

2021

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 4, 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:

Arietta	Richard A. Wilt
Benson	John M. Stortecky
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	ABSENT
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Nick Mauro

Also present: County Attorney, Kimberly Byrne-Personnel Officer, Barry Baker-Real Property Director, Tracy Eldridge-Highway Superintendent and Beth Hunt-Treasurer

A motion was made to accept the minutes of October 7, 2021 by Mr. Mauro, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Frey: Encouraged everyone to keep an open mind as they go through the budget process.

Mr. Wilt: Stated that the tower projects are going slow. He asked how the DANC process was going. The Chairman stated that they are refining the numbers, recognizing that they believe they can do it for less. Hamilton County should make up front costs while they have money instead of a monthly charge going forward. Mr. Wilt asked about Wells to Hope. The Chairman stated that the piece from Hope to Wells is different because DANC deals with Frontier and they would be better on point to negotiate a price. The Chairman discussed his and Don Purdy's conversation with C&S Engineers regarding DANC getting a better price when creating the connection from Blue Mountain to the Sheriff's Office. DANC stated that they would reach out to Frontier and work on that. He mentioned that C&S is not heavily involved in the Wells, Hope connections but felt Hamilton County needed some expertise to help evaluate why Spectrum fiber won't work for the connection. He further discussed the line from Wells going South and the DOT right of way. He thought they needed a means to give DANC some measurements of how much really would

be in that right of way versus how much is in a National Grid Utility right of way. Nobody wants to build new fiber even if it is paid 100% up front because then they have an annual fee that they have to pay to DOT for being in the right of way. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thinks there are a lot of unknowns with Spectrum and Frontier. They don't work together. The Chairman stated that the infrastructure is different but the fiber is exactly the same. So, if it exists over that section then Hamilton County ought to be able to partner with Spectrum. He would like to find a way not to rule Spectrum out. Mr. Wilt stated that they shouldn't rule them out and he agrees that the fiber is the fiber. As long as it's dedicated fiber it shouldn't make a difference. The Chairman stated that if Spectrum has the pairs of fiber and they could give DANC a dedicated pair it shouldn't be this issue that has been described. Mr. Wilt asked if the Chairman could communicate with DANC stating that Hamilton County is comfortable with them partnering with Spectrum or Frontier. The Chairman said he would. Mr. Wilt stated that they aren't asking them to put equipment in. The equipment at either end of the fiber is going to be Hamilton County's. The Chairman stated that the one place where that could be different is that DANC might need to build fiber to where Spectrum stops. He thought it might be good to have DANC come out and do a field review from Wells to Hope. Upgrades to solar on Cathead Mountain have helped out with power. Mr. Wilt stated that they are waiting to hear from NYS Police about a microwave in Hope. The Chairman stated that Mr. Purdy had a resolution going in next meeting for the Wells Lease.

The Chairman discussed the County phone system that was bought from Frontier. Now Frontier has decided to off load the phone systems but keep the service portion. That is good news for the County because we can go with anyone to upgrade the phones. He stated that SLIC would like to bid and do the County's phone system. Mr. Wilt stated that going to Voice Over IP instead of copper does create problems with the 911 system. He would recommend changing it over because it is cheaper. The Chairman stated that they would have to think about what things should be isolated associated with the dispatch center.

Mr. Arsenault was asked when Long Lake switches to Highband radio will Hamilton County directly dispatch or turn it over to Essex County. Mr. Wilt stated that they need to test the signal first. The Chairman stated that all 911 calls made from Long Lake go to Essex County unless they were to change the contractual relationship. Mr. Wilt stated that Mr. Purdy had reached out to Essex County to see if there was equipment Hamilton County could buy. The Chairman asked if Essex derived coverage for part of Essex County off of their presence on Blue Mountain. Mr. Wilt stated that was what they were trying to figure out. He believes that most of it is coming from another tower. The Chairman stated that his instinct would be that Blue Mountain would be helpful to them for part of Essex so the County would need to look at how they share equipment there.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that it was un-real how much is involved in the tower communications.

