

**2021**

**SEVENTH SESSION**

**JULY 1, 2021**

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:

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| Arietta       | Richard A. Wilt   |
| Benson        | John M. Stortecky |
| Hope          | ABSENT            |
| 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 Caitlin Stewart - Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District Manager

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Mr. Mauro. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: Stated that he attended a Review Board meeting via ZOOM. They couldn't find a restaurant to hold them. The one they had wanted to use didn't have enough employees and he thinks this is an issue across the park. During the meeting they discussed tree cutting again and how the ORDA new office project is the only thing on the agenda for APA. If any of the Supervisors had questions, he asked them to reach out.

Mr. Wilt: Stated that for the Piseco Tower the FAA public comment period is over next week and within a couple of weeks they should have a determination. There have only been 2 responses.

Mr. Stortecky: Asked the Board about public comment at their town board meetings. The Board briefly discussed. Mr. Wilt stated that it's a more appropriate question for his Town Attorney.

The County Attorney stated that there was a matter of litigation and requested an Executive Session to discuss.

The Chairman stated that we will do the Soil & Water presentation first as scheduled.

The Chairman introduced Caitlin Stewart, Soil & Water Conservation District Manager.

Ms. Stewart introduced herself and stated their mission was to manage and promote the wise use of natural resources in Hamilton County. The purpose for the presentation was to provide an update for the grant they are seeking county sponsorship for. It is a local waterfront revitalization program (LWRP) grant that the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition is applying for. The LWRP grant requires a municipal sponsor and there is a resolution on the agenda today. The Conservation District is a member of the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition as well as others including two planning boards. They are seeking to apply for grant funding for culvert replacement and revitalization. There are two culvert projects eligible, one is in Indian Lake and one in Lake Pleasant. The grant has the ability to bring in \$135,000 to replace these culverts and requires a 25% match that will be covered by the Conservation District. The grant is due July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Chairman stated that this wasn't something that was able to be run through on Committee Day and that Ms. Stewart was willing to come in today to discuss. Mr. Wells asked what the project in Indian Lake was. Ms. Stewart stated there was a bottomless arch culvert for approximately \$75,000. Mr. Wells asked for the location. Ms. Stewart apologized and stated that it was a question for Lenny Croote, Soil & Water District Technician. Mr. Wells stated it was okay and thought that she might be working with the Indian Lake Highway Superintendent. Ms. Stewart stated yes and these culverts were listed in the Upper Hudson River Watershed Revitalization Plan. Mr. Croote has been working very closely with all the Highway Superintendents to identify needs for culvert replacement. She explained how the culvert in Lake Pleasant was on Sucker Brook and the funds will go to replacing that washed out culvert. Mr. Stortecky asked if she saw any downside. Any stipulations or requirements that would make it a negative aspect? Ms. Stewart stated that they had concluded a grant similar to this one last year where they hydroseeded in the Indian River Watershed in the Town of Indian Lake. She is very familiar with the grant and had strong support from Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning. If they have questions regarding this one, she knows they can turn to Allison Gaddy or Beth Gillis on that Board. She stated that the only glitch maybe the time but between the Highway Departments and Mr. Croote the 25% match will be fully executed without any issues.

Mr. Wells stated that he was presented with a resolution for Hamilton County's support on another LWRP grant. He is now concerned that putting in two applications would dilute the efforts. The Chairman discussed how it was such a different subject matter that it shouldn't be an issue. One being workforce housing and a dormitory style structure versus this which is watershed related.

Ms. Stewart went on to highlight the Spring Conservation Newsletter. She thanked Mr. Wells for suggesting the topic for the Invasive Insect Symposium they hosted. They recorded the event and it is available on the website. Mr. Wells stated that it was amazing but the only thing was that it should be broken up because of the tremendous amount of information. He appreciated their efforts. Ms. Stewart mentioned having a pamphlet that breaks down the information so it's more digestible. The Chairman stated how it's a plus that they have it on their website. Ms. Stewart discussed the flood mitigation and construction permits Mr. Croote has helped municipalities submit in response to the 2019 Halloween Storm. The Chairman stated how it was a huge benefit. Some of them wouldn't have gotten it done without him. Ms. Stewart discussed the work that

