

2020

SIXTH SESSION

JUNE 4, 2020

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	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Nick Mauro

Also present: County Attorney and Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May 7, 2020 by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.

Public Comment: No Public.

The Chairman stated that he asked Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director to come in. There have been smaller groups having discussions on graduations and fireworks, she is preparing guidance documents and will have drafts for the Board to review; not to make the Supervisors responsible but to make sure they were in a position to understand the basis and that they were comfortable with them. He further discussed graduations and fireworks. He stated that he wanted to give Ms. Mahoney time to talk as she plays a much bigger role in this.

Mr. Wells stated that he would like some clarification. He asked if a school does a plan for graduation and submits it, would the County be able to say *No*. The Chairman stated that the County had reached out to the schools for their graduation plans at the same time the guidance document was being prepared. That information from the schools gave them background that was usable. The guidance documents out there do not trump the emergency order and it stays with the School's Superintendents and Board to make the decision whether they will move forward with graduation. If someone seeing the graduation submits a violation, violations come back on the County leaving them responsible to follow up. Mr. Wells stated that was where he was getting confused. He doesn't see where the county has authority over what the schools do. The Chairman agreed with that and stated they were trying to create helpful guidelines to assist the schools.

Ms. Mahoney handed out information to all the Supervisors and reviewed it. The information included: COVID-19 testing clinics, webinars regarding cleaning and disinfecting, fireworks and graduations.

The Chairman stated that one of the Supervisors had brought up that the communities that are interested in doing fireworks should all decide to do it on the same night instead of the traditional

staggering. This would be a way to disperse people. He had spoken with the Sheriff and determined that it was possible for them to cover the fireworks if they all decided to do it that way.

Mr. Wilt stated that Arietta was considering doing fireworks on the same night as Speculator but ran into the problem that there are only a few companies that do fireworks. The company they use are doing Speculator's. He believes that they also do Raquette Lake's. Mr. Arsenault agreed that it is the same company but they only deliver the fireworks to them. He stated that both Long Lake and Raquette Lake have a constituent that has their license and lights them.

Ms. Mahoney stated that she will keep everyone updated as more guidance comes out around fireworks. Mr. Arsenault was concerned that it is too early to put up guidance. The Chairman stated that in the guidance it could be clearly stated that it could evolve. He felt with the need to talk to additional people like the fire departments it would be helpful to start now.

Ms. Mahoney stated that every Friday she has a Zoom meeting with the North Country Region Public Health Directors and graduations have been a big topic. A lot of counties have put out guidance. What she has put together is very similar to that of St. Lawrence County. From what she has heard from our area schools their plans are acceptable. Some guidance from New York State will be coming out. The Chairman wanted to make the Supervisors aware that there will be those parents and families that will go ahead with parties irrespective of what the schools do. He asked that they try to tamp that kind of attitude down.

Ms. Bain asked if we had addressed elections. Ms. Mahoney stated that she has worked with the Board of Elections and will follow up with them today.

As Ms. Mahoney left everyone thanked her for her hard work.

#### Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Frey: Stated that these are different days and the money is not coming in to the State and County. There will be a sales tax issue and will definitely effect Highway. He is hoping that when sales tax goes back up those lines in the budget can be re-funded. The State is going to be cutting programs. We will have to start looking at the possibilities of a hiring freeze and furloughing. Look at the programs being cut and see if there are any volunteers before we lean on the Department Heads for advice. He feels very strongly about working as a team. We have to find a way to cut or raise taxes. Those are the only two options. He would like to see these discussions done in committee meetings instead of over email. The Chairman discussed further. He stated that they need to start setting up meetings with Department Heads.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated how grateful he is for Ms. Mahoney as well as all the others at the county for all their hard work. He stated that it was disgraceful that the Governor said to *Protest Intelligently*. He would like to see Hamilton County be able to graduate and watch fireworks intelligently. The Chairman stated he has seen the frustration in the last week in regards to the large groups of protestors everywhere and then the inability to do church services.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated his thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Stortecky: Stated that he agreed with Mr. Frey and he is proud to be on the Finance Committee with him.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

The Chairman stated that the first resolution was Tabled at the last meeting is on the floor and open for discussion.