The Chairman asked Kimberly Byrne, Personnel Officer, if the ad for the Emergency Services Director position was out. The Board had agreed to post the job, agreed that it would be Full Time and that the salary was commensurate with experience. He also asked Ms. Byrne what the return date on applications was. Ms. Byrne stated that she wasn't sure.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Chairman stated that Res. No. 1 was held over from the last meeting. The resolution they have is based on where they were at and the amount needs to be changed to reflect what the current fixed price is. The number that should be in the resolution is .09726kWh. Resolution was moved and seconded.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wilt stated that it blows his mind that they contract with them for one year and the price changes every day. It makes no sense. Mr. Eldridge stated that he has heard it has to do with natural gas prices. Mr. Wilt stated he feels that it works for this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 255-21

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
CONSTELLATION ENERGY SERVICES OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR 2021-2022**

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the County agreement with Constellation Energy Services for purchase of electricity for all County facilities expires on November 5, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Constellation Energy Services has given a proposal to the County to enter into a fixed price agreement for a period of twelve (12) months beginning November 6, 2021, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Constellation Energy Services of New York, Inc. for a fixed price of .09726kWh for a period of twelve (12) months.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked if this resolution could be tabled until the following meeting. The report states the amounts in the columns headed "Recommended Appropriations" will be necessary and he would like to look at it but he wasn't questioning anything. Mr. Frey stated that this wasn't adopting, it was simply presenting it. It doesn't tie the Board to anything. Mr. Wells stated that he believed everything from 1-9 was fine but he hadn't gotten a chance to look at it. The Chairman asked what the process should be for future reference. Mr. Wells asked if there had been any additions or deletions that they haven't

gone over in the Committee meetings. The Chairman stated that what they received was Budget Officer recommendations. Some that are absolutely consistent with what had been discussed and some where he, as Budget Officer, tweaked the numbers slightly up or down after talking to a Department Head. Along with some numbers not reflective of what Department Heads gave them but rather trends. He is simply acknowledging the validity in what Mr. Wells said but recognizing that this is the process that the Board has used for years. They further discussed different possibilities. Mr. Arsenault stated that if his name was on the resolution, it would be nice to know what those changes are before passing. Then he asked if this was the normal process of doing that. The Clerk of the Board stated that it was. Mr. Wells stated that he didn't remember doing this before. The Clerk of the Board stated that this was done every year the same way.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Your Committee on the tentative budget of the fiscal year 2022 as filed by the Budget Officer with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, respectfully reports that in its opinion the amounts in the columns headed "Recommended Appropriations" will be necessary to meet the expenditures of the County for the ensuing year.

1. Contributions required by the law be made by tax upon this County for State Employees' Retirement Contributions and Conservation Fire Claims.
2. Salaries of Officers and Employees heretofore authorized by this Board and the amounts necessary to pay for the equipment, supplies and materials and other expenses for each department.
3. Amount necessary to carry out the contract with the State of New York for Snow Removal on State Highways.
4. County Indebtedness maturing and interest payable as shown by the Budget Officer.
5. Appropriations for Public Relief and care and administration expenses.
6. Appropriations for the County Road Fund, Snow Removal on County Road and County Machinery Fund.
7. Appropriations for the Contingent Fund.
8. Appropriations for reserve for uncollected taxes and assessments, tax refunds and tax sales.
9. Appropriations for other specific purposes as stated in the tentative budget by the Budget Officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Frey, John M. Stortecky,
Brian Wells, Clay J. Arsenault

RESOLUTION NO. 256-21

ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Finance Committee is accepted as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 257-21

AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2021 A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2022 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021 titled "A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2022 THAT MAY REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at the Supervisors' Rooms in the Hamilton County Municipal Building on the 19th day of November, 2021, at 11:15 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021, entitled "A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2022 THAT MAY REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR", and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2021

State of New York

County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2022 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton as follows:

Section 1. Title: This Local Law shall be known as “Hamilton County Responsible Budgeting Law of 2021”.

Section 2. Declaration of intent: The intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) prior to adopting the 2022 Hamilton County Budget. The dramatic economic changes precipitated by COVID, inflation, and workforce shortages have necessitated this increase. Notwithstanding these circumstances the County will need to provide services in 2022, in addition to those mandated by the State, which are important to our citizens. After serious and sustained efforts to minimize the amount of the tax levy, and to project the tax levy limit for Hamilton County for 2022, it is clear that a responsible budget for 2022 will require a tax levy that will be greater than the tax levy limit calculated pursuant to applicable State Law.