Jaime Parslow, Soil & Water District Technician, did over the winter creating GIS story maps that showcase their 2020 lake monitoring data and how they are all accessible on their website. She discussed that the 41<sup>st</sup> Conservation Field Day event was virtual last September. Both the essay and poster winner were from Lake Pleasant Central School. She is hopeful for an in-person event this fall. She discussed the expansion of the water testing program as of last year. They now are offering a Kit 3 and a Kit 4 for the homeowner. Since offering it they have received really great feedback. The water samples go to a certified lab at the Mohawk Valley Water Authority and the tests can be used for business purposes as well. She ended the presentation by going over the partnership accomplishments. They include delivering some new programs for the betterment of Hamilton County's natural resources and community. These programs are the Trail Stewardship Program and Septic System Replacement Fund which she further discussed. She recognized her team as well as her Board and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support. Mr. Stortecky took the time to recognize Soil and Water for all their hard work as did Mr. Mauro for the work he did with Mr. Croote.

Caitlin Stewart left the meeting.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session for the County Attorney to discuss litigation by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Arsenault. Carried.

A motion to open session by Ms. Bain, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.

It was reported that the County Attorney briefed the Board on litigation. No action was taken.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Stortecky asked Mr. Mauro if there was any progress in Wells. Mr. Mauro stated that there was. They had budgeted to do this and are supposed to be doing it over the course of two budget seasons.

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-21**

**SETTING EQUALIZATION RATES**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WILT:**

RESOLVED, that the assessment rolls with proposed rates as set up by the Equalization Committee be adopted for the year 2021 as follows:

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| Arietta.....     | 100.00 |
| Benson.....      | 85.00  |
| Hope.....        | 85.00  |
| Indian Lake..... | 100.00 |
| Inlet.....       | 100.00 |

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|--------------------|--------|
| Lake Pleasant..... | 100.00 |
| Long Lake.....     | 100.00 |
| Morehouse.....     | 100.00 |
| Wells.....         | 85.00  |

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 153-21**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY PATIENT CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PCORI) FEE**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act imposes a fee on HRA plan sponsors to help fund the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), and

WHEREAS, the PCORI Fee, required to be reported only once a year on the second quarter FORM 720 and paid by July 31, is based on the average number of lives covered under the plan for the twelve months of the previous plan year, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has the authority to authorize said payments on an annual basis upon completion of Tax Form 720 by the County Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, the applicable dollar amount is \$2.66 per covered life on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has determined the average number of covered lives for the Hamilton County 2020 plan year is 44, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize payment of \$117.04 made payable to the United States Treasury, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Ogden, UT 84201-0009, out of Account No. A9060.0801, for the required 2020 PCORI Fee and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Personnel Officer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-21**

**CREATING REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR FAMILY FIRST PROGRAM**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. STORTECKY:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 77-21 adopted April 1, 2021 authorized contracts with Lake Pleasant Central School, Wells Central School, Long Lake Central School and Indian Lake School for the Family First Program, and

WHEREAS, a Revenue Account needs to be created within the County Budget for the payments made by the schools for the Family First Program, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. A2260.0300 Family First.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 155-21**

**FUNDING COMMUNITY SERVICES ACCOUNTS FOR 2020 WITHHELD PAYMENTS**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. STORTECKY:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110-21 adopted May 6, 2021 authorized the HFM Prevention Council's withheld funding in 2020 in the amount of \$7,354.00 be paid from 2020 expense line A4310.0425, and

WHEREAS, said Resolution also authorized Citizens Advocates withheld 2020 funding in the amount of \$351.00 be paid from 2020 expense line A4310.0424, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 funding needs to be transferred from the Unappropriated Fund Balance into the 2021 budget in order to make these payments, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$7,705.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to the following accounts:

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| A4310.0425 HFM Prevention Council | \$7,354.00 |
| A4310.0424 Alcoholism Clinic      | \$ 351.00  |

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 156-21**

### **CONTINUATION OF TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY FOR HAMILTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF TOURISM**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Economic Development is empowered to approve application from local governments for matching funds to be used for promoting tourism therein, and

WHEREAS, the President of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism has recommended that an application for such funds be submitted to the Department of Economic Development for matching funds up to the amount appropriated therefore within the New York State budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, Mary Jane Lawrence of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to submit an application to Marisa Finn, Tourism Matching Funds Director, Empire State Development Division of Tourism, Albany, New York 12245, for

matching funds in an amount up to Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000.00) to be used for the promotion of tourism in Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism is hereby named Project Director in relation thereto, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies to the New York State Department of Economic Development that both the County of Hamilton and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism have been in existence for more than three (3) years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in order to comply with Commerce Law, Article 5-A (New York State Tourism Promotion Act) that the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism be the duly designated tourist promotion agency for the County of Hamilton for the fiscal year of 2020/2021, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 157-21**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HAMILTON COUNTY AS THE APPLICANT OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER WATERSHED COALITION'S LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. STORTECKY:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is a member of the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition, and

