

**2025**

**SIXTH SESSION**

**JUNE 5, 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	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: Hamilton County Attorney, Carl Widmer-CPA for Drescher & Malecki, Lisa Johnson-Deputy Public Works Superintendent, Jodie Small-Treasurer, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer and Josh Troxel-Deputy Treasurer

A motion was made to accept the minutes of April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 by Mr. Fernandez, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: No report.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that the drawings for Spy Lake tower are done. Jacqueline Murray, contracted APA Attorney, submitted responses for Notice of Incomplete Permit Application (NIPA) #3. In the County's April 4<sup>th</sup> submittal, the County indicated that they further reduce the proposed tower height from 130ft to 120ft. Additional coverage would be needed in that area due to the coverage loss. The County will need an additional tower at some point whether it being Hamilton or Fulton to cover that area. The County proposed 120ft tower which would support 2-20ft radio antennas. One at base height at 120ft and the other at 80ft. The antenna heights were the minimum required to maintain the 20ft vertical separation. The County has since reviewed whether the tower can be reduced in height to 110ft by reducing the length of its proposed lower transmit antenna from 20ft to 10ft. The County determined that such a design is feasible if the tower is designed to be extendable to address any obstruction presented in the future by the predicted growth of the tree

canopy. The County has also consulted with the tower manufacturer and confirmed that it is feasible to fabricate an extendable tower designed as a monopine. He read the 3<sup>rd</sup> NIPA reply. The public comment is open now and ends June 12<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to comment.

Mr. Rhodes stated that Blue Mountain Lake tower is finally done. They have a path for microwave from Blue Mountain to Inlet to McCauley. They are waiting for permission from Inlet to mount on the AT&T top bracket. AT&T mounted their cellular array higher than the plans originally showed so the County doesn't have room to put the antenna on top of the tower. Tim O'Neill, Emergency Services Manager, is working on getting the sign off for the County attaching to the top or they will have to move their equipment.

Mr. Rhodes stated that they are still waiting on coverage maps for the Hope site from Eastern Communications.

Mr. Rhodes stated that they are working on an agreement to allow them to coexist with the NYS Police and the hunting club for Cathead. He thought that it looked good, but it was in the beginning stages.

Mr. Rhodes stated that Mr. O'Neill is doing a great job, he is keeping everything moving forward.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Chairman joined the meeting regarding the fiber build from Lake Pleasant to Morehouse last month. That is moving ahead but they are still waiting for Frontier and National Grid to resolve a couple issues, hopefully by the end of June, the construction drawings by the end of July and then they will go out to bid. The construction process is anticipated to be 60 days.

Mr. Rhodes discussed Spy Lake. He spoke with Attorney Jacqueline Murray and also consulted with the County Attorney. They are in the process of issuing a new option to lease agreement to address the delay in the permitting process.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that Carl Widmer, CPA from Drescher and Malecki is here today to discuss the audit. She asked for the Board's support on several financial resolutions.

Ms. Hunt stated that the Birding Festival is starting today; 224 people signed up and there is a waiting list. Christy Wilt, Economic Development/Tourism Director used a new electronic registering system and it worked well. Ms. Wilt attended NYSEDC Conference in Cooperstown and NCREDC in Lake Placid concerning grants. There is a new NYS grant coming out called Market NY Grant Program. It is funding for eligible tourism projects that create economic impact by increasing tourism. It's a 50% match and the minimum ask \$50,000. The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> and they are just getting the information now. Ms. Hunt stated that Ms. Wilt does know of one business in Hamilton County that is going to apply.

Ms. Hunt stated during committee they heard from Village of Speculator Mayor Jeanette Barrett concerning the infrastructure grant for housing units. The County had discussed a resolution. They are going to be working on new language for the resolution regarding a subrecipient agreement.

Once the County Attorney reviews it, they will work on re-writing the resolution and hopefully be presenting it at a special meeting that is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wells: Stated that he attended the Local Government Review Board (LGRB) meeting in Long Lake. The Chairman also attended and ¾ of the meeting was concerning Resolution #8 on the agenda, DANC and National Grid. It contains the project that is supposed to run from Lewey Lake to just outside of Lake Pleasant. The APA had an issue at the last minute. They did have a letter of non-jurisdiction and then apparently somebody said they shouldn't. It is going to be a huge project. He is hoping for full support for Resolution #8.

Mr. Wells stated that Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) had their annual membership meeting in Lake Placid. He did not make it but his understanding was Garry Douglas, North Country Chamber President, did a fantastic presentation on what the impact of the Canadian visitors do for tourism in the northern areas and also the trickle-down effect that they have here in Hamilton County. There was also a very good discussion on becoming a pro housing community.

Ms. Bain: Stated that at her last town board meeting Roberta Bly, DSS Commissioner, came to talk to the Board about OneWorkSource, to get the word out. Ms. Bain thought it would be a good idea if other towns could do the same. Ms. Bly handed out a lot of information.

