

ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2021

2:00 P.M.

Lake Pleasant, New York

Pursuant to call regularly made by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, said Board convened in the Chambers (via ZOOM) at the County Court House at 2 P.M. The Clerk of the Board, Laura A. Abrams, opened the session by leading the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, an opening prayer and roll call with the following Supervisors present:

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

The Clerk of the Board announced the first order of business is the nomination of a Temporary Chairman.

Ms. Bain nominated Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.

Mr. Arsenault opened the floor for nominations for Chairman; Mr. Tomlinson nominated Mr. William Farber, seconded by Ms. Bain. As there were no other nominations, Mr. Arsenault called for a vote on the nomination. All in favor with one opposed.

Wilt-Aye
Stortecky-Aye
Tomlinson-Aye
Indian Lake-Nay
Inlet-Aye
Lake Pleasant-Aye
Long Lake-Aye
Wells-Aye

Mr. Wells stated that being opposed wasn't because of the person but rather the system being used. He feels that the County has reached a point where they need to look at an Executive Manager. There have already been some prior meetings and there should be more on the subject. He went on to say that the Board already knows how much time Chairman Farber puts in to this job and

how fortunate they are to have him do what he does but he feels the job has moved on. Mr. Stortecky stated that he agreed with Mr. Wells' assessment and feels they need to do something. He asked what the next step would be. Mr. Wells stated that financially the County's hands were tied. He apologized to Chairman Farber for not being a good Deputy. His communication was lacking and he felt he wasn't very helpful. Mr. Stortecky reassured Mr. Wells that he wasn't the only Supervisor that felt that way. Mr. Wilt stated that he too has wanted to make some changes. He feels that it could be pursued for 2022.

Mr. Farber took over as Chairman.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their vote of support. Stated that Mr. Wells did call him ahead of time and he doesn't take it personal. He feels he does the best job given the resources and within the confines of the system. It doesn't mean he thinks he has it right all the time and there are very few days where he goes home feeling he hasn't learned something new. He feels there is always room for improvement and knows the conversations that have been had over the years. He agrees that the Executive Manager should be revisited.

The Chairman stated the next item of business is the appointment of a Deputy Chairman.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey stated that he felt it is important for the Deputy to be close to the County seat. He nominated Mr. Wilt because he is that but also because he feels he can do it. Mr. Wilt stated his thanks. Mr. Stortecky asked how Mr. Wilt felt about being Deputy. Mr. Wilt stated that he would do it. Ms. Bain stated that she feels he has been on the Board a long time and has the experience over the newer Supervisors that are still learning; he is a great nominee and thanked him. Mr. Wilt stated that he has been doing it for 15 years and is still learning. Mr. Frey stated that he would also like to thank Mr. Wells and all his work has been appreciated. Mr. Mauro stated his appreciation and thanked both Mr. Wells and Mr. Wilt.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-21

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Richard A. Wilt is hereby appointed Deputy Chairman for the year 2021.

Seconded by and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

A motion was made to accept the minutes of December 3rd and 18th, 2020 by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.

Public Comment: No Public.

Mr. Wilt stated that they should get people to attend. He feels if they continue to do ZOOM meetings that it would be a good idea for some public to join. The Chairman stated that when the meetings are posted on the website it also states people can join by invite.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: Stated that his Deputy Supervisor, Meade Hutchins, passed away. The Chairman stated how sorry he was and shared how he had worked with Mr. Hutchins over the years.

Mr. Frey: Stated that there is a meeting scheduled that afternoon to discuss pay. The Chairman stated that the Sheriff had raised a question regarding the essential employees. The Sheriff and Personnel Officer will be joining them for that meeting.