WHEREAS, the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition is applying for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant for culvert replacement and implementation projects throughout the watershed, and

WHEREAS, the grant designates eligible applicants as a village, town, city, or county, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County is designated as the applicant of the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant for culvert replacement and implementation projects.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 158-21**

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF MOU FOR MUTUALINK**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WILT:**

WHEREAS, the State of New York has made a commitment for a safer and more secure Division of Homeland Securities and Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has deployed the Mutualink Emergency Incident Collaboration Technology which provides a common platform of sharing of radio, video, telephone and data to any invited user and making it available to all counties at no charge, and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2015, with Resolution No. 184-15 an MOU between Hamilton County and New York State was established for the County's use of said Mutualink system, and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2018, with Resolution No. 249-18, the MOU was extended to January 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, a new contract and agreement to extend the contract to March 31, 2024 has been extended by New York State, and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services Director Don Purdy has submitted the proposed MOU to County Attorney Charles Getty for approval and such approval was given by Attorney Getty by email on June 22, 2021, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the new MOU and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign said MOU in quadruplicate and submit to the New York State Division of Homeland Securities and Emergency Services for participation in said program.



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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 159-21**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LITHIUM BATTERIES – DHSES GRANT SI18-1047-D00**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 208-20 authorized the purchase of a 48v DC generator for the East Mt. solar powered microwave site, and

WHEREAS, funding is available through New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) grant SI18-1047-D00, Account No. A3645.0402, for new technology Lithium Batteries for longer lifespan, increased output and better resiliency to support the 48v generator and microwave system, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Office of Emergency Services has tried to attain quotes from 3 vendors for 12 of said batteries beginning in March of 2021, and having only 2 vendors reply with quotes, the first being Expertpower Direct with a quote of \$28,800.00, and the second being Signature Solar with a quote of \$17,395.00, and no answer from the 3<sup>rd</sup> vendor, Electric Car Parts Company, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the newly purchased generator be installed before the winter of 21-22, and that install include the Lithium Batteries, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of 12 Lithium Batteries from Signature Solar in the amount of \$17,395.00, with funding from DHSES grant SI18-1047-D00, Account No. A3645.0402, and the Treasurer and the Office of Emergency Services be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 160-21**

**AWARD OF BID FOR HASKELL ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. MAURO:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for the replacement of the Haskell Road Bridge located on Haskell Road in the Town of Arietta, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received as follows –

1. Luck Brothers, Inc. - \$548,000.00

and

WHEREAS, Andrew S. Bell of A.S. Bell Engineering design engineer for Hamilton County has reviewed the said bid and recommends that the award be made to Luck Brothers, Inc. of Plattsburgh, NY, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby award the bid for the Haskell Road Bridge Project to Luck Brothers, Inc, 73 Trade Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 in the amount of \$548,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with Luck Brothers, Inc. for the said bridge project with the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 161-21**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PAVING AT THE INDIAN LAKE MAIN BUILDING ENTRANCE**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent needed to pave a section of the parking lot and entryway at the main building at the Indian Lake Building Facility, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent had G.H.Wood Co. complete the paving per Hamilton County award for Bid Spec 8-2021 at a cost of \$3,869.50, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment of \$3,869.50 to G.H. Wood Co., PO Box 650, Lake Pleasant NY 12108 out of Account No. A1620.0413 Projects and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 162-21**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY SEPTIC TANK REPAIRS**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. MAURO:**

WHEREAS, the county septic system at the Lake Pleasant Courthouse facilities was in alarm status on April 28, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent requested Adirondack Septic Tank, Corp. to come access and diagnose the issue, and

WHEREAS, it was found that one of the septic pumps had failed and needed to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent authorized Adirondack Septic Tank, Corp. to move forward with the replacement of the failed pump and this work required but not limited to pump and flush septic tank and pump chamber, line testing and installation of a new septic pump at a cost of \$9,271.80, be it

RESOLVED, hereby the County Board of Supervisors approve of the payment of \$9,271.80 to Adirondack Septic Tank, Corp., 4720 State Hwy 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010 and the County Treasurer be so authorized to send a payment of \$9,271.80 to Adirondack Septic Tank, Corp. out of Account No. A1620.0404 Repairs and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 163-21**

