They made the point that they have wasted a lot of time and money. If they had these new maps a year and a half ago, they would have had a better approach to the Hope project. Mr. Rhodes stated that they must get soil boring on Morehouse so they can design the foundation and go out to bid.

Mr. Wells: Apologized to the Board, stating that he was supposed to have a resolution for the County for support for Barbara Rice, APA Commissioner. Indian Lake had done a resolution of support, and he mentioned other organizations like AATV that had also done one. He stated that he knows people are probably curious as to why they are doing this and it's because they have a lot of expired terms for their commissioners. Right now, they have Dan Wilt and Mark Hall. The environmental groups are pushing hard to have what he calls 'professional environmentalists' on these boards to replace them. He should have the resolution ready for the next meeting and he was looking for the Board's support. Mr. Wells stated that he received a call from the Governor's office concerning Hamilton County's representative and who he would like to see continue on the APA Board. He stated that if any of them get a call he asks that they support Dan Wilt.

Ms. Bain: Asked if any of the towns were having issues where tax checks are coming back in or bills going out getting lost in the mail. Mr. Rhodes stated he has. Ms. Bain confirmed that it was a large amount. People have had to stop payment on checks at the bank and resubmit a second one. Last week they received a stack that were postmarked from January and she also has constituents calling about utility bills being lost. She asked if there was anything they could do. Mr. Fernandez stated Morehouse has had days where there is no mail at the post office. Ms. Hunt stated that the Wells postmaster is going to Caroga Lake. The people that they have had don't know the people

or boxes. It's a mess. They have a lot of problems. Mr. Arsenault and Ms. Bain stated that it's a concern.

The Chairman stated that on April 27th he was involved in Commissioner of Jurors interviews for 6 hours. There were over 50 applicants for that position, the committee narrowed it down to 5 individuals to interview. They selected Patrick Kennedy from Rotterdam. Mr. Kennedy has a lot of experience, knowledge and had good answers to all the questions. The Chairman thought they picked the best candidate for the job. Ms. Hunt asked if that person would be here in Hamilton County once a week. The Chairman stated that the discussion was that until he is fully trained, they want him to come to Hamilton County once or twice a week.

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