Section 3. Budget Authorization: The Board of Supervisors hereby overrides the tax levy limit for Hamilton County for 2022 and authorizes Hamilton County, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2022 that will require a tax levy increase that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2022 pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESOLUTION NO. 258-21
MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$168,142.38, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$168,142.38 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$16,253.50
Benson	1,290.00
Hope	\$8,416.00
Indian Lake	\$30,779.88
Inlet	\$21,780.50
Lake Pleasant	\$33,546.96
Long Lake	\$30,918.00
Morehouse	\$3,731.00
Wells	\$14,893.50
Village of Speculator	\$6,533.04

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the respective sums so appropriated to the Supervisors of said Towns.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 259-21

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST PARENT
AND CHILD SOCIETY, INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, children placed in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services as a result of abuse, neglect, maltreatment or voluntary surrender require out-of-home placement in residential treatment centers, and

WHEREAS, these residential treatment centers are certified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and

WHEREAS, maximum state reimbursable rates are established by OCFS, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreements with Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this was discussed on Committee Day by Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent. The logistics had to be figured out in regards to the claiming based on the requirements of the Federal Revenue Sharing monies. Mr. Eldridge stated that the cars are still not built. The Chairman asked if there were dealerships that had cars on the lot that the County could bid for. Mr. Eldridge stated that he doesn't believe so but will check. He is still waiting to hear from a dealer in Johnstown. The Chairman stated that he understood but they are running out of time to use the Community Services money. Before the budget is closed, they will have to figure out what direction they want to go in regards to SUVs. Mr. Eldridge stated that he was hoping to be able to go to bid for some Dodge vehicles.

RESOLUTION NO. 260-21

**RESCINDING RES. NO. 237-21 AND AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN REPAVING
PARKING LOT, PURCHASE VEHICLES AND PURCHASE COMPUTERS -
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the DPW Superintendent that the parking lot at the Community Services Building needs to be repaved, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the DPW Superintendent that two of the Department's vehicles be replaced, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by Hamilton County's IT provider that the computers used by Community Services staff to perform their duties need to be upgraded, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 237-21 was passed on October 7th to partially address these needs, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined since Res. No. 237-21 was passed that Federal Salary Sharing funds that were to cover the costs identified must be expended by December 31, 2021 thus requiring that a different spending plan be developed, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has provided the Community Services Department with a new modified estimate to begin repaving the parking lot in 2021 at a cost of \$7,000.00 and purchase two vehicles at a cost of \$34,540.00, and

WHEREAS, the quote to purchase the computers was increased by \$507.00 due to the required change in Office from Office 19 to Office 21, and

WHEREAS, the upgraded computers can be purchased under state contract at the cost of \$12,770.62, be it

RESOLVED, that Res. No. 237-21 is hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize \$54,311.00 from Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund balance to be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A4310.0403 Supplies and Services to cover the said cost and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Community Service Director, Clerk of the Board and the DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 261-21

**AMENDING RES. NO. 233-21 - AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS
WITH BERKSHIRE FARM FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL (QI) ASSESSMENT
SERVICES**

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 233-21 authorized a contract with Berkshire Farm for Qualified Individual (QI) Assessment services but did not specify the term or the fee, and

WHEREAS, children placed in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services as a result of abuse, neglect, maltreatment or voluntary surrender require out-of-home placement in Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP), and

WHEREAS, these QRTP's are certified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) [P.L. 115-123], an independent assessment of a child in foster care places in a QRTP is required to make determinations, including, but not limited to, whether the QRTP is appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the assessment must be completed within 30 days of placement of the child in the QRTP, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth has been approved as a Qualified Individual (QI) program to provide assessments through OCFS, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire has agreed to a Per Assessment Model of \$2,000 per assessment with ability to accept assessments based on Agency capacity in the region with a not to exceed amount of \$113,980.00 for a term of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 233-21 is hereby amended to include the Per Assessment Model of \$2,000 per assessment with ability to accept assessments based on Agency capacity in the region with a not to exceed amount of \$113,980.00 for a term of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreements with Berkshire Farm to complete comprehensive assessments of youth placed in QRTP's within 30 days as required by the FFPSA.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked if this is tele-medicine. The Chairman stated that this contract was not originally setup for that but they have been doing some. There is a separate contract that is specifically tele-psych and tele-med.

