

FIRST EMERGENCY SESSION
September 18, 2015
Board of
Supervisors – County of Hamilton
Lake Pleasant, New York

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

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call an Emergency Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Friday, September 18, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose the purpose of authorizing the Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant Application and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta_____	ABSENT	Richard A. Wilt
Benson_____	ABSENT	Phillip Snyder
Hope_____	ABSENT	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake_____		Brian Wells
Inlet_____	ABSENT	John Frey
Lake Pleasant_____		Neil McGovern
Long Lake_____	ABSENT	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse_____		William G. Farber
Wells_____		Brian Towers

Also present: Alan Hipps and Pete Klein

Public Comment: No one present

The Chairman explained this emergency session was called because we are in the process of putting together a Community Development Block Grant application with the assistance of Mr. Hipps.

Mr. Hipps handed out information and explained that our last application did not get approved. He talked to the Office of Community Renewal about how to make our application stronger. One of the things that they said was that we would need to have a county-wide “windshield survey” of housing conditions. Seeing how spread out Hamilton County is, they suggested we use the HUD CHAS data which is available on-line. Mr. Hipps found the on-line data to be quite useful and should work quite well for the application process.

Mr. Hipps stated that we will need at least 3 work write-ups for the application. He had 5 that were based on property surveys from Avalon. Last spring our application waiting list consisted of 133

names generated by Real Property Director Baker of those who received the Enhanced Star School Tax Exemption. This is a very good population to target; they are elderly, year-round occupants, who meet the CDBG program income guidelines but he cannot go to these homes for a write-up because the occupants may not know about the program.

We also need a list of contractors who are interested in doing the work. He now has a list that includes 6 who will do the work in Hamilton County.

Finally, OCR was moved by the fact that 70% of all homes in the county are second homes. Therefore, he suggests that we propose two applications, one for home rehabilitation (10 homes @ \$350,000) and one for home buyer assistance (6 homes @ \$200,000). The total of the two applications cannot be more than \$850,000 this year. We do have some history with homebuyers, last year we were able to assist two new homebuyers through the 7-County Homebuyers Program sponsored by St. Lawrence County.

So the need is:

- Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to submit the application.
- Signature on the Certification Form
- Signature on the Application Disclosure Report
- Signature on the Lead-Based Paint Plan Certification

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 256-15

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has identified the support of low/moderate income homeowners through home rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance as its most severe community development need, and

WHEREAS, the proposed program area is hereby defined as having many substandard structures occupied by low/moderate income families, Substandard is defined as:

A structure or dwelling unit which has one or more major structural defect, but can still be repaired for a reasonable amount

and

WHEREAS, the only affordable means of financing a program designed to meet these needs is to secure funding from the NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, due to the sparsely populated character of the proposed program area with homes scattered over a large geographical area, a non-target methodology is to be employed to assist only low and moderate income persons, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Chairman, William G. Farber, to sign and submit applications to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for community development programs for both homebuyer assistance and housing rehabilitation and to act in connection with the submission of the applications and to provide such additional information as may be required, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County, Inc. will perform administrative services as a subrecipient for Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County has adopted the following: Citizen Participation Plan, Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, Excessive Force Policy, Lead Based Paint Plan, and the Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Procedures, and that they are on file at the County Offices.

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

AYES: WELLS, MCGOVERN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY AND SEAMAN

The Chairman explained there is a second resolution because when Mr. Hipps was working through the application he discovered that Hamilton County did not officially adopt the Advantage Adirondacks Report. There is value to this application in doing that. It was just an oversight that we did not adopt the report.

RESOLUTION NO. 257-15

ADOPTING THE ADVANTAGE ADIRONDACKS REPORT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County, was the sponsor municipality for the Adirondack Partnership, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Partnership project and final report (Advantage Adirondacks) was something the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors and its members were very involved in, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has never formally adopted the Advantage Adirondacks report, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Advantage Adirondacks report.

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

AYES: WELLS, MCGOVERN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY AND SEAMAN

The Chairman explained that Warren County will be approving a contract today between EISEP and Hamilton County to provide Personal Care Workers. Our first priority will be the hard to serve CHHA patients, then secondly it will be the EISEP patients.

RESOLUTION NO. 258-15

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

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

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

WHEREAS, this agreement is for the period commencing September 18, 2015 – March 31, 2016 for a total of \$50,000.00, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Warren/ Hamilton Office for the Aging for PCI and PCII level services under the EISEP program for a term of September 18, 2015 to March 31, 2016 for a total of \$50,000.00.

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

AYES: WELLS, MCGOVERN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY AND SEAMAN

Reports:

Mr. McGovern asked if they were going to expedite the aide appointment as well.

The Chairman stated they put the ten day letter out, we could have done it as a resolution but didn't really think of that.

As there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Wells. Carried.