Mr. Wilt asked if all staff are back. The Chairman stated that during the last Committee Meeting it was decided that COVID-19 time was going to end effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. There are still some individual situations such as County Historian. She has not submitted a plan to come back to work. He asked if the Supervisors are comfortable with him sending out an email to Department Heads about the need to come back to work. Everyone else was back fulltime. They further discussed the effectiveness of working from home. Mr. Frey stated that he would like to see something in place if the County needs to do this again. It has to be done differently. The Chairman stated that no one thought it would be still part of the conversation 8 weeks later. We all have been trying to work with the Department Heads throughout all this to implement the changes they have needed the best they could. He agrees that there have been instances where things should have been done differently but doesn't feel it has been agreed justly wrong one way or another. He would be willing to work with individual employees that don't feel comfortable with coming back during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Frey stated that if this resolution was passed it would have to be amended as written. He also stated that he feels the policy should be amended in regards to vacation time. The Chairman stated that Mr. Frey had a great point. The Chairman put the resolution to vote. After the resolution was defeated, Mr. Frey stated that he would like to see this discussed again on Committee Day as policies need to be in place going forward.

**DEFEATED**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCRUALS DURING COVID-19**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Hamilton County issued a Local Emergency Order, that access to any and all public facilities and offices owned and operated by Hamilton County shall be by appointment only due to the COVID-19 virus, and

WHEREAS, the County also decreased the number of people (non-essential) employees reporting to work by fifty percent (50%), per the recommendation of The Secretary to the Governor, for the purpose of limiting exposure to the COVID-19 virus, and

WHEREAS, non-essential employees have been allowed to be at home with full pay status, and

WHEREAS, non-essential employees are expected to remain at home during business hours, on an on-call basis, without use of benefit time unless they had personal business to attend to during said work day, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that employees who are not working continuously at a work site, who are using COVID-19 for time sheets, have their earned benefit time (Vacation, Sick, Personal) suspended until the County is back to full work status, be it

RESOLVED, that employees reporting COVID-19 on their time sheets will have their benefit time earnings suspended until notice is given from the Board of Supervisors to resume earnings once again, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the suspension of benefit earnings be effective on time sheet form #6, ending 5/2/20????, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer is hereby authorized to remove benefit time accruals earned on form #6, suspend further accruals until notified by the Board to resume and send a notice to all affected employees.

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

AYES: NONE

NAYS: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

**RESOLUTION NO. 140-20**

**CREATION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE ACCOUNT**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer can be appointed Public Administrator duties via the County Court Systems, and

WHEREAS, these appointments are becoming more and more frequent and involve up front expenditures prior to estate settlements which are falling to the County Treasurer to expend, and

WHEREAS, these expenditures routinely get reimbursed on estate closure, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A1175.401 Public Administrator, be created and funded in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A2210.0500 Public Administrator in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover any up front expenditures made by the County Treasurer as Public Administrator, and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board notified.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey thanked the Treasurer's Office for making this work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 141-20**

**AUTHORIZING TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR ACCOUNTING**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has set the agenda for Shared Services Plans with all the Towns, Villages, and School Districts within Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Pleasant has requested bookkeeping and payroll services from the Treasurer's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Pleasant and the County Treasurer have worked out the details necessary to begin this implementation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Lake Pleasant to provide Bookkeeping and Payroll services for the remainder of 2020, with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract is set at \$7,875.00 for the period June through December, 2020, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: BAIN

**RESOLUTION NO. 142-20**

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE GRANT**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health through Health Research, Inc. (HRI) has offered renewal of Contract No. 1611-10 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the grant year overlaps the 2020 and 2021 County Budgeted fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for \$49,625.00, and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2020 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2021 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 Mr. Stortecky and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 143-20**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN WIC CONTRACT**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, Agency # 12000, requests the renewal of the Contract No. DOH01-C35458GG-3450000 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to provide Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC) Services, for the period of October 1, 2020– September 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the grant year overlaps the 2020- 2021 County Budgeted fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$51,446), and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2020 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2021 Municipal Budget, be it