RESOLUTION NO. 262-21

CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AT COMMUNITY SERVICES – EILEEN EHRENBERG, MD

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for psychiatric services, and

WHEREAS, psychiatric services funding is requested in the 2022 Community Services budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Psychiatrist Eileen Ehrenberg, MD, of 23 Featherfoil Way Malta, NY 12020, who provides this service, be paid \$1,500.00 per day not to exceed an annual amount of \$36,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Hamilton County Community Services with Dr. Eileen Ehrenberg and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 263-21

CONTRACT WITH DR. HOWARD AXELROD

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Service Board has recommended contracting with Dr. Howard Axelrod, of 13 Stony Brook Drive, Rexford, NY 12148, for psychological services at the Hamilton County Office Building, located at White Birch Lane, Indian Lake, New York, on a bi-weekly basis, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize contracting with Dr. Howard Axelrod to perform psychological services at the County Office Building, located at White Birch Lane, Indian Lake, New York, on a bi-weekly basis, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Howard Axelrod shall be paid One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) per day for the services rendered with the total annual cost not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Dr. Howard Axelrod, upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 264-21

CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR CLINICAL EVALUATIONS AND CLINICAL COUNSELING AT COMMUNITY SERVICES – PATRICE J. HICKS

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that during the year there may be a need to expand Community Services' capacity for clinical evaluations and clinical counseling, and

WHEREAS, clinical services funding is requested in the 2022 Community Services budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Patrice J. Hicks, of 166 Spier Falls Rd., Gansevoort, NY 12831, a Clinical Social Worker with R Certification, who provides these services, be paid \$100.00 per hour for clinical evaluations not to exceed an annual amount of \$2,000.00 and \$80.00 per hour for clinical counseling not to exceed an annual amount of \$12,500.00 for a total of \$14,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Hamilton County Community Services with Patrice J. Hicks and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 265-21

CONTRACT WITH CITIZEN ADVOCATES, INC. TO PROVIDE LICENSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES BY HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. STORTECKY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board and the Hamilton County Community Services Department (HCCS) has identified a need for substance abuse services in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Citizen Advocates Inc. of Franklin County, DBA North Star Chemical Dependency Services, has agreed to maintain licensed substance abuse clinics at the Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant offices of HCCS, and

WHEREAS, Citizens Advocates, Inc. will provide administrative and management support to HCCS clinical staff co-located at these locations such that HCCS clinical staff can provide both mental health and licensed substance abuse services to Hamilton County residents, and

WHEREAS, this administrative and management support will include operational management of the substance abuse clinics, supervision of county clinical staff for the provision of substance abuse services, quarterly utilization of services reports to the Local Government Unit and other supports as necessary to comply with applicable state and federal regulations, be it

RESOLVED, that a contract with Citizens Advocated Inc. of Franklin County, in the amount of \$3,510.00 be made, and the Chairman be authorized to sign said contract upon approval of the County Attorney, for the purpose of operating this Clinic, to be paid in monthly installments, and be it

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 266-21

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON FULTON MONTGOMERY PREVENTION COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A PREVENTION PROGRAM IN HAMILTON COUNTY

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board (HCCSB), the HCCSB's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee, and the Hamilton County Community Services Department has identified a need for chemical dependency related prevention programming in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS) has approved the Hamilton Fulton Montgomery Prevention Council's (HFM Prevention Council), 86 Briggs St., Suite 5, Johnstown, NY 12095, budget for \$74,245.00, annualized, in recurring funding to support a chemical dependency prevention program in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS OASAS has determined that it will provide this funding to the HFM Prevention Council through Hamilton County's OASAS funding, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to enter into contract with HFM Prevention Council for the purpose of providing chemical dependency prevention services in Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designated funding will be paid in quarterly installments based upon the annualized amount of \$74,245.00 when confirmed in Hamilton County's OASAS state aid letter for the contracted period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 267-21

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH COMPREHENSIVE MEDICINE, PLLC TO PROVIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY IN HAMILTON COUNTY

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board has identified a need to provide Telepsychiatry on location in the Hamilton County Jail, in Hamilton County Public Schools and at HCCS Clinic sites, and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Medicine, PLLC, of One Fishers Road, Suite 230-A, Pittsford, NY 14534 has the capacity and appropriate licensure to develop and operate a Telepsychiatry program in New York State, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a contract with Comprehensive Medicine, PLLC to provide this service at a rate of \$200.00 per hour for treatment in the County Jail, schools for a maximum of \$46,500.00 per year, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022 and the County Treasurer be so advised

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that Mr. Eldridge had discussed it during Committee Day. The County will be getting the 5-year price at a 3-year term. He also stated that the County had been really clear with Frontier in that there were aspects that needed improvement and gave them three years to show they were going to be different going forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 268-21

AUTHORIZING THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT WITH FRONTIER FOR BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR INDIAN LAKE AND LAKE PLEASANT COUNTY FACILITIES

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 240-19 authorized Broadband Internet Connections for Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant County Facilities with Frontier for five years, and

