#### 2025

#### **FIFTH SESSION**

#### MAY 1, 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 (ZOOM)
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney (Zoom), Lynette Greene-Director of Community Services, Noni Irish-Retired Supervising Clinical Social Worker for Community Services, Jodie Small-Treasurer, Jim Reese-Resident of Lake Pleasant and a pickleball member, pickleball group and Carole Ruiz-Personnel Office

A motion was made to accept the minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Carried.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jim Reese, resident of Lake Pleasant, stated that he was there on behalf of the pickleball group in Hamilton County. He would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to come to the meeting and speak with them. They understand that the Board is busy but this is also an important issue for quite a few people. The goal here is to discuss the facts, perhaps exchange some ideas and alleviate some of the Board's concerns about the pickleball play at the facility here. Mr. Reese stated that he would like to work with the Board to come up with a mutually acceptable solution to the situation that they have. He would like to start by saying he has been in this county all his life and he has seen a lot of changes. There have been a lot of good changes but there has been a lot of concerning changes. The population is dwindling. The population is aging. Services and businesses are going away and as they do people are also starting to go away. He thinks back to when he was a kid and there were a lot more things in the town and county. They had a bowling alley, movie theater, lumber store, he thought 3 gas stations and 3 grocery stores. They are starting to lose those and also restaurants. Again, they lose services, they lose people and it's a vicious circle. One of the things an aging population needs is some recreation and that's why the pickleball

players are here. They are volunteers of the county. They are 96 strong. They have an app that they use to plan games. Those people also bring friends and relatives to games. There are probably well over 100 players, although there are never 100 people here at the same time. He further discussed how they are volunteers in the community. One of the groups is the garden club and they do the courthouse, the triangle on the corner of Route 30 and 8 and Osborne Point flowers. These people give their time to help this County be a better place to live. He knows that the Board has concerns about the pickleball situation here and he would like to possibly address some of those concerns. He stated that he knows parking is a concern. Is there a possible solution to that by walking there? Could the pickleball players find alternative parking? Perhaps there's a county storage lot down the street? It's not a lot of time that they are here. Last year it was Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10-12. That is a total of 6 hours. He stated that they would be glad to alleviate parking. Maybe there is a liability issue? The players also play at Camp of the Woods and the Camp of the Woods has them sign waivers. The waivers say that if the player gets hurt then it's not Camp of the Woods fault. People do get hurt at pickle ball. They are not going to sue the County if somebody fell and broke their wrist or scrapped their knee. He doesn't think it's an issue but if the County does then they would like to hear some of their thoughts. Perhaps there is a noise issue with the sound the pickleball makes. Maybe they are keeping the inmates awake during their naps in the morning. He stated that there is nothing they can do about the noise. He knows that the people that manufacture equipment are trying to find a pickleball and paddle that make less noise. In the meantime, there is really nothing they can do about the noise. He stated that it's a very important recreational activity for them. For a lot of them this is a good location. It's centrally located. This is also a good facility because it's fenced in. When the ball gets away, they as old folks, have a hard time going to retrieve the ball. They really need a facility that's central, fenced in and is in good shape. He knows that they are not going to solve a lot of the County's problems about losing services, restaurants and facilities but at least they can do something about the padlock that is on that gate. It is really a serious message when they tell people that they can't use something that the taxpayers paid to put there and maintain. What he would like from the Board is a little bit of information on the paving project. Such as the scope and extent. When is it going to start? When is it going to be done? How many hours will they work a day? Is there still a possibility for the pickleball players to play on Saturday, Sunday and evenings? It's not a huge amount of time and they feel that they could do what they must to satisfy the Board and the County to keep that facility open for them while the Town is working on the other facility on Elm Lake Road. He knows that it's probably a year away and he knows there is a phase 2 in the works to put in pathways, education and recreation center there. He knows that for a fact because he did the engineering on the site and charged nothing. He did it pro bono because he wants to help this community be better just like these people here. If they could hear some of the Board's concerns about why they want to close, the pickleball players would appreciate that very much and then have an opportunity perhaps to discuss ways that they can alleviate the concerns. The Chairman stated that he wasn't sure he could speak for the whole Board, but he hadn't heard any real complaints about pickleball personally other than the parking. He has experienced the parking situation himself. It is one lane coming in most of the time. The Board's real concern is for this season with all the major projects going on. Not only are they doing the parking lot they are doing a road, septic and pumping station. They have all this work to do, and the number one priority is to keep our employees, visitors and community members safe. However, that being said himself and Supervisors Betsy Bain and Beth Hunt have been working on solutions but won't know the final outcome until next week. They are optimistic that they will have some sort of solution for them. The County isn't only working on the outside, they are having a large project in the Treasurer's, Board of Supervisors Chambers and hallway. Mr. Reese asked if the Board could