Ms. Bain stated that there are resolutions on the agenda that she is looking for the Board's support on. This included one from Soil and Water for the Septic System Replacement Fund.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that he wanted to apologize for resolutions 18 and 19. He didn't pass out the paperwork that is required during committee. He did send the information to the Board and was looking for their support.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated there are a lot of road projects. The CHIP's budget has come out. There is an increase to the overall program statewide. Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, sent out the CHIP's runs to everyone. They have started the work on CR24 Old Piseco Rd. The kickoff meeting for the Bridge NY project for Big Brook Bridge went well. Mr. Eldridge went to check on Pine Brook Bridge. Mr. Tomlinson sent out some pictures on that. The Coon Creek Bridge project in Wells is underway.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that there is a resolution for building renovation projects. These are inhouse projects. The Public Health storage building in Indian Lake. He confirmed that they have started that. The Sheriff's Office renovations will begin after the trial and the Indian Lake garage door replacement will be starting soon. He stated that the pad is already done for the cold storage building in Lake Pleasant. They are waiting for the contractor to get started. He stated that the emergency project they had at the Courthouse for the sewer system is mostly complete. Soil and Water has done the hydroseeding. He stated that CPL did submit a proposal so they will be going over that at the next Committee meeting. They have cut the road into the Morehouse tower site and they are hauling in gravel. The site work will be done in 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that the Solid Waste Management Plan was sent out. They can discuss that at the next meeting in June.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that there is a resolution for a CDL Trainer. The new employee will be starting June 23<sup>rd</sup>, they will be going through the CDL training.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Drescher and Malecki, LLP – Audit Report**

Carl Widmer introduced himself as working for Drescher and Malecki. He is here to report on the County's audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

A handout was given to the Board. His presentation included:

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

He stated that Hamilton County has a very cooperative staff. The Treasurer and Deputy do a lot during the process as well as the Clerk of the Board. In addition to just looking at financial performance they look at the processes that are happening and how the dollars are being handled. If there was anything wrong or they thought there were any risks in those areas they would report them to the Board. The Auditors do not have any findings in those areas. The County is doing a good job.

Carl Widmer, Jodie Small and Josh Troxel left the meeting at this time.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this was on recommendation from the Auditors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 193-25**

**TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO BUILDING RESERVE FUND AND  
SOLID WASTE RESERVE FUND**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FREY:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that as recommended by the County's Independent Auditors, Drescher and Malecki, LLP, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the following amounts from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to the following Reserves:

Building Reserve Fund	\$1,750,000.00
Solid Waste Reserve Fund	\$ 250,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 194-25**

**PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 104-b OF  
THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires the Board of Supervisors, by resolution, to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurements of goods and services which are not required to be made pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, so as to assure the prudent and economical use of public moneys in the best interests of the taxpayers of the County and to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud, and corruption, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has solicited from County officers, department heads and employees involved in the procurement process prior to the enactment of this resolution, and, from time to time, will solicit further comments from said County officers, department heads, and employees, and

WHEREAS, the following adjustments have been suggested:

<u>Estimated Amount of</u>	<u>Method</u>
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### Purchase Contract

\$0 - \$2,999	Purchases may be made by the Department Head or County official providing an appropriation has been made in the current year's budget for said goods or services.
\$3,000 - \$5,999	2 Verbal quotations Purchases may be made by the Department Head or County official providing an appropriation has been made in the current year's budget for said goods or services.
\$6,000 - \$9,999	3 - Written/fax quotations or written request for proposals and there has been an appropriation made in the current year's budget for the said goods or services.
\$10,000 - \$14,999	3 Written/fax quotations or written request for proposals and advance written authorization by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
\$15,000 - \$19,999	3 Written/fax quotations or written request for proposals & Board Resolution

### Estimated Amount of Public Works Contract

### Method

\$0 - \$2,999	Purchases may be made by the Department Head or County official providing an appropriation has been made in the current year's budget for said goods or services.
\$3,000 - \$5,999	2 Verbal quotations Purchases may be made by the Department Head or County official providing an appropriation has been made in the current year's budget for said goods or services.
\$6,000 - \$9,999	3 - Written/fax quotations or written request for proposals and there has been an appropriation made in the current year's budget for the said goods or services.

\$10,000 - \$14,999

3 Written/fax quotations or written request  
for proposals and advance written  
authorization by the Chairman of the Board  
of Supervisors

\$15,000 - \$35,000

3 Written/fax quotations or written request  
for proposals & Board Resolution

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the policies and procedures, that have been placed on the desks of each member of the Board of Supervisors and will be on file with the Clerk of the Board, pursuant to Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law governing all procurements of goods and services which are not required to be made pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall at least annually review its policies and procedures made pursuant to Section 104-b of the-General Municipal Law.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Ms. Hunt stated that they are not sure how much they will be able to keep at the County, but the Treasurer is optimistic. The County Attorney stated that the new process is what Counties in NYS are struggling with because the state has given such little assistance in terms of what all the steps and procedures are going to be. It does require a notification process to potential interested parties and then a 3-year statute of limitations once that has occurred.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 195-25**

#### **APPROVAL OF BIDS ON AUCTIONED TAX PARCELS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton held the annual foreclosure auction online on May 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and made part hereof is Schedule "A" which contains the names of the high bidder, the tax parcel number, and the bid price for each parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has reviewed the bids for each tax parcel and recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the bids and sale of said parcels to the high bidders, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 116 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, does hereby approve the bid price for each map parcel shown on “Schedule A” and does hereby authorize the transfer of said property to the named high bidder subject to receipt of the entire bid amount along with associated transfer costs and the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to execute Quit Claim Deeds for said tax map parcels to the high bidder and to execute all other necessary documents to transfer said tax map parcels to the high bidder.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

### **SCHEDULE “A”**

#### **Town of Arietta:**

Bidder:

Cooley Camp, LLC; Doug Phelps Parcel:119.011-1-34.100 Bid Price: \$94,000.00

Cooley Camp, LLC; Doug Phelps Parcel: 119.011-1-34.200 Bid Price: \$16,000.00

### **RESOLUTION NO. 196-25**

#### **APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD BY-LAWS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received amendments to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board By-Laws that were approved by the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board at their April 2025 Board meeting, be it



RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves said amendments to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board By-Laws.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 197-25**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FUND ROUND 4  
GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors signed the second amendment and restated Septic System Replacement Program County Participation Agreement dated May 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is overseeing Round 4 of the Septic System Replacement Fund at the request and on behalf of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District reviewed and ranked all submitted applications based on, in order of importance, proximity to priority waterbodies, and the age of existing septic system, and income, and

WHEREAS, the Septic System Replacement Fund funding amount can award a total of thirty-six applicants at a reimbursement maximum of \$10,000.00 each, totaling \$360,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District determined the top-ranking applicants, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors approved this resolution at the May 6, 2025 board meeting, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors approve awarding thirty-six applicants at a reimbursement maximum of \$10,000 each, for a total of 360,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors permits the Hamilton County

Soil and Water Conservation District to proceed with mailing award and denial letters to all applications, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the mailing expense will be paid for by the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District through their contract with the Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 198-25**

**AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2025 – A  
LOCAL LAW SUPERCEDING COUNTY LAW SECTION 215 (4) AND (6) AND  
AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO NEW YORK TSA 2  
CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2025 entitled, “A LOCAL LAW SUPERCEDING COUNTY LAW SECTION 215 (4) AND (6) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO NEW YORK TSA 2 CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS” be and the same is hereby introduced to the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the said proposed Local Law at the County Office Complex, Route 8, Lake Pleasant, New York, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2025, at 10:45 AM, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the County of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2025

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

A LOCAL LAW SUPERCEDING COUNTY LAW SECTION 215 (4) AND (6) AND  
AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO NEW YORK RSA 2  
CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
HAMILTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislation Intent and Purpose. This Local Law is enacted to amend and supercede County Law Section 215 and authorize the County of Hamilton Board of Supervisors, in the name of and on behalf of the County of Hamilton to enter a lease of the County property identified in Section 3 hereof and thereby obtain a reasonable return on property not needed for County purposes. The purpose of superceding County Law Section 215 is to avoid the need to advertise and lease a portion or all of the property identified in Section 3 hereof to the highest bidder following a public auction.

Section 2. County Law Section 215 Amended and Superseded. It is the intent of this Local Law to amend and supercede pursuant to the County's authority under the Municipal Home Rule Law the following: (a) County Law Section 215 (4), which limits leases of County property to 5 year terms, and (b) County Law Section 215 (6) which provides that property no longer necessary for public use "may be sold or leased only to the highest bidder after public advertisement".

Section 3. County Property and Lease. Hamilton County is the lessor of real property located at 802 State Route 8, Town of Morehouse, Hamilton County, New York, Tax Map No. 125.000-1-16.111 and Off Route 8, Town of Morehouse, Hamilton County, New York, Tax Map No. 125.000-1-16.112 on which it is constructing a new public safety radio communications tower ("Tower Property") and NEW YORK RSA 2 CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS ("Verizon Wireless") has expressed an interest in leasing space on the tower and at the base thereof for the installation, operation and maintenance of a wireless telecommunication facility ("Facility") together with an easement for access and utilities pursuant to a Tower Lease Agreement between the County and Verizon Wireless. The portion of the Tower Property to be leased is not currently needed for County purposes and the County retains the right to use the Tower Property for County purposes pursuant to and in accordance with the Tower Lease Agreement. The term of the proposed lease is five (5) years, with four (4) five-year (5) renewals to be exercised at Verizon Wireless's option. The proposed compensation to the County is annual rent of \$24,000 increasing by 2% on each anniversary of the Tower Lease Agreement. Verizon Wireless's rights and obligations in respect to Verizon Wireless's lease of the Property will be governed by and in accordance with the Tower Lease Agreement.

Section 4. Lease Authorized. The County Executive is hereby authorized, without public advertisement or auction, to enter the Tower Lease Agreement and execute any and all related documents for the lease of the above-described Property to Verizon Wireless on the terms set forth in Section 3 hereof and in the Tower Lease Agreement.

Section 5. Severability. If any part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a Court to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its application to the part of this Local Law for which such order or judgment has been rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date. This local law shall not take effect until at least forty-five (45) days after its adoption or, if within forty-five (45) days after its adoption, there shall be filed with the Clerk a petition protesting against such Local Law, signed and authenticated as required by the Municipal Home Rule Law, then until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of Hamilton County voting on a proposition for it. The Clerk shall publish this local law or abstract thereof and take such further action as may be required under the Municipal Home Rule Law governing adoption of this local law.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 199-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025 – LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF COMMUNICATION TOWER IN TOWN OF ARIETTA**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2025 entitled, “LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF COMMUNICATION TOWER IN TOWN OF ARIETTA” be and the same is hereby introduced to the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the said proposed Local Law at the County Office Complex, Route 8, Lake Pleasant, New York, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2025, at 11:00 AM, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the County of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF  
COMMUNICATION TOWER IN TOWN OF ARIETTA

WHEREAS, in the Town of Arietta certain lands owned by the Spy Lake Corporation have been determined to be appropriate for installation of a communications tower, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County wishes to install such communications tower to enhance existing emergency management communications, and

WHEREAS, said property owner is willing to enter into a 99-year lease agreement allowing Hamilton County to enhance said communications, now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Spy Lake Corporation is the owner of premises in the Town of Arietta, said real property more particularly described as set forth in a certain deed dated October 29, 1996 and recorded in the Hamilton County Clerk's Office October 31, 1996 at Book 214, Page 184.