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

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 144-20**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH LAKE PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR  
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and/or Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Lake Pleasant Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) services at a total cost of \$10,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Community Services and the County Sheriff are hereby authorized to contract with Lake Pleasant Central School for School Resource Officer services for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for an annual amount of \$10,000.00 to be billed in ten monthly installments of \$1,000.00 beginning September 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-20**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH WELLS CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL  
AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and/or Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Wells Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) services at a total cost of \$10,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Community Services, and the County Sheriff are hereby authorized to contract with Wells Central School for School Resource Officer services for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for an annual amount of \$10,000.00 to be billed in ten monthly installments of \$1,000.00 beginning September 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells stated he had spoken with David Snide, Indian Lake Central School Superintendent and he is very happy with this program. He wished that they could afford to do more days. Mr. Wells stated that the School Resource Officer is doing an outstanding job. The Chairman stated that it's not something inconsistent with what he has heard from all the schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-20**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH INDIAN LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR  
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and/or Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Lake Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) services and two (2) days of Social Worker services at a total cost of \$30,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Community Services, and the County Sheriff are hereby authorized to contract with Indian Lake Central School for Social Work services and School Resource Officer services for an annual amount of \$30,000 for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to be billed in ten monthly installments of \$3,000 beginning September 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 147-20**

**AUTHORIZING SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER TO SIGN MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
REGARDING NORTH COUNTRY REGIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM (NCRYJT)**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MS. BAIN:**



WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Hamilton County Department of Social Services to enter into an agreement with The Children's Home of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the MOU is for the Jefferson Home to be the lead agency for the NCRYJT and will act as a liaison between the NCRYJT and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in communication and all administrative tasks, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to sign the MOU between the Department of Social Services and the Children's Home of Jefferson County.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells stated that Indian Lake is going through something similar. He asked if after every accident the individual is drug and alcohol tested. The Chairman stated that he would have to go back and read the policy but he thinks it's dependent on two things: CDL license and the circumstances surrounding the accident. The County's specific drug and alcohol testing policy is only a subset of all the drivers.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 148-20**

#### **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WARRENSBURG COLLISION CENTER, INC.**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Public Health Vehicle #765 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 the said repairs of vehicle #765, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$2,877.01 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$2,877.01, and be it further

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

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.  
3895 Main Street  
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #2866 in the amount of \$3,877.01 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: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 149-20**

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR SAND FOR SNOW & ICE CONTROL**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, each year the DPW Superintendent needs to purchase sand for snow & ice control, and

WHEREAS, Peckham Materials has the contract for the road rehab for State Route 28 between Blue Mountain Lake and Inlet, and

WHEREAS, Peckham put down sand for backup shoulders along this state route, and

WHEREAS, the sand had to be removed and replaced with another more suitable aggregate and Peckham has contacted the DPW Superintendent to see if Hamilton County would like to purchase the sand for snow & ice control, and

WHEREAS, because of the location of the sand related to hauling expenses the Superintendent inspected the said materials and found them to be very acceptable for snow & ice control, and

WHEREAS, there is estimated to be 4,500 to 5,500 yards of material at this location in Raquette Lake and Peckham Materials has offered the materials to Hamilton County at a price of \$4.00 per yard, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the purchase of sand because of location for hauling expense to the northern end of Hamilton County and because the price is less per yard than the stone & gravel bids received for 2020, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the DPW Superintendent to purchase the materials from Peckham Materials and to sign a purchase order for the purchase and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 150-20**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TAG ALONG TRAILER FOR DPW**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the DPW has a need for a tag along trailer for moving small equipment, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has CHIP's funding available for the said trailer, and