WHEREAS, Frontier was unable to fulfill the original five (5) year contract that Hamilton County and Frontier agreed to due to IT issues that couldn't be resolved, and

WHEREAS, the said original five (5) year contract is now null and void, and

WHEREAS, Frontier has offered a new proposal that would connect both Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant facilities with a broadband connection that meets the bandwidth needs of both facilities for a three (3) year fixed rate contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and the DPW Superintendent have spoken with Frontier in regard to the new contract and recommends moving forward with the new three year contract at a fixed price of \$1,100.00 per month per location (Indian Lake & Lake Pleasant), be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Frontier for a three (3) year contract for Broadband and also authorized to sign any other related documents per the Frontier proposals per the County Attorney's approval and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Public Works Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Eldridge stated that he hoped they would be setting the scale that following Thursday and then certified that Friday. He stated there would be modifications in the spring. Mr. Wells asked if the scale was certified by Herb Schmid, Director of Weights & Measures. Mr. Eldridge stated that it would be and he would also be going to Indian Lake to do the scale at that Transfer Station again.

RESOLUTION NO. 269-21

APPROVAL OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRUCK SCALE – LAKE PLEASANT TRANSFER STATION

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 119-21 awarded Bid Specification 6-2021- 70' Mechanical Truck Scale for the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the total appropriation of \$120,000.00 for the scale project to include the scale purchase, installation, ready mix concrete and related items, and

WHEREAS, there is a current balance of \$84,000.00 in Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure, be it

RESOLVED, that \$36,000.00 be transferred from the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve to Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure for the said scale project as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer be so

authorized to make the transfer and Clerk of the Board and County Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Stortecky stated that Cramer Bridge was located on Washburn Road not Storer Road. The Chairman asked the Board to make the change on the resolution they had and that it would be corrected.

RESOLUTION NO. 270-21

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT – CRAMER BRIDGE

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Cramer Bridge located on Washburn Road in the Town of Benson needs a new superstructure, decking and abutment work, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee and recommends the rehabilitation of County owned Cramer Bridge on Storer Road in the Town of Benson, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the appropriation of \$125,000.00 for the rehabilitation of the following bridge project:

COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Benson
Cramer Bridge, BIN2204520, Storer Road.....\$125,000.00
Account No. D5120.2009

and

WHEREAS, the above designated bridge is owned by Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that \$125,000.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. D5120.2009 for the rehabilitation of the above designated project as recommended by the County Highway

Superintendent and the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the said transfer and Clerk of the Board and County Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Eldridge stated that he had received a disclaimer notice from the vendor. When the vendor receives the purchase order, they will give him a build out date. The price is not guaranteed, but they do have an opt-out option.

RESOLUTION NO. 271-21

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ROAD TRACTOR FOR DPW

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 120-21 authorizes the Superintendent to purchase a road tractor from Utica General Truck, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent was notified from Utica General Truck that the Purchase Order for the said tractor was cancelled due to market instability and cost increases, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the purchase of a different make and model road tractor from Tracey Road Equipment, and

WHEREAS, the County DPW Superintendent has received a written quote for a new 2023 Western Star Road Tractor with a five year extended warranty from Tracey Road Equipment under Onondaga County Contract delivered for \$157,951.56, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County DPW Superintendent is authorized to order said road tractor from Tracey Road Equipment under Onondaga County Contract pricing at a cost of \$157,951.56 and it will be a charge to Account DM5130.0201 Equipment and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked Mr. Eldridge if this is number 3 or 4. Mr. Eldridge stated that it was number 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 272-21

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO EJECTOR TRAILER #957

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee verbally gave the Superintendent permission to have sub-frame installation repairs done to Solid Waste Trailer #957, and

WHEREAS, the repairs were completed to trailer #957 at a cost of \$5,576.38 and the said trailer is back in service, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment to Dunhams Spring Shop, Inc. in the amount of \$5,576.38 for trailer #957 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 273-21

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GORMAN BROS. INC. FOR HMA PLACED ON COUNTY ROUTE 3, NORTH POINT & COUNTY ROUTE 9, & LAKE SHORE DRIVE

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 117-21 authorizes the paving of County Road projects, and

WHEREAS, payment is due to Gorman Bros., Inc. for placing HMA on County Route 3, North Point Road and County Route 9, Lake Shore Drive, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment as follows:

\$69,253.50 from Account No. D5110.0404 Asphalt made payable to:

Gorman Bros., Inc
200 Church Street
Albany, NY12202

and the Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 274-21

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER BALANCES FROM A COMPLETED 2021 PERMANENT PROJECT ACCOUNT AND CLOSE ACCOUNT – CR 3, NORTH POINT ROAD

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, County Road Project Account No. D5112.2528 North Point Road is completed for 2021, and

WHEREAS, this project has a balance and the balance can be used for another County Road Project, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the following transfer be made:

From: Account D5112.2528 CR3 North Point Road	\$14,284.25
To: Account D5112.2526 Hope Falls	\$14,284.25

be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer be so authorized to complete the said transfer hereon and close Account No. D5112.2528 CR3, North Point Road and the Clerk of the Board and the County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked Mr. Eldridge if this included work that was bid out for bridge repair on Cedar River Road. Mr. Eldridge stated that it didn't. That repair was for Fletcher Bridge and there was a resolution on the agenda for that.

RESOLUTION NO. 275-21

AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS FOR COMPLETED 2021 PERMANENT PROJECT ACCOUNTS AND CLOSE ACCOUNTS – LAKE SHORE DRIVE, CEDAR RIVER ROAD AND SABATTIS ROAD

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, three (3) county road permanent improvement projects are completed for 2021, and

WHEREAS, all of the project funds have been appropriated and estimated through the CHIPS program, and

WHEREAS, the following projects are complete and over-expended:

D5112.2527 CR9 – Lake Shore Drive 2021	\$ (2,203.51)
D5112.2529 CR12 – Cedar River Road 2021	\$ (4,065.20)
D5112.2530 CR10 – Sabattis Road 2021	\$ (10,823.72)

be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made:

From Account D5112.202 to Account D5112.2527 CR9	\$ 2,203.51
From Account D5112.202 to Account D5112.2529 CR12	\$ 4,065.20
From Account D5112.202 to Account D5112.2530 CR10	\$ 10,823.72

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the three (3) completed 2021 county road permanent improvement projects referenced herein be closed and the County Treasurer be so authorized to complete the transfers and close the accounts and the Clerk of the Board and the County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked Mr. Eldridge if there was a minimum set. Mr. Eldridge stated no he doesn't typically but he does have the option to not accept the bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 276-21

AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF EXCESS VEHICLE

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

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 equipment 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>
2005	New Holland/Skid Steer	LMU027932	N/A	SW	971

be it

RESOLVED, the above equipment be sold by auction on-line by Auctions International and funds from the mentioned auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. A2665 Sale of Equipment, 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, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FARBER AND MAURO

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 277-21

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR FLETCHER BROOK CULVERT

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Fletcher Brook culvert located on County Route 4 in Indian Lake needed to have abutment repairs done, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to advise them of the need to repair the structure, and

WHEREAS, the above designated culvert is owned by Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Highway Superintendent be so authorized to have the said repairs done by R&B Construction in the amount of \$11,920.00 and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and County Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wilt stated that everything goes up. He was not sure how long the rent was held at \$400 per month. As with COLA a one-year lease should go up. Mr. Wells stated that this would probably be her last year. Mr. Eldridge agreed and also stated that it wasn't a premier spot nor very marketable.

RESOLUTION NO. 278-21

AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LISA BURGESS

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to renew its lease with Lisa Burgess, and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined it to be in the best interest of the County to extend this relationship, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a one year lease with Lisa Burgess for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the monthly rent is hereby set at \$400.00 per month for 2022.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked if there are any unpaid Holidays. Ms. Byrne stated there weren't and there weren't any floaters either. The Chairman stated that the general consensus on Committee Day was to follow past practice. Mr. Wells stated that the reason he asked was because they were wrestling with it at the town.

Mr. Stortecky voted Nay and that carries the resolution over to Monday, November 8th per Rule 5 of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors' Rules of Order.

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVING 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has received a recommendation from the Internal Management Committee to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee has reviewed the 2022 Holiday Schedule proposed by the County Personnel Office, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors authorizes the Hamilton County Holiday Schedule for 2022 as attached and recommended by the Personnel Officer, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer is hereby authorized to disseminate the 2022 Hamilton County Holiday Schedule as appropriate and that a certified copy of this resolution be provided to the Hamilton County Personnel Officer.