discuss the paving project. The Chairman asked the Deputy Highway Superintendent and Supervisor Tomlinson if either of them knew. Mr. Tomlinson stated that it's going to be this year. He is not sure of an exact date of when it is going to start. They are still waiting on sketches from the Highway Superintendent. Lisa Johnson, Deputy Highway Superintendent, stated that is correct and that there were some things happening with the court that will impact the schedule. Mr. Tomlinson stated that before the parking lot gets done, they are going to do the septic. He also stated that there is a Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for today and maybe they could discuss some of these items. Mr. Reese asked if they knew how long the project was going to take. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thought early summer until late fall. Mr. Reese stated that he would appreciate it if the Board could provide some accommodation. Mr. Tomlinson stated absolutely. They had discussed earlier the possibility of moving the gate entrance. Mr. Reese stated that the pickleball players appreciated that and he has heard that some of the summer members have said that at some point it won't be worth coming anymore. He doesn't want to see that because the fewer people who come, they may lose the last gas station, grocery store that they have and then they will be in real trouble. Anything that the Board can do to help them out. Make some accommodation. They will do anything that they ask so that they are not in the County's way. If they want the pickleball players to sign liability waivers they would certainly do that too. Mr. Tomlinson stated that the best thing is to discuss it this afternoon. The Chairman stated that without the Highway Superintendent being present it was hard to fully discuss so they would be bringing it up during the meeting that afternoon. He also stated that the Board was more than willing to work with them. A member of the pickleball group asked when that meeting was scheduled for. The Chairman stated that it was 1:30PM. She asked if the committee meeting was open to the public. The Chairman stated that it was but there is no public comment during committee meetings. A member of the pickleball group asked if they were to park somewhere else, would that alleviate some of the County's concerns. The Chairman stated that was some of the concern but there is still going to be some heavy equipment. It will be a construction zone. Mr. Reese asked why the work that is being done inside the building and surrounding the building would have an impact on the pickleball courts. The Chairman stated that they will be paving. He confirmed that it is being done this season. Mr. Reese stated that the season was quite long and there isn't a start date so why couldn't it be open now until they have a start date. Then they could give them 1-or 2-week notice. Leaving it shut down if the County isn't going to be starting the project until August isn't fair. Mr. Tomlinson stated again that they would be discussing it today in the meeting and hopefully they can come up with a solution to help them. Mr. Reese stated that the Board was welcome to join. It is a lot of fun. Mr. Rhodes stated that he would like to see the Board accommodate the pickleball players. He likes the idea of parking in a separate area and the liability release in case because they will be covering uneven ground, ditches and equipment. They will try to provide a pathway to the entrance to the court. Mr. Frey stated that the chief concern is safety and the tightness of the campus. Each week there might be a different portion that's being worked on so the pathway may change but without the Highway Superintendent being there to discuss coordinating that to keep people safe regardless of waivers is going to be the hardest part. Not saying that the Board isn't looking to do it. Mr. Reese stated that he appreciated it, and they will do pretty much anything that the Board asks as long as the pickleball players have some access. They understand all the Board's issues and the safety issues. Nobody wants anybody to get hurt because that would bring loss. Perhaps the Board could send out a notice that says the County will be working here so the pickleball players could put it on their app to let them all know to be careful. The Chairman stated if there is an accommodation to be made it would more than likely be open Saturday and maybe open during the week at night after the work is complete. He does not know that for sure. He is not the Highway Superintendent who oversees the project. A member of the

pickleball group asked how they would communicate the results of the meeting that afternoon. Mr. Tomlinson confirmed that Ms. Bain would be there. Ms. Bain reiterated what the Chairman stated about himself and Supervisors Beth Hunt and Betsy Bain working on a couple of other options. Ms. Bain stated that they would know by Wednesday at the latest. Mr. Reese thanked them all again.