WHEREAS, the County DPW Superintendent has received a written quote for a new 2020 Tow Master Trailer from Finke Equipment under Sourcewell (Formally NJPA) Contract delivered for \$19,483.80, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County DPW Superintendent is authorized to order said trailer from Finke Equipment under Sourcewell Contract pricing at a cost of \$19,483.80 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. D5112.202 Permanent Improvements and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 151-20**

**AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO TRAILER #981**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. MAURO:**

WHEREAS, the County DPW owns a 1999 Spec-Tec Ejector trailer that needs frame repair immediately, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had the said trailer taken to Dunham's Spring and Repair Shop for estimate and repairs, and

WHEREAS, the repairs have been estimated at a cost of \$11,582.35 to complete, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Fleet Coordinator is authorized to have the repairs done by Dunham's Spring and Repair Shop, Johnstown, NY to the 1999 Spec-Tec trailer and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-20**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO ROAD TRACTOR #598**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the County DPW owns a 2013 Freightliner road tractor that is powered by a Cummins engine, and

WHEREAS, during hauling of heavy stone fill the engine had a catastrophic failure and caused major internal damage to the engine, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had the said tractor taken to Cummins Sales and Service in Albany to diagnose the failure and it was determined that the engine needed a complete rebuild, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has spoken with the Public Works Committee and was approved to move forward during the May committee day concerning this engine repair, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received notice the repair is complete and has picked the said tractor up, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment to Cummins Sales and Service, PO Box 419404, Boston, MA 02241-9404 in the amount of \$17,661.74 for the above stated engine repair and funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.401 Repairs and the County Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

**AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO**

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this was similar to the tag along trailer. This is one of the three suggestions that Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, had for how to use CHIPs money this year. The County has a reduced need for CHIPs money as it's mostly going to be pavement repairs and there won't be enough time to spend all the CHIPs money. This had also been discussed during Committee Day. It was decided that Mr. Eldridge needed the trailer sooner rather than later as well the Department could benefit from having this piece of equipment. He is going to hold off on purchasing the third which is a tri-axle dump trailer. Mr. Arsenault asked if the County already had a Mini Excavator. The Chairman stated that we have one slightly larger and historically have rented a Mini when needed. Mr. Eldridge does a multi-year plan for purchasing equipment. This was not on the original plan for what we would purchase in 2020. Normally we would ask Mr. Eldridge to push the expense off to the end of the year but he was able to explain the efficiency of it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 153-20**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 14,000LBS MINI EXCAVATOR FOR DPW**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the DPW has a need for a mini excavator, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has CHIP's funding available for the said excavator, and

WHEREAS, the County DPW Superintendent has received a written quote for a new 2020 Caterpillar 306 Tracked Excavator with Attachments from Milton Cat under New York State Contract PC66988 delivered for \$131,356.41, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County DPW Superintendent is authorized to order said tracked excavator from Milton Cat under NYS PC66988 Contract pricing at a cost of \$131,356.41 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. D5112.202 Permanent Improvements and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-20**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT EXTENSION TO SELL  
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County currently has a contract to sell gasoline and diesel fuel to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and

WHEREAS, it is a five (5) year contract and will expire on July 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation would like to extend the contract for an addition five (5) years with the same terms and conditions, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends entering into the extension of the said contract, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for five (5) years beginning on August 1, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2025 subject to the approval of the County Attorney to procure and

sell gasoline and diesel fuel to the NYSDOT and the said contract be on file with the Clerk of the Board and the County Treasurer and the Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman discussed the background. This was a purchase that's being funded in a complicated way to make it happen. In Resolution No. 129-20 it included all the detail so it would be easy to match up among the Departments involved. The problem was that the original numbers given included a one-time cost that was included in years 2 and 3. The neatest way is to rescind the former resolution.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 155-20**

#### **RESCINDING RES. NO. 129-20 AND AUTHORIZING HYPER-REACH SERVICES AGREEMENT, FUNDING AND PAYMENT**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 129-20 adopted May 7, 2020 authorized an agreement with Sam Asher Computing Services (aka Hyper-Reach) with the incorrect total agreement amount due to the fact that the cost of training is a onetime charge, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director and Sheriff have requested approval for an agreement with Sam Asher Computing Services, Inc. (aka Hyper-Reach) for a notification system that will enable the County to instantly send voice and text messages to any number of recipients, and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Community Services have DSRIP funding that has not been spent, and