Mr. Wilt: Stated that the microwave team would be coming to visit the sites that following Monday. The Chairman discussed the visit and a simple letter of agreement with all property owners. He stated that he wanted to make sure they could be positioned to hit the ground running with the APA. Mr. Wilt agreed and stated that he is pushing for the engineers to be a little more aggressive. He would like to see the project done by the end of the year.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated how the vaccinations for 1B's got pushed back. The public health team is ready to go when able. Thanked the team for doing a great job. Mr. Wilt asked what determines the County going to 1B. The Chairman stated the Governor does and further explained the process. Stated that even though everyone on the 1B vaccination list should be receiving a call the Supervisors should all do their part by letting their constituents know as well. The Chairman touched on tracing and tracking help with Mr. Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson further stated that Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, had interviews to fill the fulltime Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Health Coordinator position. She was very comfortable with one of the candidates. He and the Chairman both agreed and would like to get the person started as soon as possible. He asked for the Board's support. The Chairman further discussed the candidate and how it's not an ideal time to bring on somebody new but how the person would be able to help the department with tracing and tracking. Barbara Taylor, the contracted Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, has been very helpful with the PODs. Ms. Mahoney's thought was to enter into a small contract with this candidate to help with the tracing and tracking but also keep Ms. Taylor's contract. Then, when things start to slowdown bring the individual in full time and start phasing out Ms. Taylor. The Chairman asked for the Boards support in doing this small agreement.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that he agreed with what Mr. Wilt had said earlier about always learning. He can't believe all the moving parts there are just for one little aspect of getting someone on board. He said that his appreciation goes out to the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board for everything that they do.

Mr. Tomlinson stated he agrees with the Chairman. Feels that she was the best candidate and it is in the best interest of the County to get her on board. The Chairman asked for the Board's approval. He stated that it would fall under the contract limit that department heads can sign off on. Even though it doesn't need a resolution he and Mr. Tomlinson thought that it would be a good idea to bring to the Board to make sure everyone is on board. All agreed.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated that Mr. Frey had addressed some of his thoughts and ideas regarding department heads concerns over pay. He was hoping the Board would have time to discuss. The Chairman stated that there was going to be a Finance Committee meeting to discuss and a series of meetings further scheduled.

State of the County:

The Chairman stated that there were areas where the County didn't make as much progress as it should have within the last year. He doesn't feel that it was poorly intentioned. He knows that the Board hasn't always had a good track record but he sees the level of commitment and enthusiasm from this Board has been impressive. He feels that they have the capability of not being a group that makes promises and then doesn't keep them in terms of follow through. It has been an extraordinary year that none of them could have predicted in the way of Public Health. With the logistical problems that it has caused; he thinks that the team has done a great job from top to bottom. Not only do accolades need to be towards Ms. Mahoney but everyone that is working for and with her. It has definitely been a challenge but the departments have been doing great work. He stated that the County got a grant through Industrial Development Agency (IDA) for \$20,000 that allowed \$10,000 for each Oak Mountain Ski Center and Lapland Lake to help them with their creativeness so they could open for the winter. He stated how there has been a bigger crisis than Public Health. Ronald Reagan said *"Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."* He feels that they have all seen that become forgotten. He also quoted Theodore Roosevelt by saying *"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."* He feels that they have seen so much of the leadership in politics, Washington and Albany that absolutely can't resist the temptation of making their case on the backs of the public in a way that the public becomes a pawn on this or that side of the debate. There has been a lot of conversation around the idea of race baiting and police reform. He has honestly seen and heard people doing things that he thought were absolutely wrong in the way they were raising the issue but at the same time has felt equally offended by the way some friends/colleagues on the right have approached the issues around this election. We cannot continue to bait the public with half-truths, innuendos and things that will create these levels of profound doubt and cynicism and then wonder why we can't lead. He stated that there are no winners when there is that kind of war and the proof is seen around COVID with some of the debates that have been had with people; the way they have reacted and responded. Our ability to vaccinate people is going to be so dependent on our creditability. The ability to convince people that we really are doing the right thing and it's really based on science. Hamilton County has to find a way to turn the conversation around and do this more constructively because there isn't the capacity to get this wrong. They are barely getting by with tracing and tracking. They are going to be overwhelmed with vaccination if they can't do it in a really strategic seamless way. The Board has to lead by example. He went on to discuss how he looks at himself all the time and thinks about how he can say or do things differently. He stated how Roosevelt also said *"Nobody*

cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.” and he feels it’s profoundly true. He confessed to being preachy around COVID and knows that it’s not the way that you move people. He knows that you have to make them feel heard and understood before you have the conversation. The big challenge is how do they lead differently going forward? There is a lot of work to be done in 2021. It’s going to be how they do that work and how they lead. He feels this is the right team to do the job and looks forward to leading this Board in 2021. He believes there is a chance around COVID as well as many other issues to set the gold standard for New York State and the way they do business in Hamilton County. Thank you.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-21

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Investment Policy for the County of Hamilton is to be renewed on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer recommends the banks where monies are deposited and the maximum amount as follows:

NBT: \$15,000,000.00 (Fifteen Million)
Community Bank: \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million)
Key Bank: \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million)
JP Morgan: \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million)
Bank of America: \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million)
Chemung Canal Trust Company: \$3,000,000.00 (Three Million)
T.D. Bank: \$12,000,000.00 (Twelve Million)

be it

RESOLVED, that the above listed amendments be adopted 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

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey stated how this is a completely thankless job and appreciates Chairman Farber’s willingness to do it. He knows that he has a good

team behind him with Laura Abrams, Clerk of the Board, and the rest of the staff but it's still going to be a trying year. He offered his help in anyway. Chairman Farber thanked him and stated that without Ms. Abrams and her staff it would be impossible to do. Going back to what Mr. Wells had said earlier, there had been money put in the 2020 budget with the anticipation that something would be done or at least compensating people for what they were doing. It unfortunately slipped through the cracks. It didn't happen but people stepped up and did the work anyways. He feels it's just another example of not always doing a good job of recognizing all the staff. He stated that if they all did what Mr. Frey just did throughout, they could go a long way to accomplish something helpful.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-21

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that William G. Farber is hereby appointed Budget Officer for a term January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021.

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. 4-21

APPOINTMENTS TO THE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the terms for the Landowner Representative & Alternate expired December 31, 2020, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be affirmed and made to NYS Fish & Wildlife Management Board Region 5:

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022	Kim Mitchell, Landowner Rep.
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022	Richard Clawson, Landowner Rep. Alternate
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021	John Stortecky, Supervisor Rep.
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021	Clay Arsenault, Supervisor Rep. Alternate

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

Lawrence P. Foy, Sportsman Rep.
Clay Earley, Sportsman Rep. Alternate

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. 5-21

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – 2021 COUNTY INSURANCE PACKAGE

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors awarded the County Insurance Package to Rose & Kiernan, Inc. with NYMIR Insurance as the carrier effective January 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the current premiums and the Cyber Security Policy are due and payable at this time, be it

RESOLVED, that payment due in the amount of \$162,882.36 for the period January 1, 2021 – January 1, 2021 be hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment at this time by issuing a check to Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in the amount of \$162,882.36 for Invoice No. 166796 and 166536 from the several accounts for insurance.

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. 6-21

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT – 2021 WORKERS COMPENSATION

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awarded the County Workers Compensation package to PERMA for 2021, and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that taking advantage of the three year contract rate discount, with a guaranteed cost (excluding NYS Assessments) for year two and a loss ratio rate based on year two for year three, are all benefits to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the County is in receipt of the annual premium for 2021 from PERMA for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$126,682.00, and

WHEREAS, the County is only eligible for this premium if said premium is paid in full by January 15, 2021, be it

RESOLVED, that the premium be paid in the amount of \$126,682.00 from the 2021 Budget charging the several accounts so noted for Employee Benefits Workers Compensation and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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. 7-21

SETTING RATE FOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCE – 2021

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will, effective January 1, 2021, compensate auto mileage incurred by employees on behalf of the County at the rate of \$.56 per mile and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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 asked if he should recuse himself. The Chairman stated it wasn't necessary because he is an appointee on the Review Board from Hamilton County. Yes, he is serving as an officer but there is no remuneration or benefit to him

involved in that. There is nothing wrong with him disclosing that he is the 2021 Chair for Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. He stated that it is an honor to have Mr. Wells serving as the Chair. The County Attorney agreed it wasn't necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-21

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE
ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD – 2021**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for the 2021 appropriation in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), charging Account No. A6326.403, and is hereby approved for payment 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. 9-21

**AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF
HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has appropriated the sum of Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars (\$47,589.00) for the support and maintenance of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 224 of the County Law, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a memorandum agreement with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County for the fiscal year of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars (\$47,589.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment of Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Eight-nine Dollars (\$47,589.00) to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Hamilton County in one payment, on or about February 4, 2021 and said amount shall be paid from Account No. A8750.401, and the Hamilton County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY FEDERATION OF
SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. MAURO:

WHEREAS, this Board desires to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., for the year 2021, and

WHEREAS, the "Federation" has an established program, for promotion and education with respect to wildlife and environmental conservation, and

WHEREAS, the "Federation" through the relationships they have established with the local Fish & Game or Rod & Gun Clubs has an ability to provide a needed service to the County, and