The pickleball group left meeting.

County Attorney (Zoom): No report.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that they have submitted the 3<sup>rd</sup> NIPA (Notice of Incomplete Permit Application) reply to the APA for Spy Lake Tower. It was submitted at 120ft. The APA came back and requested that they look at a 10ft transmit antenna and lower the tower to 110ft. They submitted to their request and asked for the tower to be a lattice tower so it could be extended in the future with the expected tree growth according to the forester study they had done. The APA came back with the question of whether a lattice tower could have branches put on it. He stated that they reached out to the tower manufacturer, the same one that Inlet used, for a quote and they said it could be done but with added structure to support the branches and it wouldn't be a conventional lattice tower anymore. At that point they discussed with the tower company and confirmed that they could get a monopine tower that could be extended. They responded back to the APA with offering a monopine tower. He stated that at this point it's back to Jacqueline Murray, the contracted APA attorney, and C&S, contracted engineer firm, to do revised plans, an explanation, the County cover letter and the alternative review. An alternative height may be needed in the future based on the forester report. Basically, writing it up that way will support the APA's acknowledgement that the tower is extendable, and an extension may be required in the future. On the Hope site they are still waiting for the coverage maps from Eastern and they put their bi-weekly meetings on hold until they can have more to discuss. They have received bids from soil boring companies for the tower foundation design. Unfortunately, they are 12 weeks out. This will affect the bid documents being finalized and going out to bid for the tower sites. They had their monthly meeting on the fiber build to Spy Lake and Morehouse sites. They are moving along but still are waiting for a request from National Grid. They are trying to make the timing work with the Spy Lake APA permit, so they know when to go out to bid for the project.

Mr. Snyder: Stated that he talked with Marsha Purdue, District Attorney (DA). The Assistant District Attorney is taking the full-time position. He has moved to Hamilton County full-time now. The Chairman thanked Mr. Snyder for working on it and talking with her.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that she attended the Intercounty meeting with Supervisors Snyder and Wells. It was held in Fulton County on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Paul Nigra Center for the Arts. It is quite a building, and they thought it was interesting. They did a tour, and they are displaying art from the public. They also have a program called Transitions. It is done through Lexington. They take those graduating with disabilities and transition them into the workforce and living on their own. If you ever get a chance, they are open to the public to see, and she encourages it. Mr. Snyder added that they do rent the building for events. Ms. Hunt stated that they cater as well, the students do the food.

Ms. Hunt stated that there is a resolution to create and fund a per-dem part-time clerk position in the Treasurer's Office. They are down a person and next week the Treasurer and Deputy are going to Finance School. They didn't want to leave the Account Clerk/Computer Support Aide, in the office alone. Marie Buanno used to work in the Treasurer's Office and retired as Election Commissioner so it's a perfect fit. She asked for the Board's support for it.

Ms. Hunt stated that Christy Wilt, Economic Development and Tourism Director, is currently attending the ANCA Conference. She was sitting with Russ Kinyon, he came in and discussed with the Board workforce development. Ms. Hunt stated that Ms. Wilt and Mr. Kinyon have had conversations and are working on developing some training. Ms. Hunt thought that it was a good thing that he brought it to the Board, and they need to start developing that because they may lose funding if they don't take advantage of it. It was successful back in 2013-2015. They did training for nurses and tuition help and she's hopeful that they can get that going again. She stated that the Birding Festival registration is very high this year. Ms. Wilt has assisted Mountain Outfitters and Chimney Mountain Cabins in getting approval for a loan through Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board. She is also working on a business assistance idea that she is going to share with us in the near future.

Ms. Bain: Stated that Dee Parks, Director of OFA, will be coming this afternoon. Ms. Parks will be discussing the changes for the 2026 budget regarding federal and state cuts.