WHEREAS, Public Health received COVID funding in the amount of \$7,700 to be used for such services, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 129-20 is hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Sam Asher Computing Services, Inc. (aka Hyper-Reach) for the Hyper-Reach Notification System for a 3-year term, for a total contract of \$16,250.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract will be paid in two 18-month payments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$1,125.00 of DSRIP money currently in the unappropriated general fund balance be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to the following Accounts:

Community Services Account No. A4310.0419 AHI DSRIP \$1,125.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of the invoice for the first 18 months of said services, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$8,825.00 to Sam Asher Computing Services, Inc. (aka Hyper-Reach) to be paid from the following Accounts:

Public Health Account No. A4189.4540 Emergency Preparedness Misc.	\$7,700.00
Community Services Account No. A4310.0419 AHI DSRIP	\$1,125.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Public Health commits \$7,425.00 DSRIP funding to the second payment of said agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Emergency Services Director, Sheriff, Director of Public Health, Director of Community Services and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 156-20**

#### **AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATION CONTRACT**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health through Health Research, Inc (HRI) intends to award Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service continued funding to support the 2020-2021 Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant activities, and

WHEREAS, a coordinator is required to meet the yearly required local health department public health emergency preparedness program deliverables and maintenance deliverables, and

WHEREAS, Barbara Taylor has demonstrated experience in providing such functions as an independent contractor, whereby allowing the County to meet the grant requirements, and

WHEREAS, through said contract, Barbara Taylor would functionally serve as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for public health emergencies and fulfilling grant deliverables, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with the rate for said service to be \$30.00 per hour of contractual service provided, for an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00, plus mileage at the current IRS rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Barbara Taylor, 486 Kickerville Lane, Long Lake, NY, 12847 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, for the purpose of rendering services to meet the 2020-2021 PHEP Grant requirements.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 157-20**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. MAURO:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$61,424.22 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$9,291.12 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 158-20**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL  
PROJECT 2019-1 HALLOWEEN STORM**

**DATED: JUNE 4, 2020**

**BY MR. FREY:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$138,583.93 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$17,242.27
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee .....	16,461.86
Finance Committee .....	29,405.63



Health Committee.....	17,797.52
Human Services Committee.....	17,724.18
Central Government Committee .....	26,186.36
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	11,781.79
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	1,333.01
Internal Management Committee .....	651.31

be it further

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

Halloween Storm Capital Project 2019-1.....\$ 50,595.00

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Stated that there would be a Local Government Review Board meeting on Monday at 2PM. He is waiting to get the Zoom information. He had received an email stating that the 90 Miler Adirondack Canoe Classic had been cancelled for this year.

Mr. Frey: Stated that the Black Fly Challenge has been postponed until 2021. He has heard they will be doing something online where people can ride the course, once Moose River Plains is open, and track their own time. Mr. Wells confirmed that Moose River Plains is open.

Mr. Stortecky: Read the following that was directed by the NYS Governor on April 8, 2020.

*“Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today directed flags on state government buildings to be flown at half-staff in honor of those we have lost to COVID-19. The flags will remain lowered while New York is on pause.”*

He brought this to light as a veteran and read what Memorial Day is and what it is supposed to be.