WHEREAS, such service is anticipated to be promotion and education surrounding wildlife, fishing, and environmental conservation, and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to provide these services through existing camps, kids fishing derbies, etc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be authorized to prepare a contract to pay One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., giving them authority to carry on a program including conservation education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman be authorized to execute such contract and that One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be paid on or about March 4, 2021 from Fish and

Game Account No. A8720.402 Federal Fish and Game, and that the Fish & Game Account No. A8720.402 be charged for any and all other expenses authorized herein, and be it also

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County would provide funding for up to 8 local Hamilton County Fish & Game or Rod & Gun Clubs at up to \$500.00 per club for promotional or educational programs as above defined approved by the Committee of the Hamilton County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. and also be covered by this contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon completion of the Federation's Coyote Contest they will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 as part of said contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenses under Fish and Game Account No. A8720.402 Fish & Game will be reimbursements to the Federation for expenses already paid under the \$500.00 per club formula and \$500.00 for said Coyote Contest, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board state that each member-county shall appoint six directors to the Board with the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Financial Officer and the Highway Superintendent of each member county being Ex-Officio members and three additional directors shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of each member county, and

WHEREAS, the tenure of Ex-Officio Officers shall be consistent with their terms of office and the additional three (3) members shall be appointed to terms of three (3) years and staggered so that one director term shall expire each year, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board:

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
County Treasurer
Highway Superintendent

Christy Wilt – Term January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021
Clay Arsenault – Term of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022
Steve Tomlinson – Term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023

Seconded by Mr. Frey 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 discussed during budget time. They knew then this was under and would require an end of year transfer. They did appropriate more money in the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-21

**2020 – AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS,
RETIREES OVER 65 INSURANCE**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget lacks sufficient funds to cover the 2020 expenditures for the Employee Benefits for Retirees Over 65 Health Insurance Account No. A9060.0802, be it

RESOLVED, that \$11,751.00 be transferred from Account No. A1990.401 Contingent to Account No. A9060.0802 Employee Benefits, Retirees Over 65 Health Insurance and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and the Personnel Officer 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

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this too was discussed during budget time. The Fashion Institute in NYC is one of the institutions that bills the County back if they have a resident attending. It is significantly more expensive than any of the other community colleges. So, when we do have one it isn't unusual to find that we have underbudgeted.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-21

2020 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the Community College Account, therefore, be it

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

FROM: A1990.0401 Contingent	\$8,000.00
TO: A2490.0401 Community College	\$8,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

The following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman thanked both Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Mauro for their work in finding someone to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-21

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. MAURO:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856 of the General Municipal Law, the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency shall consist of at least three (3) and not more than seven (7) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, with all members serving at the pleasure of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton and the Industrial Development Agency has received Robert Morrison's resignation from the Industrial Development Agency, be it

RESOLVED, that Joan Marsh of Wells, NY is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy of Robert Morrison to serve as a member of the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to file a Certificate of Appointment to the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency with the New York State Secretary of State.

Seconded by Mr. Tomlinson 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 stated he feels it's absolutely ridiculous that they have to submit this.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-21

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, New York State Retirement Regulation 315.4 requires time logs, and the Board of Supervisors to set the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials, and

WHEREAS, time logs have been kept and submitted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Hamilton here establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board:

Name	SSN	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	ROA Results	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Richard A. Wilt	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00	4.33		Bi-Weekly	
Brian Wells	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00	9.38		Bi-Weekly	
John Frey	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00		X	Bi-Weekly	
Betsy Bain	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/20	7.00	3.58		Bi-Weekly	
Clay Arsenault	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00	2.41		Bi-Weekly	

William G. Farber	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00	25.67		Bi-Weekly	
Nick Mauro	████	██████████	Supervisor	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00	1.76		Bi-Weekly	
Jane Zarecki	████	██████████	County Clerk	1/1/20-12/31/23	7.00	25.16		Bi-Weekly	
Beth Hunt	████	██████████	Treasurer	1/1/20-12/31/23	7.00	23.01		Bi-Weekly	
Christopher Shambo	████	██████████	District Attorney	1/1/20-12/31/23	7.00	23.38		Bi-Weekly	
Charles R. Getty, Jr.	████	██████████	County Attorney	1/1/20-12/31/21	7.00	12.69		Bi-Weekly	

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

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

NAYS: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 16-21

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRE COORDINATOR AND EMS COORDINATOR