Ms. Bain stated that Soil and Water has their 30<sup>th</sup> Envirothon going on today. There are two schools and they are having a good time.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that he had spoken with Brett Darrow, Senior PT/Clinical Manager and Cariann Grexa-Allen, Interim Director of Patient Services, regarding the billing problem at Public Health. They have been doing research and have been in contact with SimiTree. They will be addressing it at the next Committee Meeting. They understand that when patients are out-of-network they are open to a larger co-pay and when the billing goes through it has those high numbers and then Medicaid/Medicare makes the adjustments according to their schedule. What that does to the patient is it leaves them open because it isn't an in-network treatment, so they aren't set on their normal co-pay. If we contract, then we are operating in network and their co-pay is set. They know what it's going to be, and they get a better response from the insurance carriers. He told them that he thought the Board would be in favor of it. They have worked a deal out with SimiTree, billing company, so the way they process the billing will be clearer.

Mr. Fernandez stated that there are 2 resolutions that he is looking for the Board's support.

Mr. Tomlinson: Thanked Ms. Johnson for coming in and answering some questions from the pickleball players. The Highway Superintendent will be here for a Public Works Committee meeting this afternoon. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he feels the best place for the pickle ball discussion is in the committee meeting. He is hoping that they come to a resolution.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that there are some project resolutions on the agenda, and he further discussed them. These were all discussed in committee. There still isn't a state budget so they are waiting on CHIPS funding. The Big Brook Bridge kick off meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. The Highway Superintendent will be attending. The Pine Brook Bridge project is well underway.

The temporary bridge is in place. The contractors are making good progress. The Coon Creek Bridge is underway.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that they have been working on the cold storage building. The rough pad is mostly done. The contractor will be moving in soon. He stated that they discussed the Sheriff's project on Committee Day. The estimated cost is about \$80,000 with the mini splits. He stated that they are still working on the courthouse parking lot design. The Highway Superintendent is working on the sewer pump replacement for the septic system. There is also a resolution to move forward with the lift replacement in Indian Lake highway garage. He stated that DPW will be using in-house labor to build a small equipment garage. They had discussed buying a shed, but they decided to build one instead, to save some cost. He stated that the Morehouse tower road project is ready to go. They received a delivery today from Kingsboro Lumber.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that the Solid Waste Management Plan is due in any day. It is almost done.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that there is a resolution on the agenda for a purchase of a loader. It is an expense that is being covered by CHIPS. There was a tandem truck discussed during Committee. There is a resolution on the agenda to acquire a much-needed truck. They will be using CHIPS for that as well. There is another resolution on the agenda to order an Altima for Social Services.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thinks during the Committee meeting Mr. Eldridge will be discussing a purchase of an 8inch water pump to use with Soil and Water. They will be splitting the cost with Soil and Water and will cover the other half with CHIPS. The price is around \$80,000.

# PROCLAMATION:

Lynette Greene read and presented the proclamation to Noni Irish, retired Community Services Supervising Clinical Social Worker.

Hamilton County Board of Supervisors Proclamation for Noni Irish on the Occasion of her Retirement March 31, 2025

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to Noni Irish and honor her for her sixteen (16) years and eight (8) months of distinguished service with Hamilton County's Community Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Noni began her career with Hamilton County's Community Services Department as a Clinical Social Worker on July 28, 2008. On January 1, 2017, she was promoted to Clinical Social Worker (Mental Health & Substance Abuse). On January 1, 2019, she was promoted to Supervising Clinical Social Worker. Then from August 27, 2022 until January 8, 2023, Noni served as Acting Director of Community Services while the department was looking for a new Director. On January 9, 2023, she resumed her title as Supervising Clinical Social Worker and did so for the remainder of her tenure; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Noni 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 Noni Irish,

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

Noni Irish

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  $1^{st}$  day of May, 2025.

Ms. Irish thanked everyone for the opportunity to work in Hamilton County. It is a very unique county and she has had a lot of support over the years. She thinks they do an excellent job serving our people and meeting their needs and that is because they have had so much support.