Section 2. Said property owner has agreed to lease to the County of Hamilton the said property as more particularly set forth in the said lease agreement.

Section 3. The term of the proposed lease is up to ninety-nine (99) years.

Section 4. An analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the said aforesaid lease, if any, has been done under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with Hamilton County acting as lead agency; this legislative body determines that the proposed action constitutes a Type II action, and accordingly adopts a Negative Declaration, with a determination of no significant effect on the environment.

Section 5. This Local Law is enacted to amend and supersede County Law Section 215(3) so as to authorize the County of Hamilton to enter into a lease of private property identified and as set forth hereinbefore, the purpose of superseding County Law Section 215 is to authorize the County to enter into a lease for a term exceeding five (5) years.

Section 6. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into any and all agreements and execute all documents deemed necessary by the County Attorney for the lease of the above-described property from said landowner for a period of up to ninety-nine (99) years.

Section 7. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes stated this is a needed addition to our infrastructure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 200-25**

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY & NATIONAL GRID  
NORTHERN NEW YORK MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECT**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (Authority) is a New York State public benefit corporation that works with its Partners to meet the region's infrastructure needs in water, sewer, housing, telecommunications, and solid waste management, and

WHEREAS, as a NYS Public Benefit Corporation, the Authority is a not-for-profit entity that receives no ongoing state or federal funding to operate, but rather serves as a revenue-based utility charging fees that cover the Authority's costs to operate and maintain its infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Authority operates a ~2000-mile Open Access Telecommunications Middle Mile Network that serves the entire North Country region by providing access to broadband that would not otherwise be available through partnerships with private and public entities, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has undertaken a \$24,450,000 Northern New York Middle Mile Broadband Project to provide high-quality broadband internet to unserved and underserved communities in 12 counties, including Franklin, St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, Warren, Herkimer, Oswego, Onondaga, Oneida, Fulton, and Montgomery County, and

WHEREAS, this project has received \$14,547,750 in federal funding through the Department of Commerce National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has partnered with National Grid and Northland Communications to provide service to unserved and underserved communities while bolstering reliability and resilience for electricity service, increasing the reach of emergency and health services, increasing electric grid cybersecurity, and improving connectivity for United States

defense assets, and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to construct approximately 9.3 miles of new utility poles and aerial fiber cable within the existing road right of way along NYS Route 30 in the Town of Lake Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the construction of this fiber cable is necessary to provide connectivity between the Town of Indian Lake and Speculator, resulting in the opportunity for broadband access and improved emergency response and communications in this unserved area, and

WHEREAS, this broadband project is critical infrastructure for the Hamilton County emergency communication tower system, recently permitted by the Adirondack Park Agency, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the Development Authority of the North Country & National Grid Northern New York Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Project.

Seconded by ALL and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 201-25**

#### **AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 96-25 – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ACCESS ROAD MATERIALS FOR MOREHOUSE TOWER SITE**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 96-25 approved the quote from Di Highway Sign & Structure to purchase the required steel framing in the amount of \$11,727.20 with funds coming from Account No. A3645.0428, Statewide Communications Grant ST18-1005-D04, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to have the purchase come from Account No. A3645.0430, Statewide Communications Grant SI23-1055-E00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 96-25 is hereby amended so the payment for the steel framing purchased from Di Highway Sign & Structure be a charge against Account No. A3645.0430, Statewide Communications Grant SI23-1055-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

The Chairman introduced Resolution No. 10 on the agenda, Authorizing Funding and Hiring of Corrections Officer I. Mr. Rhodes stated this resolution is no longer needed. The Clerk of the Board stated that it is a vacancy, and a 10-day letter has been sent out. The Chairman confirmed that it was being removed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 202-25**

**AUTHORIZING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES FOR 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT OPERATIONS GRANT–  
PS24-1020-E00**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has been awarded a NYS 2024 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant in the amount of \$163,770.00, Grant PS24-1020-E00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said 2024 Public Safety Answering Point Operations grant and the Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells confirmed that Mr. Rhodes confirmed that \$7,500 is for 3 sites. Mr. Rhodes stated that he thought it had to do with him being a sole proprietor, so he is exempt from prevailing wage.

**RESOLUTION NO. 203-25**

**AWARD OF THREE TOWER SITES SURVEY BID – SI19-1010-E07**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**



WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received for the surveys of the three tower sites (Arietta, Hope and Morehouse) for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in the Invitation to Bidders Notice as advertised by the Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

1. J. Scott Blanchard  
711 Old State Road  
Poland, New York 13431  
Total Cost Proposal: \$7,500.00
2. Stratton Surveying, PLLC  
1401 Graffenburg Road  
New Hartford, New York 13413  
Total Cost Proposal: \$24,428.00
3. MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying PC  
21 Corporate Drive  
Clifton Park, New York 12065  
Total Cost Proposal: \$52,000.00

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors award the bid for the surveying of the three tower sites to J. Scott Blanchard of Poland, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that with the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with J. Scott Blanchard of Poland, New York for the surveys of three tower sites in the amount of \$7,500.00 with funds coming from Account No. A3645.0422 – SI19-1010-E07.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 204-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING CREATION, FUNDING AND HIRING OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEMP**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has a need to hire temporary help in the Emergency Management Office, and