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gordon L. Purdy, II is hereby appointed Director of Emergency Services for a term of January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$25.543 paid from Account No. A3640.101, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jay Griffin is hereby appointed Fire Coordinator for the term of January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021 at an annual salary of \$8,101.00 from Account No. A3640.103, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Avis Warner is hereby appointed EMS Coordinator for the term of January 1, 2021 ending December 31, 2021 and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

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 asked if the Board had received the written report and financials for the year 2020. The Chairman stated he wasn't sure but would follow up and get both 2019 and 2020 reports out to the Board for their review.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-21

**AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County EMS has re-organized, placing significant emphasis on training ambulance personnel, and

WHEREAS, the EMS Coordinator and the Deputy EMS Coordinator will provide a written report and financials to the Board of Supervisors regarding the need to contract with Hamilton County EMS for training, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an agreement with Hamilton County EMS to provide training for 2021 in the amount of \$5,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Hamilton County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00, from Account No. A3640.0403 EMS Training.

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. 18-21

HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fire Coordinator, has requested the appointment of a County Fire Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, County Law Section 225-a provides the authority for the County Board of Supervisors to make such appointments, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator has worked through the Fire Chiefs from the various Fire Departments within Hamilton County to develop a list of representatives, as well as alternates in some instances, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors also has the authority to appoint a representative from those towns which are not serviced by a Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made for the term of January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021:

Benson	James Lewek
Blue Mountain Lake	Chief Greg George, Asst Chief Charles Brusio
Hope	Chief Peter Robinson, Asst Chief Eric Robinson
Indian Lake	T.B.D.
Inlet	Chief Dennis Hudson
Lake Pleasant	Chief Bill Wharton, Asst Chief Chris Hayes
Long Lake	Chief Anthony Clark, 1 st Asst Chief John Walker
Morehouse	Chief James Luck, Brian Taylor
Piseco	Robert Kruggel, Steven Woehlerle
Raquette Lake	Chief Mark Bird
Speculator	Chief Matt O'Brien, Mike Tracy
Wells	Chief Vince Lauria, Timothy O'Neill

and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy be forwarded to each Board member hereby appointed along with a copy to Don Purdy and Jay Griffin.

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. 19-21

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE FIVE BOAT PATROLMEN TO SERVE IN SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has reported to this Board there is a need for five boat patrolmen to patrol lakes in Hamilton County during the 2021 Summer Season (June through September), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff be authorized to hire five boat patrolmen for the 2021 Summer Season beginning June 19th with any advance required training authorized, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to prepare proper contracts to submit to the State of New York to meet the requirements of the State of reimbursement.

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. 20-21

2020-TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the Sheriff Overtime and Holiday Account, A3110.103, therefore, be it

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

FROM:	A3110.110 – Sheriff Deputy C	\$ 10,000.00
TO:	A3110.103 – Sheriff Overtime/Holiday	\$ 10,000.00

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. 21-21

**AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ESSEX COUNTY IDA
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Essex County Industrial Development Agency has agreed to continue to assist Hamilton County, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Hamilton enter into a one-year contract extension with the Essex County Industrial Development Agency to provide economic development assistance, support, grant writing assistance, and advice, for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, not to exceed \$10,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman is authorized to sign said contract.

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. Stortecky stated that his Deputy Supervisor, David Pincombe, was thrilled to hear this.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-21

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY HISTORIAN

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Education Law, Section 148, of the State of New York provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall appoint a County Historian, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby appoints Ernest D. Virgil of Lake Pleasant, NY as County Historian for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021, at an annual salary of \$11,192.00 paid from Account No. A7510.0101 in bi-weekly installments and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer 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. 23-21

APPROVAL OF VETERANS SERVICES CONTRACT - 2021

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Fulton County, within the meaning of Section 800 of County Law, to provide assistance to members of the armed forces and veterans and their dependents in Hamilton County in obtaining any benefits and awards to which they may be entitled under any Federal, State or local legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract shall be effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County shall pay to Fulton County the sum of \$16,500.00 per annum in quarterly installments on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2021, plus expenses incurred by the Director for travel, postage, telephone, office supplies, printing, flags and markers, miscellaneous, conferences, schools and seminars not to exceed \$900.00.