Noni Irish left the meeting

**RESOLUTIONS:** 

# **RESOLUTION NO. 169-25**

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL #S.7127 AND ASSEMBLY BILL #A.7712 – CONTINUATION OF HAMILTON COUNTY'S CURRENT SALES TAX RATE

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors requested a continuation of the 1% additional sales tax for Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Senate bill #S.7127 was introduced, as was Assembly bill A.7712, to provide the Home Rule authority for Hamilton County to continue the County Sales Tax rate at 4%, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Hamilton requests the enactment of Senate bill # S.7127 and Assembly bill #A.7712 entitled "An Act to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the authorization of the County of Hamilton to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes", and also be it

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 170-25**

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL #S.7128 AND ASSEMBLY BILL #A.7713 – CONTINUATION OF COUNTY RECORDING TAX

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors requested a continuation of the County Recording Tax for Hamilton County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Hamilton requests the enactment of Senate bill #S.7128 and Assembly bill #A.7713 entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 326 of the laws of 2006, amending the tax law relating to authorizing the County of Hamilton to impose a County Recording Tax on obligations secured by mortgages on real property, in relation to extending the expiration thereof", and also be it

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

## **RESOLUTION NO. 171-25**

## **MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION**

#### **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$68,288.76, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$68,288.76 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$2,991.00
Benson	\$879.00
Hope	\$7,002.50
Indian Lake	\$17,554.76
Inlet	\$6,809.50
Lake Pleasant	\$10,824.24
Long Lake	\$14,930.50
Morehouse	\$585.00
Wells	\$4,650.50
Village of Speculator	\$2,061.76

and be it further

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

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 172-25**

# **CREATING AND FUNDING ACCOUNTS FOR IT DEPARTMENT**

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has established an IT Department, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create and fund accounts for said department, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create and fund the following accounts by transferring \$39,416.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent:

A1680.0101 Network & PC Specialist Trainee	\$32,916.00
A1680.0401 Supplies/Misc.	\$ 5,000.00
A1680.0402 Travel/Training	\$ 1,500.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 173-25**

# AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEACON CENTER AND HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Jail is required to have an opioid treatment program for inmates, and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Center of Utica, New York has agreed to provide a treatment program for inmates that require treatment for opioid addiction, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Hamilton County Jail with the Beacon Center, 1508 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502 upon approval of the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 174-25**

# 2024-2025 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TARGETED (SICG-TARGETED) GRANT APPLICATION

#### **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the 2024-2025 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant Program for Hamilton County with the amount to be determined by DHSES at the time of award, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff to complete and submit said grant application by the deadline of June 11, 2025.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 175-25**

#### SFY2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT APPLICATION

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant Program for Hamilton County with the amount to be determined by DHSES at the time of award, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff to complete and submit said grant application by the deadline of June 4, 2025.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 176-25**

# AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT – SI24-1016-E00

#### **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant Project SI24-1016-E00 in the amount of \$561,551.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the said SI24-1016-E00 grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0434 SI24-1016-E00 at \$561,551.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0137 – SI24-1016-E00 at \$561,551.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 177-25**

#### HAMILTON COUNTY RABIES CONTRACT EXTENSION

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has awarded a two-year extension on the contract with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for expenses associated with the Rabies Program, Contract No. T36535GG, and WHEREAS, the entire amended five-year total contract period, April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027, is \$36,645.00, and

WHEREAS, the total grant award for the period April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 remains \$7,329.00, and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2025 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2026 Municipal Budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the amended contract for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027 upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 178-25**

## AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN WIC CONTRACT

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, Agency # 12000, requests the renewal of the 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, 2025– September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the grant year overlaps the 2025- 2026 County Budgeted fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for Fifty-seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$57,184.00), and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2025 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2026 Municipal Budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Contract with the NYS WIC Program, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 179-25**

# APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECTS FOR 2025

#### **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2025 Highway budget the sum of \$1,300,000.00 for the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2025 and these funds are 100% reimbursed through the Consolidation Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has recommended the expenditure of \$900,000.00 for the construction of the following projects:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Indian Lake Co. Rd. No. 4 – Big Brook Rd., Recycle base and HMA Base & Top @ 21 ft. Approx. 0.6 mile.....\$200,000.00 Account No. D5112.2547

