2019

EIGHTH SESSION

AUGUST 1, 2019

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, William G. Farber presiding. Mr. Farber 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 Richard A. Wilt Benson John M. Stortecky

Hope ABSENT
Indian Lake Brian Wells
Inlet John Frey
Lake Pleasant ABSENT

Long LakeClark J. SeamanMorehouseWilliam G. FarberWellsDonald W. Beach

Also present: County Attorney, Christopher Iven, Partnership Specialist for NY Regional Census Center and Jamila Page, Senior Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension

A motion was made to accept the minutes of July 3, 2019 by Mr. Stortecky, seconded by Mr. R. Wilt, Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: Attended Inter-County in Lowville, Common Ground Alliance, AATV and Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. There is a lot going on. If anyone has any questions please ask.

The Chairman introduced Christopher Iven, Partnership Specialist from the NY Regional Census Center. He is here to give a presentation on the 2020 Census; keeping the Board apprised of what is going on in respect to the census and the situation here in New York.

Mr. Iven began by telling the Board his role. He helps communities in upstate NY organize and make sure everyone within the community is getting counted. He handed out information to all the Supervisors and reviewed it. The information included; frequently asked questions, how a person will be invited to respond, partnering with census bureau, census 101, why we ask the questions, counting young children and most importantly that everyone's responses to the 2020 census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. He also went on to describe how the census

workers gathering the information are not allowed to report anything that they see at a person's home. He warned against scams. The Chairman asked if he could go into the rules on how everyone is counted because there are quite a few communities that have second home owners that share time here. Mr. Iven stated that a person can only be counted in one place. The rule is to count people at their usual residence, which is where that person lives and sleeps most of the time. It is up to the person to decide where they consider they live more. The Chairman stated that this showed a clear weakness in 2010 and feels that everyone should be better educated on this. The Board thanked him for coming in and Mr. Iven thanked the Board for having him.

Jamila Page, Senior Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension, came to give an update. She started with the Grow a Row Program and that there was grant funding they received for this program. She will be presenting the finished film project during Old Homes Days. It is an Adirondack spoof on the Avengers. They will be doing another film project in the northern part of the County at a later date. The last two weeks of August she hopes to have a marketing session to advertise for the communal market. She discussed invasive and nuisance species and working with Soil and Water. Every town this year has a garden share station. They received a donation of 1,200 seeds from Save a Heart Seeds and distributed the seeds to the garden share station boxes. In those boxes they also have literature and a gardening booklet. They hired Daryl Rulison last month and she has been an amazing addition. There was some difficulty with transportation of the kids involved with the projects but they have figured out the steps to incorporate outside transportation when needed in the future. Mr. Frey told Ms. Page to keep up the good work. The Board thanked her for coming in.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 227-19

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2019 NYSAC FALL SEMINAR

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the Fall Seminar in Monticello, N.Y. September 16 – September 18, 2019, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Supervisors and County Officials be granted permission to participate in the above mentioned Conference and that the actual and reasonable expenses of the officers attending such meeting shall be a County charge and be audited by this Board in the same manner as other County charges.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 228-19

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES IN TOWN OF INLET

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted Rex A. Germer, on property located in the Town of Inlet, with parcel ID #59.016-8-25.100, in the name of Virginia C. Germer, deceased, concerning the 2017 and 2018 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, Rex A. Germer, her son, has been diligently working to resolve the issue of the back taxes and several other issues in the estate, and

WHEREAS, Rex A. Germer, has submitted a written request as to why the taxes have not been paid to date and a request to pay the back taxes, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$4,884.81 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$5,384.81 due by July 31, 2019.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

ABSTAIN: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 229-19

CREATING ACCOUNT CLERK/COMPUTER SUPPORT AIDE POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has met with the Finance Committee to review the future staffing needs of the Treasurer's Office, and