**AUTHORIZING INCREASED FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECT FOR DAMAGE REPAIR FROM HALLOWEEN STORM OF 2019**

**DATE: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, to date, \$1,200,000.00 has been transferred from the County Road Fund Balance for repairs of damage from the Halloween Storm of 2019, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has been continuing repairs from the damage and needs more funding to continue the damage repairs including two bridge replacements, and

WHEREAS, DPW Superintendent recommends the transfer of \$600,000.00 from the County Road Fund balance to fund these ongoing repairs, be it

RESOLVED, that \$600,000.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Capital Project Account No. H7.8760.401 Halloween Storm 2019 for a total of \$1,800,000.00 and that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make the said transfer and the Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 164-21**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 112-21 – AUTHORIZING PERIOD EXTENSION FOR  
THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE HAULING CONTRACT**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 112-21 authorized a 2 year period extension for the Solid Waste Hauling Contract #DEC01-C00441GG-3350000 for \$150,000.00 per year, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has been notified that the agreement has been amended and this will not be a two year extension, but only a one year extension, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign NYS DEC Contract #DEC01-C00441GG-3350000 Hamilton County Solid Waste Hauling for an amended period of 4/1/17-3/31/21 and the County Treasurer and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 165-21**

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH INDIAN LAKE SCHOOL FOR USE OF BUS  
FOR THE TRAILBLAZERS PROGRAM**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. STORTECKY:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Service's Trailblazers Program provides activities to Hamilton County Youth that can, at times, require transportation, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has two vans to provide transportation but there are times that greater capacity would benefit the program, and

WHEREAS, Indian Lake Central School is able to provide a 60-passenger school bus to transport youth participating in Trailblazer activities when increased transportation capacity would benefit the program, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman, upon review of the County Attorney, to sign the contract provided by Indian Lake Central School to provide a bus when needed by the Trailblazers Program.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 166-21**

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS – ADDITIONAL TIME -  
COUNTY CLERK**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Motor Vehicle Office continues to be backlogged and short staffed, and

WHEREAS, the DMV continues to be closed Wednesdays and now services only Hamilton County residents and taxpayer transactions on a walk-in basis, and

WHEREAS, we are currently interviewing applicants for the motor vehicle position left vacant by the loss of Jill Dunham in April to another county position, and

WHEREAS, the current staff has been working additional hours to help alleviate this backlog until a new DMV Clerk is hired and trained, and

WHEREAS, the \$2,500.00 allocated for Additional Time has been spent and the transfer of the \$5,200.00 from the Temporary Help line is close to being depleted due to the additional hours paid, and

WHEREAS, there is money available in the Motor Vehicle Clerk 3 account for the weeks this position has been vacant, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of \$9,000.00 from Motor Vehicle 3 into the Additional Time account

would allow DMV to continue current operations and leave a balance sufficient to pay the new motor vehicle clerk until the end of the year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that \$9,000.00 be transferred from Motor Vehicle Clerk 3 Account No. A1410.0106 to Additional Hours Account No. A1410.0108 and the Hamilton County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked if this was going to be included in the employee handbook update. The Chairman asked if he knew what section it was in. What positions were included in the grade and step and which are not? He wasn't sure it was. He will check with Personnel to see if there is a reference in the handbook.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 167-21**

#### **REMOVAL OF DEPUTY SHERIFF (BOAT PATROL) POSITION FROM GRADE AND STEP WAGE SCALES**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WILT:**

WHEREAS, John Rathbun has been an employee of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for over 28 years, Eric Dale has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office for 9 years and Dominic Arena has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office for 3 years, all serving in a seasonal position of Deputy Sheriff (Boat Patrol), and

WHEREAS, both Eric and Dominic have extensive knowledge and experience with their numerous years of service within law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Karl Abrams has recommended that the Deputy Sheriff (Boat Patrol) seasonal position be removed from the grade and step wage scales and an hourly rate be set, which will be based on the employees' qualifications and experience, and

WHEREAS, other County departments (Public Health Nursing and County Highway) have removed positions from the grade and step wage scales, establishing an hourly rate for said positions, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Abrams recommends that John Rathbun, Eric Dale, and Dominic Arena be paid at an hourly rate of \$24.00, and