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. 24-21

FULTON COUNTY INFORMATION SERVICES CONTRACT- PROBATION

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department began contracting with the Fulton County Information Services Department to provide hosting and IT services for their Caseload Explorer Program on October 1, 2013, and,

WHEREAS, the Probation Department wishes to continue receiving this service, and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County IT Department is willing to continue this service at a rate of \$2,600.00 per year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract between the Hamilton County Probation Department and the Fulton County Information Services Department for \$2,600.00 per year, effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 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. 25-21

**AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES FEDERAL SALARY SHARING TO BE
UTILIZED TO COVER SHORTFALL IN STATE AID**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) enacted budget for 2019-20 provided \$773,317.00 in revenue to Hamilton County to provide Mental Health services, and

WHEREAS, the state instituted a twenty percent (20%) reduction for Mental Health Services for the last two (2) quarters of 2020 resulting in a decrease in state aid amounting to \$69,652.00, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services was able to reduce expenses by \$30,888.00 to reduce the impact to a net deficit of \$38,764.00, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services can utilize \$38,764.00 of unspent Federal Salary Sharing money currently in the General Fund balance, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to utilize \$38,764.00 from the Restricted General Fund Balance earmarked as the Community Services Federal Salary Sharing money to cover the shortfall and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-21

**AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH
FOR NON- SECURE DETENTION SERVICES**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton, on occasion is required to place juveniles in a non-secured detention facility, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth operates two (2) non-secured detention facilities for juveniles placed with the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth requires an agreement in order to place juveniles in their facility, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an unreserved usage agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth for the purposes of placing appropriate juveniles with a per diem rate for an unreserved bed of \$475.00 and will be effective from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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. 27-21

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department of Social Services to enter into a cooperative agreement with the County Attorney in order to justify and obtain funding for such representation, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney provides representation to the Department of Social Services through appointment of the Assistant County Attorney, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, the Hamilton County Attorney and the Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to execute a Cooperation Agreement for the term of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 between the Department of Social Services and the Hamilton County Attorney upon review of the Hamilton County Attorney.

Seconded by Mr. Wilt 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 they had discussed this when the resolution was passed in December to create the positions. The budget was already adopted for 2021 so they weren't able to make further adjustments and needed to wait until they were in 2021 to actually make the budget adjustment. They have been able to fill one of the positions already and things are going very well. There was a CCSI Tier II meeting and everyone seemed very happy with the roll out and the way it's going. There is going to be interviews next week for the second caseworker position.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-21

**2021 - FUNDING TWO NEW CASEWORKER POSITIONS- DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 342-20 adopted December 18, 2020 authorized two new Caseworker positions in the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, Appropriation Accounts need to be created and funded in the 2021 County budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A6010.0118 Caseworker D and Account No. A6010.0119 Caseworker E be hereby created in the 2021 County budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made to fund these new accounts:

From: A6070.403 Services for Recipients S/S TANF	\$ 76,866.00
To: A6010.0118 Caseworker D	\$ 38,433.00
A6010.0119 Caseworker E	\$ 38,433.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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 asked where we lease space for this. The Chairman explained that the space is within Department of Social Services (DSS) and it is a paper transaction. The DSS staff help out the OneWorkSource staff. OneWorkSource has a four-county service delivery area that covers; Franklin, Clinton, Essex and Hamilton Counties. The way that it's configured the County has been providing the service through DSS and he further discussed the history behind it.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-21

AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH ONEWORKSOURCE – 2021

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, working with the local WIOA, and the North Country Regional Workforce Investment Council (OneWorkSource), have worked out the details of a lease for the OneWorkSource space, and

WHEREAS, the lease will cover the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the monthly rent to be paid by said tenant will be \$475.00 per month (to cover the use of the lease space together with the cost of heat, electricity, telephone, internet and insurance), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into and sign said lease on behalf of Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to Roberta Bly.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 30-21

AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR RAISE THE AGE SERVICES - HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, in 2018 NYS approved legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years of age; New York State was previously one of only two states that automatically prosecuted 16 and 17 year-olds as adults, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Hamilton County Probation Department have applied for funding for prevention of placement of these Raise the Age Youth, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and Resource Officer services, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has been approved to use Raise the Age Funding for this program, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with the Hamilton County Department of Social Services for the Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 annually effective January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for the services of a Resource Officer, for an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 annually effective January 1, 2021-December 31, 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. 31-21

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

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

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

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

WHEREAS, the agreement for the period commencing April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 has been increased by \$19,900 for a total of \$55,000, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an amended agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging for PCI and PCII level services under the EISEP program for a term of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 for a total of \$55,000.00.