WHEREAS, the retired Emergency Management Director Gordon “Don” Purdy of Lake Pleasant, New York has expressed an interest in working on a temporary basis for the Emergency Management Office, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A3640.0105 – Emergency Management Temporary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$4,000 from A3110.0111 – Part-Time Sheriff to A3640.0105 – Emergency Management Temporary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff is authorized to hire Gordon “Don” Purdy as a Temp Clerk – Part Time working per diem at a wage of \$50.00 per hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so authorized and the Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 205-25**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE GRANT**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health through Health Research, Inc. (HRI) has offered renewal of Contract No. 1611-18 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and

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

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for \$52,099, 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 Department of Health through Health Research Inc., pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 206-25**

#### **RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT FOR RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS – VETCOR OF ALBANY LLC d/b/a GLOVE CITIES VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, in NYS it is the responsibility of the local health department to have a system in place for the control and suppression of rabies, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Nursing Service (HCPHNS) holds quarterly rabies vaccination clinics throughout the County which provides for free vaccination of taxpayers' dogs, cats and domestic ferrets, and

WHEREAS, the services of a licensed veterinarian are required to provide this service, and

WHEREAS, VetCor of Albany LLC d/b/a Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital, 35 Harrison Street, Gloversville, NY has agreed to provide veterinarian services for HCPHNS, and

WHEREAS, VetCor of Albany LLC d/b/a Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital has agreed to maintain membership in the American Veterinary Medical Association, making them eligible to maintain professional liability insurance at the required level, and

WHEREAS, one licensed veterinarian from the Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital will be reimbursed at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, to include travel time and clinic hours plus travel reimbursement at the prevailing county mileage rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with VetCor of Albany LLC d/b/a Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital, to provide veterinary services at HCPHNS rabies clinics, at a rate of \$100.00 per clinic hour, plus travel time and mileage

reimbursement, as described above, to begin May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 207-25**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR EVALUATION AND  
SERVICE PROVISION WITH ADIRONDACK ENRICHMENT FOR CHILDREN AGED  
3-5 YEARS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for Comprehensive evaluations for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a suspected developmental delay through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for any combination of Center-Based itinerant or related professional services including: Special Education Itinerant (SEIT) Services; skilled Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Related services; Counseling and/or one-on-one Aide services for children determined to have an eligible level of developmental delay and require center-based services to fully meet their needs; as defined through the CPSE Process, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, the County is required to maintain contracts with several providers for the provision of comprehensive Evaluation and specialized center-based services as described above; in order to provide parents with a choice for service provision, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for comprehensive evaluation and subsequent center-based services is determined by the extent of the evaluation and results, and based on rates set in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the New York State Education Department, and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Evaluations may be requested at any time and/or professional related service provision may be requested at any time through the regular school year and/or the 30 day summer session, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service represents Hamilton County as administrator of this program, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney, for Comprehensive Evaluation and Center-Based professional service provision for children residing within Hamilton County at rates set by the New York State Department of Education, for the period of May 1, 2025 through April 31, 2026 between the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and, not limited to but including, the following center-based preschool service providers:

Adirondack Enrichment  
413 Bay Road  
Queensbury, NY 12804  
(518) 761-2025

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 208-25**

**2025 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PART TIME RN**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Jeff Kaiser has been working as a part time RN for Public Health Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, his payroll line needs to be increased to cover additional hours worked due to staff being out on medical leave and a full-time RN retiring, be it

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

FROM: A1990.0401 Contingent Fund	\$ 10,000.00
TO: A4050.0126 CHHA Temp RN	\$ 10,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 209-25**

**AUTHORIZING WAGE INCREASE FOR MERIT**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health hired Jamie Gallup on August 8, 2020, as a Certified Home Health Aide/PCA Level 2, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gallup has worked four and a half years for Hamilton County Public Health and her supervisors agree that she is deserving of the merit pay built into the Grade and Step scale, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors increase Ms. Gallup's rate of pay to \$25.620 per hour effective May 1, 2025, and be it further

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

FROM: A.1990.0401, Contingent Fund	\$1,171.00
TO: A.4050.0129, Home Health Aide #2	\$1,171.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Health, Personnel Officer and Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 210-25**

**AUTHORIZING PROMOTION TO MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health hired Samantha Kazimer on July 17, 2023, as a Clerk with the anticipation of promoting her to Medical Records Clerk after she had the experience to meet the minimum qualifications of the title, and

WHEREAS, after working in the department as Clerk for over a year, Ms. Kazimer meets the minimum qualifications for the position and is on the Eligible List for Medical Records Clerk, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the promotion of Samantha Kazimer to Medical Records Clerk at \$22.380/hour effective July 17, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to rename Account No. 4050.0108, Clerk to Medical Records Clerk and make the following transfer:

FROM: A.1990.0401, Contingent Fund      \$781.00  
TO: A.4050.0108, Medical Records Clerk      \$781.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Health, Personnel Officer and Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this is a great thing to get done and Mr. Rhodes agreed. The Chairman thanked the Clerk of the Board.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 211-25**

#### **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY IT DEPARTMENT**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services wishes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Hamilton County IT Department for Network and PC services, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services will pay the actual hourly rate plus fringe for said services, be it

RESOLVED, that with the approval of the County Attorney, the Commissioner of the Hamilton County Department of Social Services and the Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to execute a Cooperation Agreement for the term of June 5, 2025 through December 31, 2025 between the Department of Social Services and the Hamilton County IT Department for Network and PC services to be billed at the actual cost to the County.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 212-25**

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

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Vehicle #112 - 2018 Dodge Durango was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2018 Dodge Durango, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$5,208.42 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$5,208.42, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.  
3985 Main Street  
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #8377 in the amount of \$5,408.42 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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



FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes asked about safety. The Chairman stated that he thought these have been being worked on for a while. The Clerk of the Board stated that they have had issues with checks.