WHEREAS, the County Internal Management Committee recommends the removal of the Deputy Sheriff (Boat Patrol) from the current grade and step wage scales, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Deputy Sheriff (Boat Patrol) seasonal position be removed from the County grade and step wage scales, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any future Deputy Sheriff (Boat Patrol) seasonal positions being filled, will be evaluated for qualifications and experience, to determine an hourly rate for said employee being hired, and be it further

RESOLVED, that John Rathbun, Eric Dale and Dominic Arena's hourly rate be changed to \$24.00 effective for 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's Office and Personnel Officer have approval to retroactively pay said employees for any hours they have been paid in 2021.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 168-21**

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALL OF NEW POWER OPERATOR FOR ENTRYWAY DOORS - COURTHOUSE**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. STORTECKY:**

WHEREAS, the entryway double doors for the Lake Pleasant Courthouse are in need of new power operators, and

WHEREAS, the DPW requested Kelly Brothers of Syracuse to come and diagnose the issue with the doors and give a quote on repairing the doors and a price of replacing the doors, and

WHEREAS, the price to install new doors and power openers would be \$26,353.87, and



WHEREAS, the repair of the doors with new power opener that are more wind resistant than the current power openers would be \$7, 865.88, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent believes the doors overall are in good condition and recommends installing new power openers and associated parts, be it

RESOLVED, the Superintendent is authorized to move forward with the install of new power openers for the entryway doors installed at a cost of \$7,865.88 from Kelly Brothers of Syracuse and the Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 169-21**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF HVAC SYSTEM COUNTY CLERK BUILDING - 2021**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WILT:**

WHEREAS, the County is desirous to install a new HVAC System (Mini-Split) in the County Clerk Building in Lake Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the DPW requested proposals from three different firms that do this kind of HVAC work, and

WHEREAS, all three firms did come and look at the building so a proposal could be estimated and only one firm returned a written quote, and

WHEREAS, the department reached out to the other two vendors on several occasions and they do not return calls or provide a proposal, and

WHEREAS, Technical Building Services, Inc. (TBS, Inc.) provided a written quote for the install of the said HVAC system at a cost of \$17,485.00 and the Superintendent believes the department did it's due diligence in effort to receive at least three written quotes per the County's Procurement Policy and recommends approval to waive the County's Procurement Policy and move forward with TBS, Inc., be it

RESOLVED, the Superintendent is authorized to move forward with the install of the HVAC system for the County Clerk building from TBS Inc., installed at a cost of \$17,485.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$17,485.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1620.413 Projects and that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make the said transfer and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 170-21**

**AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF EXCESS VEHICLES**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, certain vehicles/equipment have become excess and no longer needed by certain County Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has made the recommendation that the following vehicle be disposed from the County inventory:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Make/Model</u> | <u>VIN</u>        | <u>Plate#</u> | <u>Dept</u> | <u>FN</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2013        | Ford/F350Crew     | 1FD8W3B63DEA86980 | AB3261        | DPW         | 99        |

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicle be sold by auction on-line by Auctions International and funds from the mentioned auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. DM2665 Sale of Equipment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator see that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are accomplished, and the Fleet Coordinator, Director of Fixed Assets, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-21**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. WILT:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$76,950.69 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$170,548.57 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: WILT, STORTECKY, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-21**

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

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MR. FREY:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$218,532.75 by the following committees:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....    | \$17,704.45 |
| Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee ..... | 27,269.87   |
| Finance Committee .....                    | 17,043.87   |
| Health Committee.....                      | 36,992.52   |
| Human Services Committee.....              | 55,032.81   |

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|---|-----------|
| Central Government Committee .....                                    | 8,126.48  |
| Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....                               | 11,635.28 |
| Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning<br>Committee..... | 38,716.91 |
| Internal Management Committee .....                                   | 6,010.56  |

be it further

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

Halloween Storm Capital Project 2019-1.....\$ 3,200.00

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON

The Chairman handed out the following resolution. He further discussed by saying that the request came in the day before from Paul Cummings related to some work they are doing for workforce housing specific to dormitory style housing that they would be developing in Blue Mountain Lake. One of the significant challenges for employers here that have to ramp up in the summer is not having places for the work force to stay. They had originally reached out for Indian Lake's sponsorship but there is also a significant LWRP grant that Indian Lake is putting in for and to eliminate any conflict the suggestion was to have the County be the applicant. It wasn't on the agenda because he didn't have time to discuss the County being a sponsor with Mr. Wells first.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells stated that the Town of Indian Lake has a LWRP application for housing as well. He stated that Indian Lake is in support of the workforce housing facility project for the museum and he feels the County is a better fit for sponsorship.