*“Established as an official federal holiday in 1971, Memorial Day is a holiday that celebrates and recognizes the soldiers who have given their lives in the line of duty defending the United States of America. The date takes place on the last Monday each May. Though it is celebrated around the country Memorial Day is thought to have originated in Waterloo, NY, which the New York States Government acknowledges as the birth place of this important holiday. Given the important historical and patriotic significance of Memorial Day it should come as no surprise that there are specific Memorial Day flag etiquette guidelines and rules that must be followed. Flag etiquette on Memorial Day is unique. At sunrise flags are to be raised to full staff briskly. Then lowered to half-staff where they will remain until Noon. At Noon flags are to be raised to full staff where they will be displayed there for the remainder of the holiday.”*

The flag etiquette matters very much to him because if you were able to talk to the fellow citizens of NYS that have died due to COVID-19 he doesn't feel that any of them would consider it anything to be honored for. He stated that if he were to get COVID-19 and pass away he wouldn't. To personalize it he talked about when in 1963 he was a freshman in high school. His school had a little over 200 students and was in the middle of nowhere in Kansas there was a senior named David and he was a great athlete/superstar on the football team. When David graduated high school in 1964, he immediately went into the United States Marine Corp and within a matter of months was killed in action. A year or so later one of his classmates, Michael, joined the United States Marine Corp in honor of David. He ended up going to Vietnam and was killed in short order. So, when he lowers the flag on Memorial Day it means something to him. Both David and Michael's name are listed on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC. When he received the message about putting the flag at half-mast on Memorial Day it was already down at half-mast honoring the COVID-19 victims. So, in essence he wasn't able to lower it to honor veterans on Memorial Day. He did go down and raise it to full mast at Noon briskly to honor veterans. The following morning it is back down and remains there until the pause is over. We don't know when the pause will be over and it is ongoing. He is respectful of requesting that Governor Cuomo put the flag back to full mast and not wait until the end of pause. He personally doesn't feel that it is appropriate for those that died victim of COVID-19. The Chairman thanked Mr. Stortecky. He stated a few State Legislatures have raised the same issue. The Governor's Office has made it clear that the Governor has not yet ended the order.

Ms. Bain: Asked that with the offices opening has anyone gone around to Department Heads to see how it is going and ask if their individual plans need to be changed. The Chairman stated that he doesn't know if anyone has circled back but he does know that the Buildings Department has worked intensely with the Departments to try to put in place changes for them. Public Health and the Clerk of the Board's Office has worked on masks and hand sanitizer. He does feel like it is a good idea but also stated that those Departments like Public Health or Buildings might have been already doing that.

The Chairman stated that the original Executive Order stated that DMV wouldn't open until June 6<sup>th</sup>. They had modified the Executive Order and NYS DMV started doing transactions on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jane Zarecki, County Clerk, asked to bring her employees back early to keep up with the mail requests for DMV knowing that once open on June 6<sup>th</sup> they would be inundated with a backlog of people. He told Ms. Zarecki he felt it sounded essential and to go ahead. He feels there are some real challenges and will have to continue to work with people to see what is and what isn't working. Mr. Eldridge discussed replacing the now plexiglass in place at DMV with glass. We won't be going back to the way things used to be.

The Chairman asked if the Board was okay with him doing a Memo stating effective Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> it would be the Board's expectation that everyone would be back in the workplace working. Absent some pre-approved plans to work at home. Making sure that the option to work at home isn't something authorized at a Department Head level. It has to be a proposed plan brought forward. The Board agreed. The Chairman stated that the Emergency Order would be modified accordingly as the 5 days is up again.

The Chairman stated there is still the push on getting Legislature to deal with the first passage of Cathead Mountain. Some may have seen or heard that Adirondack Council did a press release encouraging the County to work with NYSDEC and APA on an administrative fix. They don't believe that an amendment is necessary and that would afford us the ability to do this in three months rather than three years. The problem with the Adirondack Council's track record on administrative fixes is that 10 years later it's still being litigated similar to the Cedar River Bridge. This is not a trail segment this an Emergency Communications tower. The fix to this has to be

bulletproof. It needs to be an Amendment and not a work around. In this case the administrative work around is such bad precedence that neither APA nor NYSDEC want anything to do with it. So, the idea that the County should be working with the State Agencies to do this creates imagery that is just blatantly false. The County Attorney has reminded us that when it comes to a Constitutional issue there is no statute of limitations. If we don't fix this the right way then we could be sued in six days, six months or six years.

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