**RESOLUTION NO. 213-25**

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

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Vehicle #94 - 2023 Dodge Ram was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2023 Dodge Ram, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$7,350.79 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$7,350.79, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.  
3985 Main Street  
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #8287 in the amount of \$8,350.79 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 214-25**

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

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Vehicle #921 - 2023 Nissan Altima was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2023 Nissan Altima, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$2,698.50 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$2,698.50, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.  
3985 Main Street  
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #8261(\$3,892.07) in the amount of \$3,698.50 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance, and Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc. collecting \$193.57 directly from the Insurance Agency and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-25**

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

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Vehicle #114 – 2022 Ford F600 was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2022 Ford F600, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$27,478.19 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$27,478.19, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.  
3985 Main Street  
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #8367 in the amount of \$28,478.19 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 216-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE HAULING STATE GRANT CONTRACT**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded Solid Waste Hauling Contract #DEC01-C01448GG-3350000 for \$150,000.00 per year for a term of 4/1/21-3/31/23, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received an amendment to Solid Waste Hauling Contract #DEC01-C01448GG-3350000 to change the term to 4/1/21-3/31/24, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the amendment to NYS DEC Contract #DEC01-C01448GG-3350000 Hamilton County Solid Waste Hauling for a period of 4/1/21-3/31/24 totaling \$450,000.00 and the County Treasurer and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 217-25**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR INSTALL OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR  
SHERIFF VEHICLE - 2025**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has a new 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV, and this vehicle required the installation of ancillary equipment such as, but not limited to, two-way radios, emergency lights, sirens, etc., and

WHEREAS, the County has received a written quote for the installation and purchase of the necessary parts for the ancillary equipment from JPJ Electronics, 1 W. Whitesboro St., Yorkville, NY, in the amount of \$24,754.27, and

WHEREAS, due to the complex electronic systems in new vehicles—such as airbag components and computer-controlled factory equipment, the Fleet Coordinator proceeded with the installation, which is now complete and the vehicle is in service, be it

RESOLVED, that \$24,754.27 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance, in accordance with Section 366, Subdivision 1 of the County Law, to Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile to cover the cost of the vehicle upfit, and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make said transfer, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check payable to JPJ Electronics, 1 W. Whitesboro St., Yorkville, NY 13495, in the amount of \$24,754.27 for Invoices 247836 and 247837 to be charged to Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile, and the Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator, and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-25**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT INSURANCE OFFER ON VEHICLE AND TO  
PURCHASE ONE REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH 2025**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department owns a 2025 Nissan Altima sedan that was involved in an accident and sustained major damage that was determined to be a total loss by the County's insurance carrier, and

WHEREAS, the insurance company's offer for the totaled vehicle is \$29,612.50 for vehicle #779, 2025 Nissan Altima, VIN 1N4BL4CW3SN303406, License Plate BK8764, and

WHEREAS, Nissan Altimas 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:

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

be it

RESOLVED, the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to accept the offer of \$29,612.50 for vehicle #779 and the revenue shall be credited to Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries, be it further

RESOLVED, that expenditure Account No. A4050.0201 Automobile be increased by \$28,175.00 and offset by the insurance recovery, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2025 Nissan Altima for Public Health as 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 Public Health Director, Fleet Coordinator, County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 219-25**

**AUTHORIZATION OF BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECTS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss building project renovations, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends moving forward with the renovation projects as follows –

- Sheriff Office Renovation - \$80,000.00 est.
- Indian Lake Building Shed/Storage - \$20,000.00 est.
- Indian Lake Highway New Overhead Door - \$12,000.00 est.

be it

RESOLVED, that \$112,000.00 be transferred from the Buildings Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.414 Five Year Building Plan for the said projects and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 220-25**

**AUTHORIZING SALE OF EXCESS TRUCK TO TOWN OF MOREHOUSE**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 306-24 authorized the disposition of a 2012 International Truck via Auctions International, and

WHEREAS, the County did not receive any reasonable bids on the said truck during the auction, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morehouse would like to purchase the said truck for their use,  
and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator recommends that the following vehicle be sold  
to the Town of Morehouse for \$15,000.00:

2012 Int. Paystar Tandem Axle Dump Truck w/Plow Equipment  
VIN #1HTXLSHT6CJ622409

be it

RESOLVED, the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to sell the truck mentioned hereon  
to the Town of Morehouse and revenue credit to Account No. DM2665. Sale of Equipment and the  
Fleet Coordinator, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: FERNANDEZ

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 221-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING HOURLY RATE ADJUSTMENT OF DPW EMPLOYEE – CDL TRAINER**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee and  
Internal Management Committee to recommend an employee to become the In-House CDL  
Trainer to replace the previous employee that performed those duties as follows -

Scott Calta – \$10.00 per hour when performing CDL Training

and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Internal Management Committees recommend this  
adjustment, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Personnel Officer is authorized to adjust the employee as stated hereon effective immediately when the employee performs CDL Training and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 222-25**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE – SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 188-25 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) Nissan Altima for use by Social Services, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle ordered has been delivered, and

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

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Romeo Nissan, 140 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401-7444 in the amount of \$28,175.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A6010.0202 Automobile and the Social Service Commissioner, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 223-25**

**APPROVAL OF FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES FOR FEMA DR-4723 (JULY 2023  
FLOODING) CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE PROJECT ON CR3, NORTH POINT  
ROAD FOR 2025**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**



**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 277-23 authorized the creation of Capital Account No. H2.8760.401 (July 2023 Flooding) to fund repairs related to the July 2023 Flooding event under Federal Disaster Declaration DR-4723, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 412-24 awarded the bid for the construction of the CR3 Bridge over Pine Brook in the Town of Arietta, related to the FEMA July 2023 Flooding event, to Birdsall Excavation and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$797,274.00, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends appropriating \$797,274.00 to Capital Account No. H2.8760.401 (July 2023 Flooding) for the bridge project, from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance, and

WHEREAS, Birdsall Excavation and Construction, LLC has submitted Payment Application No. 1 for work completed to date, which has been certified by A.S. Bell Engineering, P.C., and the DPW Superintendent recommends payment in the amount of \$630,372.50 to Birdsall Excavation and Construction, LLC, 15 Tower Lane, Clarksville, NY 12041, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$797,274.00 is hereby appropriated from Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law and made available for the construction of the above designated project as recommended by the DPW Superintendent, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment to Birdsall Excavation and Construction, LLC, 15 Tower Lane, Clarksville, NY 12041 in the amount of \$630,372.50 and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that it was a lot of work done in a short amount of time. They did a really good job.

**RESOLUTION NO. 224-25**

**AUTHORIZATION OF SEWER PROJECT - COURTHOUSE**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the septic system at the courthouse needed to be replaced in an emergency because of collapsed piping, and

WHEREAS, in the process of replacing the collapsed piping it was determined that entire system needed to be upgraded including but not limited to septic piping, septic tank, pump station, and related materials, and

WHEREAS, after meeting with the Public Work Committee it was determined to set up a project to fund the system replacement cost, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A1620.0416 Courthouse Septic System Project be hereby created and \$55,000.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1620.0416 Courthouse Septic System Project for construction and purchasing of materials needed for the said project and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 225-25**

**CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CPL 730 EXAMINATIONS  
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – MARILYN MCKEE, PH.D.**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for provider for court ordered 730 examination, and

WHEREAS, the previous provider has deemed that they are no longer able to meet that need, and

WHEREAS, Marilyn McKee, PhD., Licensed Psychologist has the qualifications to conduct these examinations, be it

RESOLVED, that Marilyn McKee of 81 Merritt Pl., New Hartford, NY 13413 provide this service, be paid \$150 per hour for time spent on evaluation, including direct time, report writing, testimony and travel, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from June 16, 2025 until December 31, 2026, 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 Marilyn McKee, PhD, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 226-25**

**CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CPL 730 EXAMINATIONS  
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – KATHERINE WARDEN, PH.D.**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for provider for court ordered 730 examination, and

WHEREAS, the previous provider has deemed that they are no longer able to meet that need, and

WHEREAS, Katherine Warden, PhD., Licensed Psychologist has the qualifications to conduct these examinations, be it

RESOLVED, that Katherine Warden, PhD., of 74 Taber Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413 provide this service, be paid \$150 per hour for time spent on evaluation, including direct time, report writing, testimony and travel, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from June 16, 2025 until December 31, 2026, 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 Katherine Warden, PhD, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 227-25**

**CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CPL 730 EXAMINATIONS  
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES - MICHAEL PREZIOSO**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for provider for court ordered 730 examination, and

WHEREAS the previous provider has deemed that they are no longer able to meet that need, and

WHEREAS, Michael Prezioso, PhD., Licensed Psychologist has the qualifications to conduct these examinations, be it

RESOLVED, that Michael Prezioso of 210 Church Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12027 provide this service, be paid \$150 per hour for time spent on evaluation, including direct time, report writing, testimony and travel, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from June 16, 2025 until December 31, 2026, 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 Michael Prezioso, PhD, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 228-25**

**CONTRACT FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AT COMMUNITY SERVICES –  
THOMAS HOWINGTON, PMHNP-BC**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

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

WHEREAS, psychiatric services are budgeted in the 2025 and 2026 Community Services  
budget for a Psychiatrist for \$170,000, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for back up coverage for vacations, sick, etc., and

WHEREAS, Thomas Howington, PMHNP is available to provide this coverage and  
treatment to individuals in Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that Nurse Practitioner Thomas Howington, PMHNP of 880 Lott Smith Rd,  
Wesson, MS 39191 be paid \$300 per month to provide said coverage plus \$50 per day that his  
services are used, not to exceed \$5,000.00 annually, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from May 1, 2025 until December 31,  
2026, 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 Thomas Howington and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Ms. Hunt asked if this means that the  
County has more participants. The Chairman stated that he hoped so.