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Arietta Co. Rd No. 24 – Old Piseco Road, Improve Drainage, recycle base, HMA Base @ 20 ft. Approx. 1.9 miles.....\$325,000.00 Account No. 5112.2541

and

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does allot and appropriate from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, the sum of \$525,000.00, for the construction of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 180-25**

## **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE - DPW**

#### **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410-24 authorizes the Fleet Coordinator to purchase Chevrolet Silverado pickup for the Public Works Department, and

WHEREAS, said truck 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 \$50,261.75 from Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment to Mangino Chevrolet, 4447 State Hwy 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010 and the Clerk of the Board and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 181-25**

# AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE TANDEM DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW EQUIPMENT FOR 2025

#### **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. TOMLISON:**

WHEREAS, the Public Works department has had a tandem truck with plow equipment ordered since December of 2022, and

WHEREAS, said truck will not be delivered in 2025 and the Superintendent has located a tandem truck that will be available in a few months from Tracey Road Equipment under Onondaga County Contract Pricing #0010914, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the need to purchase a tandem in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Public Works Committee recommends purchasing the said vehicle as follows –

1-2025 Western Star 49X with Tenco plow equipment and Tenco Combination Dump body -  $\$332,\!738.00$  delivered

be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for the said 2025 Western Star 49X from Tracey Road Equipment, 6803 Manlius Center Road, East Syracuse, NY for a total of \$332,738.00 delivered, and the Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer, and Public Works Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 182-25**

# APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS 2025

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

# **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2025 Highway budget the sum of \$400,000.00 for HMA for maintenance of County Roads, and

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

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

County Route 4 - Big Brook Road, Town of Indian Lake

Approx. 0.6 milesEst	. \$150,000.00
Total estimate for all mileage	\$360,000.00

and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the said paving projects and funds be taken from Account No. D5110.0404 Asphalt and Emulsion in the estimated amount sum of \$360,000.00 as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 183-25**

# AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A MOHAWK VEHICLE LIFT - DPW

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the need to purchase a new vehicle lift for the Indian Lake Highway facility, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the purchase of a 25,000 LBS. capacity lift built and installed by Mohawk Lifts, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the said lift will be purchased under NYS Contract #PC69416., be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Superintendent is authorized to move forward with the purchase and installation of a Mohawk Lift, TR-25A with Ramps and Jacking Beams for a total of \$56,176.66 from Mohawk Lifts, LLC under NYS Contract PC69416, and be it further

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$56,176.66 from the unappropriated Machinery Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. DM5130.0401 Equipment to cover the cost of the vehicle lift and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

# **RESOLUTION NO. 184-25**

# AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF WHEEL LOADER - DPW

# DATED: MAY 1, 2025

# **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, during discussions for the 2025 Hamilton County Budget the Public Works Superintendent was authorized to purchase a 2025 John Deere 624P Wheel Loader under NYS Contract pricing, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent also was authorized to trade in the County owned 2017 Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader VIN CAT093MPJ3R03732 in the amount of \$97,000.00 to help offset the cost of the new loader as follows –

 2025 John Deere 624P w/Extended Warranty NYS Contract PC70139 - \$257,000.00

 2017 Caterpillar 938M (\$97,000.00)

 Total \$160,000.00

and

WHEREAS, the new loader has been delivered, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment of \$160,000.00 to United Construction & Forestry, 1486 US Hwy 11, Gouverneur, NY 13642 from Account No. D5112.0202 Permanent Improvements (CHIPS) and the Clerk of the Board and Public Works Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

## NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 185-25**

# AUTHORIZING ONE (1) YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FORERUNNER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR MITEL 5000 PHONE SYSTEMS IN INDIAN LAKE AND LAKE PLEASANT

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owns two Mitel 5000 phone systems purchased from Frontier in 2014 and installed in Lake Pleasant and Indian Lake in 2015, and