WHEREAS, it was determined that in order to meet the future needs of the Treasurer's Office, a position with not only accounting skills is required but a position with more advanced computer skills is required, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the civil service position of Account Clerk/Computer Support Aide which requires NY State civil service testing, be created in the Treasurer's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer advertise for the position of Account Clerk/Computer Support Aide for the Treasurer's Office with the understanding that the position may be filled provisionally by a qualified candidate until the test can be given on February 29, 2020 and a qualified list is certified, and be it further

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

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 230-19

AUTHORIZING TITLE CHANGE AND PROMOTION IN TREASURER'S OFFICE

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Jodie Small is presently the Senior Account Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, and

WHEREAS, Jodie Small has been added training and supervisory duties to her job title, and

WHEREAS, Jodie Small has recently took and passed the exam for Principle Account Clerk and is reachable from the list, and

WHEREAS, at this time the County Treasurer requires these added duties and in the near future additional duties as the attrition plan for the Treasurer's Office is put in place, be it

RESOLVED, that Jodie Small be promoted to the position of Principle Account Clerk in the Treasurer's Office at a Grade 11, Step 6, effective August 5, 2019, to help facilitate the future activities of the Treasurer's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$2,251.00 be transferred to Treasurer's Account No. A1325.103 Senior Account Clerk from Contingent Fund, A1990.401, and the Personnel Officer and Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 231-19

REQUEST FOR GRADE CHANGE – DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Deputy County Treasurer position as placed presently on the Grade and Title Schedule is not consistent with the duties of the position or other comparable titles, and

WHEREAS, as presently placed on the Grade and Title Schedule, puts the Deputy County Treasurer and the Principle Account Clerk title, both positions available to the Treasurer's Office, at the same level and grade and this is incorrect, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the title of Deputy County Treasurer be changed from the present Grade 11 to Grade 12 to be more reflective of the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy County Treasurer, effective August 5, 2019, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$964.00 be transferred to Treasurer's Account A1325.102 Deputy County Treasurer from Contingent Fund, A1990.401, and the Personnel Officer and Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 232-19

CREATING AND FUNDING TEMPORARY LINE IN COUNTY HISTORIAN BUDGET

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, a grant was awarded by the New York State Archives ("Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund, ID No. 0580-19-7584") to the County Historian in the amount of \$60,043 to improve the management of the County Historian's collection of historic records, and

WHEREAS, some additional work on the project remains to be completed after the conclusion of this grant, and

WHEREAS, the Historian's 2019 Account No. A7510.0401 Travel contains sufficient funds to hire a temporary intern for this purpose and will not be needed for travel expenses this year, and

WHEREAS, the County Historian is requesting to rehire Jonathan Hutchins as a temporary Historian Assistant, for a period not to exceed two and a half months, at \$25.00 per hour for approximately 8 hours per week, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Historian is hereby authorized to rehire Jonathan Hutchins as a temporary Historian Assistant at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective August 5, 2019 through October 18, 2019, not to exceed \$1,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A7510.0103 Temporary Historian Assistant, and fund it by transferring \$1,000.00 from Account No. A7510.0401 Travel.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 233-19

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Hamilton County Community Services Board can recommend appointments to the Hamilton County Community Services Board and the Hamilton County Community Services Boards subcommittees, and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Hamilton County Community Services Board and the Mental Health subcommittee, be it

RESOLVED that, S. Peter Feldstein of Hope, NY be appointed to the Hamilton County Community Services Board and the Hamilton County Community Services Board's Mental Health subcommittee with both appointments having terms expiring December 31, 2023, and be it further

RESOLVED that Daryl Rulison of Piseco, NY who currently serves on the CSB Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Committee, be appointed to the remaining opening on the Hamilton County Community Services Board with a term to expire December 31, 2023 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 234-19

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE BUDGET LINE NAME FROM SOCIAL WELFARE EXAMINER TO ACCOUNT CLERK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services previously had a Social Welfare Examiner Position and upon Retirement chose to replace the position with an Account Clerk and,