**RESOLUTION NO. 229-25**

**INCREASING THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM BUDGET**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), administered by the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, has been awarded the amount of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$13,714.00) for the administration of the 2025 SYEP, and

WHEREAS, the amount to be awarded for SYEP was not known at the time the 2025 budget was adopted, no amount was put in the 2025 Hamilton County budget for Account No. A6290.0103, Job Training Participating Summer Youth, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A6290.0103, Job Training Participating Summer Youth, be increased by Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$13,714.00) to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4089.0100, Federal Aid, WIA, by same amount and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 230-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR WHEEL LOADER**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the County owns a 2018 John Deere 624K Wheel Loader that needs the tires replaced, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received a written quote estimate from Hill Top Tire to replace the tires for \$15,630.80 that includes the four new tires that are on New York State Contract pricing, O-rings, OTR Sealant, valve stems and travel to Hamilton County for installation and removal of old tires, and

RESOLVED, that hereby the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to move forward with the purchase and installation of the tires mentioned hereon in the estimated amount of \$15,630.80 for the 2018 John Deere 624K and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer and Public Works Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 231-25**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$216,054.26 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$125,367.24 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, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 232-25**

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

**DATED: JUNE 5, 2025**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$558,432.43 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 131,575.67
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	30,471.20
Finance Committee .....	40,676.58
Health Committee.....	17,195.09
Human Services Committee.....	30,550.06
Central Government Committee .....	231,577.31
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	75,088.28
Internal Management Committee .....	1,298.24

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$2,587.86
Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$5,279.80

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Snyder: Stated that the District Attorney has been busy with the trial.

Mr. Wells: Stated that he ran across an article for the Appellate Court and they ruled NYS Even Year Election Law is constitutional. He called over to Lake Pleasant and got a mixed answer. Has anyone looked into it? Ms. Hunt stated she had heard that it was going to get appealed immediately but hadn't heard anything further. Mr. Rhodes stated that he believed there was an appeal for it but they wouldn't know until September. Mr. Wells confirmed with Mr. Rhodes that since the ruling it had gone back into appeal. Mr. Rhodes stated that someone had asked during an AATV meeting if they could do a local law to go to 3 years, it would accomplish the same thing. They opined that they wouldn't have time because the decision is going to be made in September.

Mr. Wells wanted to thank Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer. He has been working with him on a bonding project. It has been very difficult. He thanked Mr. Baker and his office.

Mr. Wells stated that he and the Chairman attended the opening day meeting for the Newcomb Community Center. He encouraged the Board to stop in to see it.

Mr. Wells confirmed that the Board received a letter from the Indian Lake Public Library thanking Hamilton County. On June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Pleasant Public Library there will be a discussion on cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services. No matter the opinions or the politics he thinks there is going to be huge changes in that financially. He stated that they all know how important their libraries are in their towns. If anyone could attend that would be great.

Mr. Wells thanked the Chairman for marching in the Memorial Day Parade and giving a speech.

Mr. Wells stated that he was looking for a resolution for the Health Care Coalition for this meeting. They referred it back to Committee. If anyone wants any information on what this is about, he has information he can distribute at Committee.



Mr. Tomlinson: Thanked Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Johnson and the Department for everything they have done with the sewer project. It was a huge project that they took on with everything else they have going on. They did an awesome job. He also thanked Ms. Johnson for attending the meeting and helping him out.

The Chairman stated that he attended the APA Adirondack Planning Forum on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There were sessions offered on public meetings and hearings which address the goals and requirements associated with holding public meetings. He also went to a session on municipal water infrastructure which detailed all the project planning, funding, implementation needed while doing a complicated infrastructure project. There were 3 speakers all of which did a nice job. Carrie Tuttle, Chief Operating Officer of DANC, provided some really valuable insight on municipal water projects that she has guided from concept to being complete. Mark Hall, APA Board Member and Certified Water Operator, shared his experience and discussed his award-winning drinking water project he completed in Star Lake. He also attended the Workforce Housing Session. Leslie Karasin, Adirondack Program Director for Northern Forest Center, gave a presentation on some of the housing projects they are doing. They have projects going throughout New York, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. They buy older properties that need some work and either rehab them into multi-family apartments or tear them down to build new. They typically do this work, try to sell and recoup their money in 6 to 7 years with deed restrictions to make sure that these units stay long term. At the Forum he had a chance to have good conversations with Barbara Rice, Jerry Delaney and Amanda Lefton who is the new Commissioner of NYSDEC, she replaced Basil Seggos. Also, in May he went to Keene and got to see new walking and biking community trails. What he found interesting there was that the local surrounding businesses were shown as sponsors of the trail network and it seemed like a really good concept. He took some pictures of the sponsors and he planned on reaching out to see how their donations were structured. He discussed what the Barkeater Trail Alliance (BETA) did by saying they created a community partner program where businesses could donate at different levels and pick what trail network they want their donation to go to. He thinks it could be a simple affective way to get community businesses involved with local outdoor recreation ideas that each of our towns might have.

The Chairman stated that he wanted to remind the Board that if they are having Department Heads asking them, that without the use of your personal vehicle you are not entitled to a mileage allowance. That is the bottom line and the opinion of the County Attorney. Mr. Fernandez asked if an employee wanted to be reimbursed for using the county car. The Clerk of the Board stated this is regarding somebody riding with somebody else.

The Chairman stated that they had a wonderful celebration in Long Lake honoring the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. He then had the honor of being invited to march and speak at the Hamilton County parade which was in Indian Lake this year. He joined Supervisor Wells. Both events were well attended.

The Chairman stated that the Lake Pleasant Public Library sent himself and the Board an invite to meet with Sara Dallas, Director of Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS), on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Unfortunately, he will not be able to attend but was hoping someone could attend and report back to the Board.

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