WHEREAS, Frontier will not enter into an extended maintenance agreement and stopped providing any support for the Mitel 5000 systems as these systems will be considered 'end of life' by manufacturer in June 2026, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 168-24 authorized Forerunner to provide maintenance, hardware, and software support in place for the existing Mitel systems for 2024 with an option to renew for 2025, and

WHEREAS, Forerunner Technologies, Inc, 150-M Executive Drive, Edgewood, NY 11717, can provide continued support through the Sourcewell Unified Communications 120122-MBS Contract for Mitel for 2025 for each system that covers parts and telephone support for Mitel 5000 components, both software and hardware including updates, and replacement of all defective parts at an annual cost of \$2,158.00 for Indian Lake and \$2,158.00 for Lake Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the County Information Technology Network and PC Specialist recommends extending the agreement for one more year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve Forerunner Technologies, Inc to provide maintenance, hardware, and software support of the Mitel 5000 System at each location for one year at a combined cost of \$4,316.00 with the funds coming from Account No. A1620.0413 Buildings Project and the DPW Superintendent be so authorized and the County Treasurer, IT Network and PC Specialist, and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 186-25**

# **CREATE AND FUND PER DIEM CLERK P/T POSITION IN TREASURER'S OFFICE**

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

# BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has a staffing shortage, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer feels a per diem Clerk Part Time position would be beneficial until the Account Clerk position is filled, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A1325.0107, Per Diem Clerk P/T, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Treasurer is authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM: A.1990.0401, Contingent Fund	\$1,000.00
TO: A.1325.0107, Per Diem Clerk P/T	\$1,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to hire Marie Buanno as a per diem Clerk P/T to be paid an hourly rate of \$20.00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 187-25**

# AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CYBER INFORMATION SHARING AND COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH NY OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, NYS DHSES

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Network & PC Specialist has recommended that Hamilton County enter into an agreement with NYS ITS/NYS DHSES for cyber information sharing and collaboration, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost for said services, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign NYS ITS/NYS DHSES Contract X050135 and the County Network & PC Specialist be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thought it was a good price. The Chairman confirmed that the Altima was all wheel drive.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 188-25**

# AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE ONE VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES 2025

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the 2025 Adopted County Budget has \$35,000.00 appropriated for a vehicle for the Social Services Department, and

WHEREAS, Nissan Altima's are available per Warren County Bid WC 13-25 Item 6 in the amount of \$28,175.00 delivered, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of one (1) sedan for use in 2025 as follows per Warren County Bid as follows

(1) 2025 Nissan Altima AWD 4 door sedan – \$28,175.00

be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2025 Nissan Altima for Social Services mentioned herein for a total of \$28,175.00 delivered from Romeo Nissan, 140 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment be made within thirty (30) days of delivery of said vehicle and the Social Services Commissioner, Fleet Coordinator, County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 189-25**

# AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR NEW YORK STATE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION 2025 DUES

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

# **BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent is a member of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association (NYSCHSA), and

WHEREAS, the dues were due in January 2025 and inadvertently did not get paid, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to the NYSCHSA, 230 Washington Avenue Ext., Suite 101, Albany, NY 12203 in the amount of \$550.00 for the 2025 membership and the funds be taken out of Account No. D5110.0405 Supplies and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 190-25**

# **APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

# BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$93,484.42 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$14,269.73 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

# AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 191-25**

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

# **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

## BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$246,941.82 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee	\$ 25,644.61
Public Works (Solid Waste)	
Finance Committee	27,706.99
Health Committee	15,941.24
Human Services Committee	73,832.21
Central Government Committee	12,835.91
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response	70,582.29
Internal Management Committee	1,585.70

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge	\$4,092.98
Elbow Creek Bridge	\$5,527.18

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,

# AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

#### ABSENT: WELLS

Mr. Snyder stated that he had another resolution for Central Government. They had discussed it during the committee meeting this morning. It is for a temporary clerk for the DMV office. The resolution was handed out to the Board. Mr. Snyder moved Resolution No. 24, seconded by Mr. Rhodes.

After the resolution was placed on the floor, the Clerk of the Board stated that they are not creating a new A.1410.107 they are just renaming it so she will correct the first resolved. Adopted as amended.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 192-25**

# CREATE AND FUND TEMPORARY CLERK P/T POSITION IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

## **DATED: MAY 1, 2025**

#### **BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is facing a supervisory staff shortage due to employee illness, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk feels that a Temporary Clerk Part Time position would be beneficial to the office, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is here by authorized to rename Account No. A1410.0107, Temporary Clerk P/T, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Treasurer is authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM: A.1990.0401, Contingent Fund	\$14,000.00
TO: A.1410.0107, Temporary Clerk P/T	\$14,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors be authorized to appoint Heather Farber as a Temporary Clerk P/T for a 6-month period, contingent on a waiver from the Hamilton County Board of Ethics, to be paid an hourly rate of \$41.779.

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

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

# NAYS: NONE

# ABSENT: WELLS

# Other Reports:

Mr. Frey: Stated that he would like to publicly thank the Hamilton County Nursing Staff and Aides for the care that they gave his wife. Having witnessed them in person, they are an outstanding group of people. They became friends to his wife and his family. He would also like to apologize for his comments earlier. He is still struggling with this. The Board thanked him.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he wanted to make sure that moving forward with the pickleball court issue, the Board of Supervisors needs to take responsibility for it. Mr. Eldridge is working with and taking directions from the Board. Ms. Bain stated that it looked like the Irondequoit will work out in Piseco. They would work out days of operation and hours and would allow them to go into the building and use the restrooms. The manager at Irondequoit was quite open to it in their last conversation, so Ms. Bain was optimistic. The manager will be talking to her Board on Monday and Tuesday, and she is going to get back in touch with Ms. Bain. Ms. Bain didn't want to say anything to the pickleball group in case it fell through. The Board further discussed other options.

The Chairman stated that there was an incident at the County Clerk's office on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It highlights the need for more security and to ensure the safety of both the staff and customers. He further discussed the incident. There was an irate customer who came in and became increasingly agitated. When he was asked to leave, he refused, and it escalated. This prompted the Senior DMV Clerk to pull the emergency alarm as well as the County Clerk and Deputy County Clerk to eventually call the Sheriff's Office because the relay on the silent alarm was 5 minutes until they heard from the alarm company. As soon as they got the call, the dispatch sent the Undersheriff to help de-escalate and remove the customer from the building. While this situation was de-escalated without physical confrontation it serves as a reminder of the vulnerabilities we face dealing with the public daily. The staff was left shaken and confused. They were also worried about the possibility of petting cameras. Also, a direct line to dispatch and more secure areas inside the office. Mr. Eldridge and Sheriff Abrams are more than willing to find solutions and help make the office more safe and secure. The Chairman feels they should make that a priority and support that.

The Chairman stated that he had spoken with the Board over the weekend regarding the staffing in the County Clerk's Office. He thanked the Board for taking the call and trying to help with it.

The Chairman stated that Troy Trombley who is the Municipal and Community Relations Manager from NYSEG reached out to see if the Board has any concerns with NYSEG issues. He told him that he would ask and if he heard anything he would get back to him.

The Chairman stated that the Lake Pleasant Library Director sent the Board a letter thanking them, a copy is on their desk.

The Chairman stated that the Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade is in Indian Lake this year. It is Monday., May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. The parade starts at Bennett Road and ends at the Town Hall. The theme this year is American Pride. If any of them are willing, it would be nice to show support to the northern county parade this year.

Ms. Bain stated that he mentioned the cameras in DMV. She was wondering why there wasn't one in the Treasurer's, Personnel and the Clerk of the Board's Offices. She thought it would be good to have it just in case. Mr. Frey stated that in Inlet they have them covering all offices because they too had an irate situation. Their system has a time log. Ms. Johnson stated that every entrance is covered by cameras. Mr. Frey stated that a question for the County Attorney is audio. He has been told that it shouldn't be available or capturable. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he had to put cameras in the Town of Hope and it couldn't have audio. Mr. Frey agreed. It reaches farther than video and it's a privacy issue in the office.

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