Mr. Wilt discussed that Lake Placid did something similar years ago. It was basically low-income housing. The Chairman stated that to be clear this isn't low-income housing, this is workforce housing; where businesses that are hiring people will be partners in the project. Mr. Wilt asked who will own the facility. The Chairman stated that the museum will be the developer. It is on their property. So, they will be the lead partner in terms of the building itself. Mr. Wilt and the Chairman further discussed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 173-21**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

**DATED: JULY 1, 2021**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of State (DOS) is accepting grant applications for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) through the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Experience: The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake is partnering with Hamilton County to develop a regional work force housing facility, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a regional work force housing facility is an LWRP component that is supported by the recommendations of the Raquette River Corridor Blueway Trail Plan and Five Towns regional initiative, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is now seeking LWRP funding through the 2021 CFA process to advance the pre-development and design of a regional workforce housing facility that will provide numerous economic benefits to the local and regional community, and

WHEREAS, the grant application process recommends that the governing body of the applicant authorize submission of the application and related actions, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Hamilton County hereby authorizes the submittal of an application to DOS through the 2021 CFA process and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

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

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSENT: TOMLINSON**

**Other Reports:**

Ms. Bain: Stated that she wanted to discuss boat patrol. She spoke with Sheriff Abrams to get some information from him regarding salaries, background experience and how they had come up with salaries when they were thinking about raises. She stated that John Rathbun for 3 months a year for 28 years has been doing boat patrol making \$15.97 per hour. He continues to do the training to keep up with the job. Eric Dale makes \$14.62 per hour and has been doing it for 7 years. He is a 20-year retired NYS Police Officer. Dominic Arena makes \$14.62 per hour and has been doing it for 3 years. He was a NYS Corrections Officer from 1974 until he retired; he

was also on the NYS Fugitive Taskforce. She feels that the Board should start addressing these salaries. She wanted to remind the Board that the Sheriff's Office gets reimbursed 50% of the Boat and Snowmobile Patrol from NYS Parks and Recreation every year. The Chairman stated that he thought the Board addressed that with the resolution they passed today. The reason why some of them had discussed background was because he thought it was unclear from Personnel's calculations. He thought there were two components to why this wage adjustment was made. The qualifications for the position and there wasn't a system in place that recognized time in service. Kimberly Byrne, Personnel Officer, had mentioned both points but as if it applied differently to different people. Pulling them off the Grade and Step was to fix both things at once. He does recognize that boat patrol aren't the only temporary or part-time employees. As people see this the Board may hear a variety of people that say to pull them from Grade and Step system and give them credit for their time in service as if 3 months of the year counts as a full year. That is not what they are doing. They actually did two things. In the first instance they recognized that it was the wrong grade and the second recognized they weren't doing time in service. When they did these together, Sheriff Abrams' and Ms. Byrne's recommendation was it evened out between staff. He stated how he appreciated Ms. Bain doing the additional legwork on this to make sure everyone understood the background.

Mr. Frey stated that as they move into budget season, they will have to take a look at what they are paying employees. Fast food restaurant employees are now making \$15 per hour so they should be prepared.

The Chairman reminded the Board that on July 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a NYSAC session for everybody related to the forms of county government. The Administrator position specifically with Q & A. They will be doing that as a NYSAC session via ZOOM available to the Board. It will not be a County Board meeting, it will be a training session, so there will be no decisions made.

The Chairman mentioned federal funding. He reminded Mr. Arsenault about sharing the work Mr. Curry did around the town piece. The Chairman stated that they were interested in what the steps are. Mr. Arsenault stated that there are a lot of stipulations of how to use this money. The Chairman agreed and stated that this is one of those instances where they are building the plane as they go. The Chairman stated that he has had conversations with the Treasurer's Office not only on the stipulations but the claiming that will be involved. The current thinking is that they are going to isolate this in an appropriation account with a couple of sub-categories and an individual revenue. This makes it easy to do the budget runs and have the data all together. The one thing that is very clear they can claim is loss revenues. They further discussed the process and the difference between the funding the town is getting and the funding the county is getting. The Chairman discussed a broader category like the County restructuring piece around COVID. This will create a county government that's more efficient and more fitting. Another big focus is on restructuring the communities and economy. They will be looking at investing money that way as well.

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