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

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

NAYS: STORTECKY

ABSENT: BAIN

COUNTY HOLIDAYS

2022

New Year's Day	Friday, December 31, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 17
President's Day	Monday, February 21
Good Friday	Friday, April 15
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Juneteenth Day	Monday, June 20
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24
	Friday, November 25
Christmas	Monday, December 26

RESOLUTION NO. 279-21

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE EMPLOYEE PERSONAL TIME DONATION
RATE TOWARDS HEALTH INSURANCE COST AND ALLOW FOR THE ADDITION
OF SELLING EMPLOYEE EARNED VACATION TIME FOR 2022**

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has received a recommendation from the Internal Management Committee to increase the current personal time donation rate towards health insurance cost for 2022 for employees, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has received a recommendation from the Internal Management Committee to also allow employees to sell their earned vacation time towards their health insurance cost for 2022 at the same donation rate as personal time, and

WHEREAS, the current personal time donation rate for employees is \$24.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee is recommending the personal time and vacation time donation rate for employees be \$25.00 per hour, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Personnel Officer to increase the personal time donation rate for employees to \$25.00 per hour and add vacation time donation at \$25.00 per hour, towards health insurance cost effective January 1, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Hamilton County Personnel Officer to begin enrollment with employees to facilitate this change effective January 1, 2022 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Personnel Officer be notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

The Chairman stated that the Board had suggested Ms. Byrne rework Resolution No. 27 Authorization to Change/Renew County Health Insurance Benefits for 2022 and get it to the Board to adopt on November 8th. Resolution was removed from Agenda before placed on the floor.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked why Raquette Lake and Piseco School didn't fall into it. The Chairman stated that this has been worked out with the active schools that are doing the testing. He further discussed the students that are tuitioned out. It was not extended to the non-operating schools within the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 280-21

**DISBURSEMENT OF FLEXIBLE SPENDING FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
TO FUND COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DETECTION EFFORTS IN
SCHOOLS**

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health through Health Research, Inc. (HRI) has been awarded a grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and has contracted with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and School ELC COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Response, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 247-21 created the Appropriation Account No. A4189.4105 Supplies & Miscellaneous, and

WHEREAS, the budget for the 2021-2022 HRI School ELC Grant included funding for each school district to purchase health screening equipment and air filtration units, and

WHEREAS, the funding will be split between the four school districts in Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be that the County Treasurer be so authorized to write four checks, each in the amount of \$5,560.00, and issue one to each of the four following school districts.

Indian Lake Central School District
6345 NYS Rt. 30
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Long Lake Central School District
20 School Road
Long Lake, NY 12847

Lake Pleasant Central School District
120 Elm Lake Road
Speculator, NY 12164

Wells Central School District
1571 NYS Rt 30
Wells, NY 12190

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 281-21

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$51,906.06 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$368,567.67 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. Mauro and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 282-21

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$247,548.82 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$22,784.99
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	36,309.87
Finance Committee	72,415.04
Health Committee.....	16,819.68
Human Services Committee.....	15,057.37
Central Government Committee	9,926.68
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	33,640.69
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	39,774.28
Internal Management Committee	820.22

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BAIN

Tentative Budget Review

William Farber, Budget Officer, stated that a copy of the Budget Officers recommendations was on the Board's desks and gave the overview.

1) Things Not Included:

- Individual Department Head Salaries
 - Yet to be Determined
- Department Head Committee
 - Doing More for Employee Salaries
 - To Late Getting to Budget Officer
 - Boards Previous Conversation on Raises and Having Concerns with Going Above 6%
 - Grade and Step System
 - Heavily Frontend Loaded
 - Bumping Everyone Up a Couple of Grades
 - Longevity
 - Both Employees and Department Heads

2) Health Insurance

- Included But will Need Adjusting

3) County Administrator Position

- Funded at \$100,000
 - Reduced Chairman, Supervisors and Budget Officer
 - Replaces the Assistant to Chairman Position
 - Portion of Salary and Benefit Package on the Levy

4) Emergency Services Director

- Full Time with Benefit Package
- Funded, if need be, from Contingent in 2022

5) Increase Fund Balance

- Appropriating \$1,305,000

6) Reserve Funds

- \$1 Million Solid Waste Reserve

- \$1 Million Building Reserve

7) Solid Waste Rates for Towns

- Avoided Rate Change for 1 More Year
- Money in Reserve for Equipment Expenses
 - 7-8 Years Since Last Equipment Surcharge Change

8) Sales Tax Revenue

- Added \$630,000
- After Three Quarters May Be Able to Increase More
- May Have to Cover Health Insurance Change

9) Salary Requests on Agenda for November 8th

10) Request to Adjust On-Call

Mr. Frey thanked the Department Heads for putting together the information for the Board.