WHEREAS, the Account Clerk position has now been filled and the budget line name needs to be changed, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A6010.107 which was formally titled Social Welfare Examiner will now be renamed Account Clerk.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 235-19

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECTS FOR 2019

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, because of scheduling related circumstances and delays the Superintendent recommends adjustments of certain county road projects and creating other projects for 2019, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the adjustments/transfers of the following projects:

COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Long Lake

Co Rd No. 10 – Sabattis Road, Account No. D5112.2516

Approx. 1.0 miles, current budget \$150,000.00, decrease appropriation by \$135,000.00 and transfer to Account No. 5112.202 Capital Projects

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 4 Town of Indian Lake

Co. Rd No. 4 – Big Brook Road, Account No. D5112.2518

Approx. 1.0 miles, current budget \$50,000.00, decrease appropriation by \$50,000.00 and transfer to Account No. D5112.2514 Cedar River Road Project

and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends creating the following county road projects:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 6 Town of Arietta

Co. Rd. No. 3 – North Point Road, Hot Mix overlay

Approx. 1.0 mile, Account No. D5112.2520, appropriation of \$100,000.00 from Account No. D5112.202 Capital Projects

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 7 Town of Benson

Co. Rd. No. 6 – Hot Mix Binder Course

Approx. 0.6 miles, Account No. D5112.2521, appropriation of \$50,000.00 from Account No. D5112.202 Capital Projects

be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve of the changes and addition of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that these costs are able to be covered by grant funding. As the County adds microwave connections there will be changes to the service contract. These will be ongoing costs. Mr. R. Wilt stated that also goes for all of the 911 equipment that has a 5-year warranty. The warranty is up next year. The Chairman stated that we are building a system that will have building and maintenance costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 236-19

AWARD OF BID FOR MICROWAVE MAINTENANCE

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. R. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Office of Emergency Services published an RFP for maintenance and service of the county's Nokia microwave system, and

WHEREAS, funding for said service and maintenance is to be covered by New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services grants already received, and

WHEREAS, a single bid for said maintenance and service was received from RSTelecom, and

WHEREAS, the bid is for \$33,000.00 for one year's service and an additional \$33,000.00 for a second year's service, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services recommends the acceptance of said bid, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors accepts the bid and that upon the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with RSTelecom of Shrewsbury, VT for maintenance and service of the County's Nokia microwave system for \$33,000.00 for one year's service and an additional \$33,000.00 for a second year's service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that year one's service for \$33,000.00 be charged to Account No. A3645.0419 SI16-1005-D00 and year two's service for \$33,000.00 be charged to Account No A3645.0402 SI18-1047-D00 and the Director of Emergency Services be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 237-19

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2019 MERIT PAY

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has instituted a merit system for county employees, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on July 22, 2019 to review merit evaluations, be it

RESOLVED, that the Internal Management Committee recommends the following hourly merit increments:

SHERIFF Carrie O'Neill	August 1, 2019 to August 1, 2020	\$1.65
HIGHWAY Clarence Desrochers Lisa Johnson	August 9, 2019 to August 9, 2020 August 30, 2019 to August 30, 2020	\$1.43 \$1.65
SUPERVISORS Samantha Sherman	August 14, 2018 to August 14, 2019	\$.66
SOCIAL SERVICES Dyanne Crotty	August 27, 2019 to August 27, 2020	\$1.65
NUDCING		

NURSING

Kristina Eldridge	August 9, 2019 to August 9, 2020	\$.33
Cynthia Hansen	August 1, 2019 to August 1, 2020	\$1.21
Lisa Lorensen	August 24, 2019 to August 24, 2020	\$1.65
COMMUNITY SERVICES Georgia Burkhardt	August 20, 2019 to August 20, 2020	\$.77

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2019 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.402	Contingent for Merit	\$19,601.34
TO:	A3110.107	Confidential Secretary	\$3,445.20
	D5110.101	Personal Services	\$2,985.84
	D5010.102	Administrative Assistant to Hwy	\$3,445.20
	A1040.105	Asst. Deputy Clerk of the Board	\$1,205.82
	A6010.109	Support Collection Specialist	\$2,885.96
	A4010.116	Certified Home Health Aide	\$244.86
	A4050.108	Medical Records Clerk	\$2,095.94
	A4010.115	Certified Home Health Aide	\$2,758.91
	A4310.108	Substance Abuse Prev. Educator	\$533.61

Seconded by Mr. R. Wilt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 238-19

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. WELLS:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$79,169.50 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$193,989.65 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. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 239-19

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 2017-1 HATCH BROOK BRIDGE

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$163,679.36 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee	\$12,848.96
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	48,981.89
Finance Committee	19,618.92
Health Committee	24,249.77
Human Services Committee	19,768.82
Central Government Committee	18,774.77
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response	16,685.94
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning	
Committee	1,938.28
Internal Management Committee	812.01

be it further

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

Hatch Brook Bridge Capital Project 2017-1..... \$ 1,175.81 are hereby approved.

Seconded by Mr. R. Wilt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey stated that there could be other costs that go along with this; we need to try to prevent attacks coming from the outside. The Chairman stated that he agrees, those threats are already here. There has been incidents and threats and perhaps we have been a little slow to react and set up the type of protections needed. He

believes that with this we will have maintenance costs going forward. There are two Departments that demand this upgrade, Public Health and Community Services. They have locations in both Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant. They need conductivity between those two sites and the ability to provide services. Those Departments will be the backbone of buying this service adding the other departments on.

RESOLUTION NO. 240-19

AUTHORIZING BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR INDIAN LAKE AND LAKE PLEASANT COUNTY FACILITIES

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the broadband internet connection is now available for both county facilities in Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the current DSL connections in both locations do not provide enough bandwidth for the demand of the departments internet connection needs especially Public Health and Community Service Departments, and

WHEREAS, Frontier has offered a proposal that would connect both Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant facilities with a broadband connection that meets the bandwidth needs of both facilities, and

WHEREAS, TAS Electronics of Yorkville has offered a proposal for the install of electronic switches and IT work for this switchover to broadband, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals the Public Works Committee recommends moving forward with both proposals for the installation of broadband in the Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant facilities, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Frontier for a five (5) year contract for Broadband and TAS Electronics for IT per the proposals for the Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant County facilities and also authorized to sign any other related documents per the Frontier and TAS Electronics proposals per the County Attorney's approval and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Public Works Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 241-19

AUTHORIZING ASSIGNED COUNSEL PANEL COORDINATOR ASSISTANT POSITION

DATED: AUGUST 1, 2019

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, Sterling Goodspeed, Assigned Counsel Panel Coordinator met with the Central Government Committee and requested the position of Assigned Counsel Panel Coordinator Assistant be added to his department, be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Assigned Counsel Panel Coordinator Assistant be hereby created, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Elizabeth Connolly be hereby hired as Assigned Counsel Panel Coordinator Assistant for a yearly salary of \$52,000.00 effective August 26, 2019, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A1170.0104 be hereby created and funded at \$30,000.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3025.0100 Public Defender/Coordinator by \$30,000.00 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so authorized.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND D. WILT

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Stated he attended the Common Ground Alliance and the Supervisors should be prepared to have new MOUs coming out from Adirondack Action looking for more towns to sign on. There was a discussion on liabilities and lawsuits. The Chairman asked if the MOUs would be updated to reflect the legal issues that they have created with the first one. Mr. Wells said that they would be; cautioning the towns to really look at them before signing. With AATV, the timber cutting lawsuit is moving forward. The Chairman discussed the background of this and what is affected. Mr. Wells attended Inter-County and they are looking to expand the Home Rule on some of their ATV trails in Lewis County. The Chairman stated that their municipal trail system is predominately on private land. They are trying to create by virtue of Local Law putting in place Home Rule Authority to allow ATVs and UTVs. Their expectation is to get some pushback in regards to the UTVs.

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