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. 32-21

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTY OFA AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE
FOR TITLE III-E FUNDING**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging has grant monies available to provide respite Home Health Aide Services under Title III-E for seniors who are patients of the Certified Home Health Agency and require these services to provide respite for caregivers, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for the period commencing January 1, 2021– December 31, 2021 for a total of \$10,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this anticipated funding was appropriated in the 2021 Municipal budget as a part of the budget development process, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement between the Office for the Aging and the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Arsenault 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 stated that these were designed for cars first and we graciously allow the use of snowmobiles to entice the snowmobilers to come. The Chairman agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-21

**APPROVAL - USE OF COUNTY ROADS AS DESIGNATED FOR SNOWMOBILE USE
FOR YEAR 2021**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes any town within the county to designate any County Road or part thereof for snowmobile usage for the year 2021, be it further

RESOLVED, if a town chooses to designate a County Road or any part thereof within that particular towns boundary the town shall follow all rules and regulations of designating a road for snowmobile use per the guidelines set forth in New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservations Snowmobile Unit and also be subject to provide Hamilton County with an insurance certificate covering said use in favor of the County as an additional insured.

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. 34-21

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR ROAD
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS - 2021**

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, each year the DPW Superintendent needs to purchase materials and supplies for road construction projects, road maintenance projects and have some inventory available for emergencies for the county system, and

WHEREAS, in all instances the purchases are made through New York State Contract, Hamilton County awarded bids or through a piggy back contract bid from another county of New York State, and

WHEREAS, most of these purchases are over the threshold of the County Highway Superintendents authority to purchase without either Chairman's authorization or by board resolution authorizing the said purchases, and

WHEREAS, these materials and supplies include but not limited to stone items, culverts, hot mix asphalt, equipment rental, road striping and general construction items, and

WHEREAS, all expenditures for road projects (construction or maintenance) have been duly authorized by resolutions approved by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Highway Superintendent to purchase materials and supplies as needed without specific authorization for each purchase for road construction and maintenance projects that have been previously authorized by the Board Supervisors by resolution for 2021 and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 35-21

AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE PICKUP TRUCK FOR 2021

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors have duly adopted the 2021 Hamilton County Budget, and

WHEREAS, within the said adopted 2021 budget the Board appropriated \$70,000.00 for equipment purchases for the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County currently has a bid in place for 2021 Pickup Trucks, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that the department purchase one (1) pickup truck for use in 2021 as follows:

(1) 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4X4 Crew Cab - \$35,178.00

be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2021 Chevrolet pickup from Carbone Auto Group for the DPW as mentioned herein for a total of \$35,178.00 delivered and the County Treasurer, Fleet Coordinator and the 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

RESOLUTION NO. 36-21

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$26,397.21 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$59,498.47 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. Wells and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 37-21

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$271,221.68 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$22,945.93
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	166.25
Finance Committee	192,049.83
Health Committee.....	12,396.77
Human Services Committee.....	20,628.97
Central Government Committee	14,499.41
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	6,676.70
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	601.80
Internal Management Committee	1,256.02

are hereby approved.

Seconded by Ms. Bain 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 he was looking forward to a better 2021.

Mr. Frey: Stated that condolences went out to Mr. Wells and the Town from Inlet for Meade Hutchins. It is going to be tough but hope there is a much better path this year.

Mr. Stortecky: Quoted Thomas Jefferson by saying *“When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is liberty.”* and *“The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.”*

The Chairman stated that Adirondack Intercounty is scheduled for January 28th via ZOOM.

The Chairman further stated that the County Attorney had reviewed the agreements with Ms. Mahoney regarding schools doing the testing as required under New York State’s guidance as far as the schools staying open in yellow, orange and red zones. There is now a school districts positivity rate above a 9 and he asked if the County Attorney’s conclusion was to have a resolution for Ms. Mahoney and he to sign those or because it just authorizes them to work within the state guidelines it doesn’t require one. The County Attorney stated that he reviewed the consent forms she had sent him and that a resolution was not needed.

The Chairman: Thanked everyone that assisted Ms. Byrne, Personnel Officer with catching up with all the retirees.

The Chairman stated that they are still continuing to work on the Amenity Enhancement meetings. They are looking to schedule another meeting to focus on fire towers both in Long Lake and Speculator. As well as some work they are planning through Soil & Water in terms of working with NYSDEC around forest preserve units and the conservation easements.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Stortecky. Carried.