Beth Hunt, Treasurer, asked if the increase to Fund Balance was across all three funds. The Budget Officer stated that it was and further discussed.

The Budget Officer stated that after lunch Deanna Park from OFA will be doing a presentation and following that they will discuss the Emergency Services Director position.

Recess for Lunch at 12:15PM

Reconvene at 1 PM

1:00PM OFA Presentation

The Chairman introduced Deanna Park, Director of Office for the Aging. Accompanying her was Rose Ann O'Rourke, Director of Services. He thanked OFA for all of their work.

Ms. Park stated that they have Sysco as a vendor for the Senior Meal Program. They are having some difficulty with delivery times. She thanked everyone for responding to her email in regards to a contact person if deliveries were after meal sites close. She is hoping that it will get better but it will all depend on Sysco being able to get drivers.

Ms. Park stated another recent issue with the meal sites is the Styrofoam ban starting January 1st. They are trying to preorder the Styrofoam that they typically use. Another thing they are doing is ordering fruit cups. It is a cheaper way of doing it.

Ms. Park discussed the staffing issues. They were able to find staff for the Long Lake meal site. They currently are filling the Indian Lake position with subs and are hoping to have another sub come on board. Mr. Wells stated that one of the individuals that is subbing has been trying to get that position but hasn't been able to get anywhere. Ms. Park stated there has been some confusion

regarding that. They have told that person that they could have the position if they want but had to tell them that. They further discussed the Long Lake position that was filled. Mr. Wells asked who the person would contact. Ms. Park stated that they could call herself or Rose Ann. Mr. Wells stated that he would talk with the person.

Ms. Park stated that they plan on going back to 5 days a week delivery but it won't be effective until January 1st as they want all sites to open at the same time including Warren County. She mentioned that one of their larger sites lost 30 of their volunteers during COVID. As far as the congregate sites it will depend on COVID cases. They don't want to put the seniors at risk. All the Hamilton County sites are open 2 days a week except Lake Pleasant which is one day. They will continue to monitor and work with Public Health.

Mr. Stortecky asked about the loss of 30 volunteers and how hard it is to replace them. Ms. Park stated that it is difficult. They need to have that commitment and they already have that for Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They are just looking for Tuesday and Thursday. In Hamilton County it might not be so difficult because the people that deliver on Monday, Wednesday and Friday could possibly want to pick up Tuesday and Thursday. Warren County is more challenging because they have 16 routes.

Ms. Park stated that the medical transportation program was something they stopped during COVID. She will be reaching out to Erica Mahoney, Public Health Director, and Ginelle Jones, Warren County Public Health Director, to see how they both feel about re-instituting that.

Ms. Park stated that all their other programs are back open. Right now, is one of the busiest times of the year with open enrollment for health insurance. HEAP season has started and they help with applications for that. They do home assessments for every individual that receives home delivered meals. Typically, they go into the homes once a year and they are still currently doing that by phone.

Mr. Arsenault asked Ms. Park to provide the Board with the current bids they had. Ms. Park stated that she would email them. She further discussed the bids and the challenges with not having US Foods as a vendor.

Ms. Park stated that with the booster vaccines they don't have the same staffing they had back in the beginning when they helped with a waitlist and preregistering people. They have been helping those seniors that don't have internet access to register. She has been in contact with Public Health to let them know if they wanted to use the document, they were using for the waitlist to modify for the booster shot they could.

The Chairman thanked them for all their hard work and for coming in.

Deanna Parks and Rose Ann O'Rourke left the meeting.

1:25PM Emergency Management Department Update

The Chairman stated that the Board wanted Don Purdy, Emergency Services Director, in to go over what his job is and what the services are he is providing. It is an important position and they would like to get it right when they hire.

Mr. Purdy gave the Board a handout and reviewed what the Emergency Services Director does. In the handout it discussed things like grants, the CHEMPAK plan, Fire Advisory Board, EMS Council, radio communications, trainings and being a liaison. He stated that a lot of his time was grants. He thinks there should be some working knowledge of radio communications. It is very important that this person also have the personality and willingness to work with people.

Mr. Arsenault asked if Mr. Purdy would be sitting in on interviews. The Chairman stated that he would.

Mr. Purdy stated that the job has become fulltime. He thinks there should be more time for the Deputy position as well.

Mr. Purdy gave the Board a heads up that he would be going on vacation in late December. He would try to get as much as he could done on the quarterly reports.

The Board thanked him for coming in.

Recess until November 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM