

2023

FOURTH SESSION

APRIL 6, 2023

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, Brian E. Wells presiding. Mr. Wells 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	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	ABSENT
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	ABSENT
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	ABSENT

Also present: County Attorney (via ZOOM), Amy Granger-Probation Director, Beth Hunt-Treasurer, Kimberly Byrne- Personnel Officer, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, Jane Zarecki-County Clerk, Christy Wilt-Planning and Tourism Director, Beth Gilles-Director of Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board, Caitlin Stewart-Soil & Water District Manager, Katie Whitkovitz-Soil & Water Technician and John Stortecky-Soil & Water Board Member

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March 2nd, 2023 by Mr. Farber, seconded by Mr. Arsenault. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that there had been two committee meetings since the Board last convened and that they are not only trying to work through completion of this next phase of emergency communications project, getting the tower sites all permitted so they can go to bid to get that piece done but also thinking about phase 3. Phase 3, which will be the areas that they find that they are still going to need as well as they have started to put additional emphasis on the service and maintenance of the system going forward. They don't have anything related to the service contracts for today but will be doing that. The service contract with RS Telecom is up later in 2023. Homeland Security has recommended that they enter into a more formal arrangement with Capital Digitronics.

The Chairman stated that himself and Mr. Farber had attended AATV as well as Local Government Review Board. The biggest discussion was the conservation subdivision design bill. It has come back around again and it seems to be a major topic. He stated that there will be a resolution opposing it and he is looking for all towns to also pass one.

PRESENTATIONS:

10:45AM Soil & Water Spring Update

Caitlin Stewart, Soil & Water District Manager, stated that she was there to give a spring update and to discuss a challenge they have experienced with the proposed draft amendments to NYS Conservation District Law.

Ms. Stewart stated that they were thrilled to announce that thanks to the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board they have \$133,200 in grant funds coming into the County. This is for the Upper Hudson River Watershed Roadside Erosion Remediation Program. This is Phase II of the grant, and they have \$58,200 to implement 13 projects in the towns of Hope, Lake Pleasant, Wells and Indian Lake. They will be focusing on hydroseeding, rolled erosion products, check dams and ditch stabilization. Lenny Croote, Soil & Water Technician, will be working with the Highway Superintendents to get all of those projects implemented. Hopefully the kickoff will be as soon as the snow melts.

Ms. Stewart stated that they also received a grant of \$75,000 for an assessment report for Elbow Creek. The Conservation District has done several stabilization programs over the years, and they hope that this grant will spur the end product of a comprehensive report detailing the problems and with this report they will apply for implementation funding. This is what DEC loves to see. They do the leg work. They determine where the problems are. Where the priorities should be focused and then Phase II would be to apply for more funding for implementation. They are focusing on areas that are prone to erosion and flooding as well as implementation of erosion reduction practices. They are looking forward to working with the Town of Wells.

Ms. Stewart stated that Mr. Croote had worked on snowmobile trail mapping. He mapped 115 miles in Inlet, Raquette Lake and Long Lake. He also worked with the town Highway Superintendents and their crew members to standardize the way GPS and GIS information is collected. This is important so that the towns can efficiently receive their reimbursements for the mapping of snowmobile trails. Mr. Croote has ensured that all the data collected meets the requirements for the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and because the requirements are met the towns will see the reimbursement coming in.

Ms. Stewart stated that they had surveyed the Adirondack Ecotrail for invasive species called hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). It impacts only hemlock trees, and they are happy to report that they didn't find any.

Ms. Stewart introduced Katie Whitkovits, Soil & Water Technician, as the newest member of their team. She came with 5 years' experience from Herkimer County Soil & Water and will be heading up the Envirothon. Ms. Whitkovits stated that it's been a real pleasure joining the Soil & Water

team. She stated that the Envirothon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd. The event will be on education outreach information for high school students, and they will also be participating in a competition. The topics will be aquatics, soil, forestry, wildlife and a current issue that changes every year. There will be 3 different schools participating and if anyone would like to join them for the award ceremony on that day it will be at 12:45PM.

Ms. Stewart discussed the draft proposed amendments to Soil & Water Conservation District Law. She stated that unbeknown to our state's 58 Soil & Water Conservation Districts the Watershed Health Coalition drafted proposed amendments to practically every page of district law. She handed out the changes in the packet. The Watershed Health Coalition also proposed changes to Agriculture and Markets Law, Environmental Conservation Law and County Law. The draft bill does not yet have a sponsor in the Assembly or Senate. The Watershed Health Coalition is comprised of representatives from Cornell University, The New York State Watershed Resources Institute, The North East Organic Farming Association, Watershed Agricultural Council, Scenic Hudson, American Farmland Trust and an individual who lives in Massachusetts whom has successfully been involved in rewriting conservation district law in Iowa, Kentucky and Massachusetts. Conservation district staff and board members reviewed these draft changes and it is clear that the Watershed Health Coalition does not understand the intent for the existing laws, nor do they know how these laws are utilized to provide technical and financial support for the implementation of conservation best management practices to mitigate environmental concerns at our local level. As it stands district law is general enough to empower every conservation district to determine the services, programs and practices that are needed to best suit, benefit and bolster their counties Soil & Water resources. District law language supports diverse conservation practices that are capable of being implemented in all corners of the state. From disparate counties of New York City, Onondaga, Wyoming and Hamilton. Districts work diligently to ensure that they not only serve all people in each county but that those people are represented in the decision-making process that is the foundation for their programs and work. Some of the major district law changes that are being proposed by the Watershed Health Coalition include removing county legislator representation from district boards. This means that Supervisor Rhodes and Bain would no longer be able to serve on their Board. They would lose their voice for their local towns and that conduit between the County Board of Supervisors and the Conservation District. The proposed changes also include requiring two Board positions to be elected by all registered voters in the County. This is serving to politicize conservation districts. The proposed changes also require districts that currently have 5 member boards, such as Hamilton County, to move to a 7-member board without any reason given. This would be difficult for Hamilton County seeing their pool is very small to choose from and they have had historical challenges with encouraging people to serve. Removing the Grange member from the Board of Directors and finally to pay for all these proposed changes a soil and watershed health fund would be established that taxes commercial fertilizer distribution for ag and non-ag use. The Soil and Water Conservation Committee would be required to set a fee of not less than \$1 for each ton of commercial fertilizer used and not less than \$30 for each ton of commercial fertilizer distribution for non-ag use. These taxes would further burden our farmers. Please know that your Soil & Water Conservation Districts are and have been for decades indefatigably committed to supporting Soil & Watershed Health, climate resiliency, farms of all sizes, and farmers using alternative methods. All conservation districts have well trained staff to serve the needs of landowners across diverse geographic regions. They take conservation to the doorstep of all Hamilton County residents, meet homeowners at the

threshold of their eroding shoreline, a Highway Superintendent in the aftermath of the flood as well as a teacher wanting to bring conservation education into their classroom. The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, NYSAC, New York State Conservation District Employees' Association, New York State Association of Conservation Districts alongside the Farm Bureau, Grange and many County and District Boards across the state do not support the Watershed Health Coalitions opening of and proposed draft amendments to conservation district law. Many have passed resolutions opposing these draft amendments. With the apparent basis of this motive and evolving access to state funds they wish to share a background on the true powers of District Law as it currently exists and stands. So, any future amendments can be weighed with a full understanding of the benefits Districts currently provide our communities, watersheds, natural resources and climate resiliency.

Ms. Stewart handed the floor over and introduced their Vice Chairperson, John Stortecky. Mr. Stortecky stated that he was sent by their Board to the New York Association of Conservation District meeting in Cazenovia. At that time all the Districts in New York were represented, and our district is the one that submitted a resolution that was discussed regarding what they see as a threat to freedom. Since he was in attendance, he wanted to make some comments regarding it. All the people that were there were intent on making sure that they had a voice opposing what was going on. The big question was why an outside person and group is interested in taking over New York conservation laws and others. There was a lot of discussion regarding it. At the end of all the discussions that took place the resolution was unanimously adopted. One question brought up was what is the motivation of the people that are attempting to do this. There is nothing in the draft that comes from a place of wanting the Conservation District or any other Districts to be better. He stated that there was no one at the meeting that saw it as a benefit in any way, shape, or form. He asked the Board for their support and for them to discuss this with others.

The Chair asked who they were trying to get to sponsor these bills. Ms. Stewart stated that they didn't have anyone yet. Her hunch was Senator May because the Senator has been involved with a lot of water quality legislation that is adversely impacting the Fingerlakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance. They provide funding for our County to implement water quality projects in the Town of Inlet. So, she could see Senator May easily sponsoring this. The Chairman asked for her to let them know when they do. Ms. Stewart stated that she would. She also stated that as it stands now the bill has not been sponsored by an Assemblyman or Senator. It is still in draft form, and she also added that Conservation Districts were not involved in the process of the draft amendments. They were only brought in after the district law was butchered. This has taken her time away from our local county. She is now the President for The Conservation District Employees Association. They are working alongside our Conservation District, New York Association of Conservation Districts and the representation for their directors. The Directors can lobby for them. Mr. Stortecky can state not to vote for it, but she can't. It has been a lot of information gathering. It has been a lot of learning how the political system works, and she is very passionate about this. She feels that what is being proposed is atrocious.

Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board Presentation.

The Chairman introduced Beth Gilles, Director of Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board and thanked her for coming.

Ms. Gilles stated that they are the five county federally designated economic development district for Warren, Washington, Clinton, Essex and Hamilton Counties. She was asked by Mr. Farber to come and give a summary of what they did in 2022 as well as what was going on in 2023. She handed out a summary of activities and reviewed them. She stated that the staff submitted 41 grant applications. Seven of those were for projects in Hamilton County and four were regional with Hamilton County involved. Of the seven they wrote three were awarded.

1. Town of Indian Lake and Hamilton County Salt Storage Shed for \$225,000
2. Elbow Creek Comprehensive Stream Corridor Assessment for \$75,000
3. Green Infrastructure Feasibility and Engineering Study for the Village of Speculator for \$30,000

She further discussed the others that weren't awarded and stated that there was one that was still outstanding. That one is the Wells Central School District Broadband Connectivity Project. They are still working on trying to get the funding.

Ms. Gilles discussed Broadband and Cell Connectivity. She stated that they worked with Ms. Wilt on the FCC Broadband map challenge. They ended up submitting 2,306 Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSL) challenges for Hamilton County. They should know by the end of June if they are accepted or not. They are working on a Regional Telecommunications Plan. They received \$220,000 from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) to do broadband planning. The next step is to look at areas where providers probably won't try to get broadband service to on their own. If there is a better solution, they must prove it and that is what they are looking at in the five counties. This needs to be done before they can apply for implementation funding coming out next year. Mr. Farber asked if they had a timeline of when they are going to bring on the engineering consultant for that. Ms. Gilles stated that they are writing the RFP for that. She stated that they must spend the money by the end of 2023. She stated that they received \$88,000 from the USDA to do broadband mapping. They ended up purchasing third-party data from a consultant that aggregates information from broadband providers. The problem is the providers don't have to give this company their information. They only do if they want to. Frontier was not part of that. Unfortunately, it was not as helpful as they hoped. They had also used that money to have a company called Waterford Consultants drive the counties for cell connectivity. They are currently writing a \$300,000 grant to NBRC to do a cell plan. They have submitted a \$1.5Million Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) application for Hamilton County to do this small cell technology on Route 8 and 28.

Ms. Gilles discussed workforce housing. She stated that they received a \$160,000 grant to do a comprehensive workforce housing study. It is done and will roll out on April 19th at the Westport Golf Course from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. She stated that Ms. Wilt would be there to talk and asked all to come. She stated that they hired Camoin Associates. They did the data gathering so they are going to present all the data and then they will discuss some of the strategies. She stated that they are also submitting a \$3Million NBCR grant for a housing revolving loan fund. They have a small business loan fund where they can provide for-profit businesses with loans to renovate commercial buildings but what they can't do with that money is housing. They also submitted a \$1.2Million CDS application through the Adirondack Community Housing Trust to purchase and

renovate existing structures for workforce housing. She also stated that they authored the Town of Long Lake Workforce Housing Site Assessment and Concept Plan grant.

Ms. Gilles discussed transportation. She stated that they secured a \$320,000 Federal Highway Grant for Safe Streets for All. It is a new transportation program. There is a billion available per year for the next 5 years but to be able to access that money for implementation they must have their plan. They don't have their plan, but they got money for their plans. They are going to take 18 months to get that done and then they will be able to apply. NYSDOT is putting in all the cash match for that project.

Ms. Gilles stated that her office also secured funding for the Village of Speculator fire tower. They did a comprehensive salt shed inventory for Hamilton County. She thanked all the towns for their participation in that. The purpose for that was to gather all the information they need for when they want to write a salt shed grant. She also stated that they are kicking off a new program called North Country Main Street Reinvestment Program. They received USDA funding to do economic main street plans for three communities in Essex County. They are going to try to figure out the best way to do that and then they will get more money to do more communities. She asked if there was anyone interested in that to let her know. Mr. Farber further commented how important and how helpful they have been for Hamilton County. He also discussed how workforce housing is starting to be the centerpiece of many conversations within the region. He stated that it was great that it was getting that level of attention but one of the things that they see when everybody is talking about it is that everybody wants to step into that space and do work, volunteer, and raise money. They must have some kind of a plan and strategy to have somebody steering this. He thanked Ms. Gilles.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 114-23

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES IN TOWN OF LONG LAKE

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors through the Treasurer's Office has been contacted by Harold Elmendorf, concerning property located in the Town of Long Lake, with parcel ID #25.016-2-28.111, with 2021 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, Harold Elmendorf has provided a written explanation as to why the back taxes have not been paid and a request to pay the 2021 back taxes immediately, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$1,602.61 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$2,102.61 to be paid in May, 2023.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 115-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL SOFTWARE PLAN WITH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. AND PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL FEE FOR IMAGE MATE ONLINE SYSTEM FOR HOSTING REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES AGENCY TAX AND ASSESSMENT DATA

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Real Property Tax Services Agency, and by agreement of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, dissemination of real property tax and assessment data in digital form through a securely hosted internet based platform is a valuable enhancement to services provided by Hamilton County and a tangible benefit to taxpayers, real estate professionals and others, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Services Agency engaged Systems Development Group, Inc. as authorized by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to develop, host, upload regular software and Hamilton County data updates, and provide maintenance as stated for a Hamilton County specific version of their Image Mate Online system for a term of four (4) consecutive years commencing 03/01/2014 and subsequent approval of three (3) years through 02/28/2021 and now on an annual basis with an annual fee of \$6,000, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Services Agency has received and has approved a proposal for the additional one (1) year agreement for the term 03/01/2023 through 02/29/2024 at the annual fee of \$6,000 from Systems Development Group, Inc., therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the proposed annual plan agreement and payment of the annual fee of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) with Systems Development Group, Inc of Utica, New York, for the Hamilton County Image Mate Online system.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman thanked Ms. Stewart, Ms. Whitkovitz and Mr. Stortecky for their presentation. He asked them to let the Board know if they hear anything further.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-23

OPPOSITION OF THE DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH AND FARMING JUSTICE IN NEW YORK STATE THAT AMENDS NEW YORK STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Watershed Health Coalition has drafted legislation proposing sweeping changes to New York State Soil and Water Conservation District Law, Environmental Conservation Law, and Agriculture and Markets Law, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors was notified by the New York Association of Conservation Districts of the proposed amendments to New York State Soil and Water Conservation District Law that governs the established bylaws for all 58 Districts in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Health Coalition has proposed amendments shifting priorities of Soil and Water Conservation Law by replacing the Grange voting member with a Northeast Organic Farming Association member; the non-inclusionary act of eliminating Grange and Farm Bureau members from Soil and Water Conservation District boards, and moving from two appointed County Supervisor representatives on SWCD boards to an open election, as well as the refocusing of priorities to "Watershed Health", and

WHEREAS, the proposed District law amendments would adversely impact the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District's management of environmental issues, local land and watershed stewardship and county operations, and

WHEREAS, New York State's Soil and Water Conservation Districts have existed for over 70 years, are governed locally by a Board of Directors with local representation, and were established to implement local needs throughout the diverse geographical regions of the state, and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts currently provide all counties in New York State with environmental services, including but not limited to, climate resiliency; watershed monitoring; soil health protection; sediment and erosion control; nutrient reduction; stormwater management; invasive species management; forestry health, water quality improvement, education

and technical training, green infrastructure; and technical assistance for landowners, municipalities, and the state, and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been and are both inclusionary and equitable in their assistance of farms, landowners, and other beneficiaries of their programs and

WHEREAS, waves of legislation and outside influence continue to increase the level of difficulty faced by agricultural producers in creating food for the population and the ability of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to implement best management practices, programs, and services, and

WHEREAS, altering the structure of Soil and Water Conservation District boards would have a negative impact on the ability to make decisions through informed, local partners on the very issues that these Districts address daily, and

WHEREAS, Conservation District Law was established to provide a framework that allows the County to choose its unique representation, and

WHEREAS, any change to the current form of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Soil and Water Conservation Committee as proposed by the Watershed Health Coalition would be detrimental not only to the agricultural community, but to landowners and the larger business community, and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of Conservation Districts passed a resolution mandating their consultation, and that of the New York Conservation District Employees' Association, when an agency or group proposed amendments to District Law, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Grange established policy which is opposed to changing the current make-up of Soil and Water Conservation District boards and is opposed to any regulations that would change the scope of their work, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Farm Bureau opposes any alteration to New York State Law that would change the mission and function of Soil and Water Conservation Districts without input from County Boards of Supervisors, county legislatures, New York Farm Bureau, the New York State Grange, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the four-way partnership (Natural Resources Conservation Service, New York Association of Conservation Districts, Soil and Water Conservation Committee, and Conservation District Employees' Association) of the Soil and Water Conservation District system, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors supports the work of the Soil and Water Conservation District in its current form, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors emphatically opposes the changes to the Soil and Water Conservation Law, Environmental Conservation Law, and Agriculture and Markets Law proposed by the Watershed Health Coalition on the grounds that

they would be devastating to producers, landowners, business, and the environment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor, New York State Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224; the Honorable Senator Mark Walczyk, Room 302 LOB, Albany NY 12247, the Honorable Assemblyman Robert Smullen, 5659 State Route 5, Suites 1-3, Herkimer NY 13350; Commissioner Richard Ball, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235 and others deemed necessary.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 117-23

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH IN HAMILTON COUNTY

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, through their membership in New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), New York Counties have come together to collectively support many important causes, and

WHEREAS, in New York, there are approximately 8,100 people waiting for an organ transplant which represents the third highest need in the nation and there is an estimated 400 New Yorkers that die every day while waiting for an organ transplant, and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of 75 others, and

WHEREAS, organ, eye and tissue donation are life-giving and healing acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need, and

WHEREAS, a member of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, namely Undersheriff Kevin D. Braunius, was a recipient of an organ transplant and because of said donation continues to be an active member of the department and in the community and is a strong and passionate advocate for this program, and

WHEREAS, New York State's County Governments play a key role in raising awareness of the need of these organ donations through the interactions that county officials have with the public and through local DMV offices that have championed this cause for years on how individuals can help their fellow New Yorkers by signing up as organ donors or donating financially, and

WHEREAS, counties across New York are proclaiming the month of April 2023 as “Donate Life Month” and engaging in various activities to promote awareness and increase the number of donors, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Clerk's Office, through its Department of Motor Vehicles wishes to promote the month of April 2023 as Donate Life Month in Hamilton County and to honor Undersheriff Kevin Braunius as recipient and his brother, Matthew Braunius, as donor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 “Donate Life Month” in Hamilton County and encourages all Hamilton County Departments and agencies to promote this life saving cause with the hopes of increasing the number of organ and tissue donations by enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry and to promote the awareness and need of these donations throughout all counties in New York State.

Seconded by ALL and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 118-23

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LEXIPOL’S LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY
MANUAL WITH POLICEONE AND CORRECTIONSONE ONLINE TRAINING
PLATFORM**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office has received a quote for the purchase of Lexipol’s Law Enforcement Policy Manual with PoliceOne and CorrectionsOne online training for all employees of the Sheriff’s Office, and

WHEREAS, Lexipol will provide the Sheriff's Office with state specific policies which are vetted by law enforcement professionals and public safety attorneys along with daily scenario-based training for all employees, and

WHEREAS, Lexipol's Law Enforcement Policy Manual annual subscription for \$4,582.80 includes a 10% discount for partnering with PERMA, and

WHEREAS, Lexipol's PoliceOne Academy annual subscription for 23 employees with 13 add-ons for CorrectionsOne Academy platform for \$2,678.05 includes a 5% discount for New York State Sheriffs' Association, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff are hereby authorized to sign the agreement with Lexipol, LLC pending the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfer to cover the annual subscription:

FROM: A3110.0105 – Sheriff - Deputy Sheriff “D”	\$7,300.00
TO: A3110.0408 – Sheriff - Enforcement School	\$7,300.00

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber thanked Ms. Stewart for continuing to do this. Mr. Arsenault thanked her as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-23

**AUTHORIZING MOU WITH HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT WORK**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Office of Planning, Tourism and Economic Development and the Board of Supervisors have created a Community Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this fund is to support a MOU with Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District and hire two seasonal technicians with the associated contractual

expenses of engaging in Trail Development work and Administration throughout Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Planning, Tourism and Economic Development is supportive of projects such as this that support safe sustainable recreational opportunity and has funds budgeted to do so, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that contingent upon the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District hiring said seasonal technicians, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said MOU with the approval of the County Attorney with the funds to be allocated from Account No. A8020.0417 Community Development in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 120-23

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF IMMUNIZATION

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Immunization has approved the Immunization Action Plan for Local Health Departments contract #C-38446GG with the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to provide immunizations for residents throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH has allotted \$31,050.00 annually, for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County by and through the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service assumes the responsibilities delineated above, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) contract with the New York State Department of Health, pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 121-23

**CONTRACT WITH PATRICIA A. HAWLEY – MEDICAL RECORD CONSULTANT
AUDIT REVIEW – YEAR 2023**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, as part of its Health Care Compliance Program will require a medical record audit review on its files on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, providers qualified to perform these services within Hamilton County are very limited, and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Hawley, of 1787 Call Street, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 has agreed to perform a medical records audit review of the files at a cost of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per day plus mileage at the prevailing county rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Patricia A. Hawley to perform a medical records audit and review of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service Records, for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 122-23

2023 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – WIC GRANT

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, staff changes within the agency and related category changes by the NYS Department of Health WIC program resulting in all staff charged to the WIC Program Support line creates a shortage, be it

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

FROM: A4082.0101 WIC CPA	\$ 20,970.00
TO: A4082.0102 WIC Program Support	\$ 20,970.00

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 123-23

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

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

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, this agreement is for the period commencing April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 for a total of \$35,100, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging for PCI and PCII level services under the EISEP program for a term of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 for a total of \$35,100.00.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 124-23

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

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

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, 2023– December 31, 2023 for a total of \$10,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this anticipated funding was appropriated in the 2023 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. Farber and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 125-23

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE
ELDERLY CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN/HAMILTON OFFICE
FOR THE AGING AND HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
SERVICE**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service maintains an agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service provides services for Hamilton County residents under a Community Services for the Elderly contract, and

WHEREAS, this contract has been submitted for renewal for the period April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$3,313.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Public Health Nursing Service and Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that Lynette Greene, Community Services Director, had covered this in the committee meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-23

TERMINATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. FOR STAFFING RECRUITMENT SERVICES

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services entered into an agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for staffing recruitment of a Clinical Social Worker and Director of Community Services per Resolution No. 214-22, and

WHEREAS, the recruitment for the position of Director of Community Services has been successfully filled, and

WHEREAS, the recruitment of a Clinical Social Worker has yielded minimal success to date, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the termination of the agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. effective immediately.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 127-23

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN EISEP CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND HAMILTON
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Social Services maintains an agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Department of Social Services provides services for Hamilton County residents under an EISEP Contract, and

WHEREAS, this contract will be for the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$30,500.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Department of Social Services and Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Department of Social Services.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 128-23

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND HAMILTON
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR CASE MANAGEMENT
SERVICES**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Hamilton County Department of Social Services to enter into an agreement with Warren Office for the Aging for case management services, and

WHEREAS, the contract will be for the following program:

Title III-E January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 \$1,000.00

be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the Department of Social Services and Warren/Hamilton County Office of the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Department of Social Services.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 129-23

AUTHORIZING GRADE/STEP ADJUSTMENTS OF DPW EMPLOYEES

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee and Internal Management Committee to recommend a Step or Grade adjustment for the following employees:

Jerry Roblee, MEO - from MEO Grade 11, Step 3 to HEO Grade 13, Step 3 at \$23.590

Wendell Lehman, MEM – from Grade 3, Step 2 to Grade 3, Step 5 at \$25.932

Bernard Shortt, Road Supervisor 1 - Grade 15, Step 2 to Grade 15, Step 5 at \$26.571

William Rehm, Jr., Inventory, Asset and Regulation Manager – from Grade 15, Step 4 to Grade 18, Step 4 at \$27.462
Donald Cunniff, HEO– \$10.00 per hour increase when performing welding projects

and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Internal Management Committees recommend these adjustments, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Personnel Officer is authorized to adjust the employees as stated hereon effective 4/9/2023 and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 130-23

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR WELDER/GENERATOR/COMPRESSOR
COMBINATION FOR DPW**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 156-22 authorized the purchase of a Welder/Generator/Compressor from W. W. Grainger under NYS Contract pricing in the amount of \$10,039.48, and

WHEREAS, we originally received the written quote for the said combination unit in April of 2022 for the price of \$10,039.48, and

WHEREAS, when the authorizing Resolution was duly adopted in May of 2022 the Superintendent placed the order with W. W. Grainger and did not realize the state contract price was adjusted up, and

WHEREAS, the unit was received on March 7, 2023 with the state contract pricing adjustment at \$10,446.07, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes payment for said Welder/Generator/Compressor for the DPW mentioned herein for a total of \$10,446.07 and hereby

authorizes the County Treasurer to issue a payment to W. W. Grainger, Dept. 83613-3280, Palantine, IL 60038-0001 from Account No. DM5130.0201 Equipment and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 131-23

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSULTING FIRM FOR BUILDINGS

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee on several occasions to discuss the need to do a 5-year Building Plan to perform maintenance and reconstruction of the county owned facilities, and

WHEREAS, one of the projects needed to be done is a roof replacement for the main buildings including Public Health, Social Services and the Legal Wing located in Indian Lake, and

WHEREAS, a consultant firm will need to be hired to develop bid specifications, pre-construction meeting and other related engineering items for the roof replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent received a proposal from Foit-Albert Associates to perform these tasks for the roof replacement in the amount of \$26,284.00 within the scope the Superintendent requested, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends moving forward with hiring Foit-Albert Associates for this project, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Superintendent to hire Foit-Albert Associates and for the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with Foit-Albert Associates per the County Attorney's approval and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 132-23

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL WITH AND WITHOUT
OPERATOR FOR 2023**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County DPW has solicited bids for Rental of Equipment With and Without Operator pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No. 6-2023, and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received in response to said invitation to bidders as on file with the Clerk of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the intention of the bid proposal dated March 28, 2023, Spec. No. 6-2023, is to secure a tabulated list of Equipment Rental Rates With and Without Operator to be used by the Hamilton County DPW as necessary, be it

RESOLVED, that all bids be and hereby are listed and accepted and are to be tabulated and used as needed and available in order of rate beginning with the lowest in each category, and the Clerk of the Board and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Arsenault. Mr. Rhodes abstained. When the resolution was placed on the floor, they further discussed Mr. Rhodes abstaining and there not being a quorum. Mr. Rhodes abstained because there is a bidder that gets material from his pit. The County Attorney stated that because he was supplying the supplier it was prohibited by the General Municipal Law as well as under the Hamilton County Code of Ethics. Mr. Farber stated that it sounds like tabling the resolution wouldn't cure the conflict with respect to the vendor potentially getting material from Evergreen. The County Attorney stated that was correct. The Board decided to table the resolution.

TABLED

Motion to Table by Mr. Farber, seconded by Mr. Snyder. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO.

AWARD OF BIDS FOR STONE, SAND AND GRAVEL ITEMS FOR 2023

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for purchase of Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2023, pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No. 7-2023, dated March 28, 2023, and

WHEREAS, eleven (11) bids were received in response to said invitation to bidders, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was withdrawn leaving ten (10) bids for consideration as on file with the Clerk of the Board, be it

RESOLVED, that all bids for Stone, Sand and Gravel Items for 2023 be accepted and awards made wherever hauling and loading expense and quality of product is most advantageous to the Hamilton County DPW as determined by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board and County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO. 133-23

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR READY MIX CONCRETE DELIVERED AND APPLIED
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY 2023**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW heretofore solicited bids for the County's purchase of Ready Mix Concrete delivered and applied, pursuant to invitation to bidders and in accordance with Specification No 8-2023, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received in response to the said invitation to bidders, as follows:

- (1) Miller's Ready Mix Concrete
PO Box 291
Mayfield, NY 112117

Item No. 1 – New York State Standard Class “A” Mix Concrete
Total delivered price per cubic yard to the following towns:

Arietta	\$ 217.00	Lake Pleasant	\$ 210.00
Benson	\$ 176.00	Long Lake	\$ N/B
Hope	\$ 176.00	Morehouse	\$ 244.00
Indian Lake	\$ 244.00	Wells	\$ 190.00
Inlet	\$ N/B		

Item No. 2 – 4000 LBS Ready Mix Concrete (Non-DOT)
Total delivered price per cubic yard to the following towns:

Arietta	\$ 217.00	Lake Pleasant	\$ 210.00
Benson	\$ 176.00	Long Lake	\$ N/B
Hope	\$ 176.00	Morehouse	\$ 244.00
Indian Lake	\$ 244.00	Wells	\$ 190.00
Inlet	\$ N/B		

be it

RESOLVED, that the bid be accepted and awarded to Miller’s Ready Mix Concrete for the locations bid on, and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 134-23

AWARD OF BID FOR SPECIFICATION 9-2023 – SUPERSTRUCTURE, ROLLED BEAMS AND RELATED ITEMS ROBBS CREEK BRIDGE

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for the Superstructure, Rolled Beams, and Related Items for Robbs Creek Bridge, Spec 9-2023 dated March 28, 2023, and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as follows –

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| 1. Jeffords Steel & Engineering | \$34,776.00 |
| 2. Town & County Bridge and Rail, Inc. | \$49,427.80 |

and

WHEREAS, Andrew S. Bell of A.S. Bell Engineering design engineer for Hamilton County has reviewed said bid and recommends that the award be made to Jeffords Steel and Engineering Co., 4398 Route 22, Plattsburgh, NY, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby award the bid received for Specification 9-2023 Superstructure, Rolled Beams and Related Items Robbs Creek Bridge to Jeffords Steel & Engineering, 4398 Route 22, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 in the amount shown hereon, be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with Jeffords Steel and Engineering Co. for the purchase of said bid with the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 135-23

AWARD OF BID FOR SPECIFICATION 10-2023 – LAMINATED TIMBER DECK AND RELATED ITEMS ROBBS CREEK BRIDGE

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for laminated timber deck and related items for Robbs Creek Bridge, Spec 10-2023, and

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

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Laminated Concepts, Inc. | |
| Spec 10-2023 Robbs Creek Bridge - | \$42,243.00 |

and

WHEREAS, Andrew S. Bell of A.S. Bell Engineering, design engineer for Hamilton County, has reviewed said bid and recommends that the award be made to Laminated Concepts, Big Flats, NY, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby award the bid received for Specification 10-2023 Laminated Timber Deck and Related Items Robbs Creek Bridge to Laminated Concepts, PO Box 369, Big Flats, NY 14814 in the amounts shown hereon, be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with Laminated Concepts for the purchase of said bid with the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman encouraged the towns to adopt. Mr. Farber stated that he thought this was very much like the issue with Soil and Water in that the challenge is always explaining for small rural counties. He stated that it's really nice to see that they have got NYSAC helping with Soil and Water and they need to have a similarly smart strategy with conservation development. He thinks the good news with that is it's only been introduced in one House and it's on the committee.

RESOLUTION. NO. 136-23

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSING OF CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION
DESIGN BILL A04608**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment that the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for, and

WHEREAS, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018, owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12, 2018, also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished, and

WHEREAS, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9 million acres Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided, and

WHEREAS, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetland, and high elevations are not suitable for development, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years, and

WHEREAS, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values, and

WHEREAS, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments, and

WHEREAS, this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain land use classifications, which are already protected and regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill places an additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does not approve of the proposed Bill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (A04608) be withdrawn, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblywoman Glick, Assemblywoman Kelles, Senator Harckham, Senator Stec, Senator Griffo, Senator Tedisco, Senator Walczyk, Assemblyman Jones, Assemblyman Simpson, Assemblyman Smullen and Assemblywoman Woerner.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 137-23

**APPROVAL TO FUND AND PAY INVOICE FOR GOVERNMENT WEBSITE
UTILIZING THE ARP ACT FUNDS**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the invoice for the second payment has been received from Catalog and Commerce Solutions, LLC for the new government website, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 318-22 dated October 6, 2022 authorized the use of ARP Act funds for said project, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to fund Account No. A1040.0411 – ARP Act, Website in the amount of \$5,950.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$5950, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Catalog and Commerce Solutions, LLC for Invoice No. 2420 in the amount of \$5,950.00 from Account No. A1040.0411 ARP Act, Website.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 138-23

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY PRETRIAL
SERVICES GRANT- PROBATION**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2022, the Hamilton County Probation Department received a \$60,000 grant from DCJS to be used for Pretrial Services, and

WHEREAS, the grant money was placed into the General Fund as there was not a use for the funding in 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Director would like to purchase two TruNarc devices for the Inlet Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$56,181.88 from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. under GSA Contract No. GS-07F-6099R, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to create Account No. A3140.0406 DCJS Pretrial Services Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$60,000 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A3140.0406 DCJS Pretrial Services Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Probation Director is hereby authorized to purchase the two TruNarc devices for the Inlet Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$56,181.88 from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. under GSA Contract No. GS-07F-6099R.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 139-23

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH LAKE PLEASANT SCHOOL, LONG LAKE SCHOOL, INDIAN LAKE SCHOOL AND WELLS SCHOOL FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY FAMILY FIRST PROGRAM

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County created the Family First program to provide preventative services in the Lake Pleasant School, Wells School, Long Lake School and Indian Lake School, and

WHEREAS, the Family First program has proved very successful and it continues to be supported financially in part by the four participating schools, and

WHEREAS, the CCSI Tier 2 Committee recommends the Family First program, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has indicated that she has sufficient grant funds to cover the county share, and

WHEREAS the 2023 contract would be for a total amount not to exceed \$163,352 running from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and serve all four school districts in Hamilton County 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the schools continuing to provide \$21,800.00 (\$5,450.00 per school) of the funding, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Lake Pleasant School, Long Lake School, Indian Lake School and Wells School for provision of the Family First program for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 under the terms and conditions set forth above and with approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 140-23

AUTHORIZING THE GRADE CHANGE FOR A CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the healthcare worker shortage in the United States includes Certified Home Health Aides, and

WHEREAS, Certified Home Health Aides provide a valued service to Hamilton County residents, allowing them to age in place with improved health outcomes, safety and quality of life, and

WHEREAS, New York State has provided funding to Hamilton County Public Health to allow for recruitment and retention efforts of these healthcare professionals, be it

RESOLVED, that the grade of a Certified Home Health Aide be increased from Grade 5 to Grade 7, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Personnel Office be authorized to make this change effective April 16, 2023.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 141-23

CREATING CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AIDE 2 POSITION

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the healthcare worker shortage in the United States includes Certified Home Health Aides, and

WHEREAS, Certified Home Health Aides provide a valued service to Hamilton County residents, allowing them to age in place with improved health outcomes, safety and quality of life, and

WHEREAS, New York State has provided funding to Hamilton County Public Health to allow for recruitment and retention efforts of these healthcare professionals, and

WHEREAS, patients are classified as requiring level 1 or level 2 care in the home depending on their needs, and

WHEREAS, level 1 care is provided by entry level Certified Home Health Aides and level 2 care is provided by Certified Home Health Aides who have advanced experience and skills, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director is requesting that a Certified Home Health Aide 2 position be created and eligible for Certified Home Health Aides who have worked for Hamilton County Public Health for at least 2 years and demonstrate advanced skills, be it

RESOLVED, that Certified Home Health Aide 2 position be created at Grade 8 for Certified Home Health Aides, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lisa Lorensen, Jamie Gallup and Josina Warnow be promoted to Certified Home Health Aide 2, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Personnel Office be authorized to make this change effective April 16, 2023.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 142-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR OPEN TOP EJECTOR TRAILER

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 316-22 awarded and authorized the DPW Superintendent to purchase an open top ejector trailer from Spector Manufacturing, Inc. at a cost of \$108,237.00 delivered, and

WHEREAS, said trailer has been delivered and inspected by the DPW Superintendent and it meets specifications and the Superintendent recommends the payment for the trailer, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Spector Manufacturing, Inc., PO Box 158, Industrial Park Road, St. Clair, PA 17970 in the amount of \$108,237.00 from Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 143-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$155,059.62 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$263,892.51 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. Farber and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 144-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2022-1 BIG BROOK BRIDGE

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$214,647.10 by the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$35,228.25
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	12,798.28
Finance Committee	60,364.81
Health Committee.....	22,301.41
Human Services Committee.....	35,231.49
Central Government Committee	18,907.97
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	25,248.77
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	3,264.70
Internal Management Committee	1,301.42

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge Capital Project 2022-1..... \$32,977.55

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

Mr. Farber asked if he could move two additional resolutions that were recommended that morning by the Emergency Preparedness committee. The first resolution he moved was authorizing emergency communication project option to lease agreement with Daniel Virgil and Rebecca Virgil. Mr. Farber further discussed the situation that occurred in Fall of 2022 and that the process that they had been using to finalize lease arrangements was backwards. Having been wise enough to learn from their experience they have concluded that it makes more sense to use a different legal instrument which is an option to lease at the juncture in time when they want to get into the in-depth testing. So, once they start spending money on testing the property, they want to have the right to lease in the future but there is no point in entering into that lease before they have completed the testing or worked through the APA process. They just want to secure the counties interest and the option does that. Once they get through the process and decide if that is the site then they will have the more permanent transaction where they will go through the public hearing process and do the local law.

RESOLUTION NO. 145-23

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PROJECT
OPTION TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL VIRGIL AND REBECCA VIRGIL**

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is continuing to work through the implementation of the Emergency Communications Project, and

WHEREAS, this includes design, site identification, review of sites and permitting through the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS, it was determined in late 2022 that leading with the long-term leases themselves on the various properties, was confusing for the public and also potentially premature for the County, and

WHEREAS, our Counsel, working with the County Attorney, have agreed on a different model to secure the Counties interest in the identified sites, during the period where testing, review, and permitting can be completed, and

WHEREAS, one of the identified sites that needs immediate review is the site belonging to Daniel Virgil and Rebecca Virgil in the Town of Morehouse, Hamilton County, NY, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an Option to Lease with Daniel Virgil and Rebecca Virgil to further the Hamilton County Emergency Communications Project, with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

The second resolution he moved authorizing emergency communication project option to lease agreement with Spy Lake Corporation. Mr. Farber stated that they have two sites in the Town of Arietta that they are looking at. They are further along with the testing on and checking out one site. This is trying to catch up with the Spy Lake site. They have done preliminary coverage mapping for both sites through C&S. Both sites are favorable in terms of coverage they give for that part of the Town of Arietta. With the resolution it will secure the property interest so they can get the APA out on the site.

RESOLUTION NO. 146-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PROJECT OPTION TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SPY LAKE CORP.

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is continuing to work through the implementation of the Emergency Communications Project, and

WHEREAS, this includes design, site identification, review of sites and permitting through the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS, it was determined in late 2022 that leading with the long-term leases themselves on the various properties, was confusing for the public and also potentially premature for the County, and

WHEREAS, our Counsel, working with the County Attorney, have agreed on a different model to secure the Counties interest in the identified sites, during the period where testing, review, and permitting can be completed, and

WHEREAS, one of the identified sites that needs immediate review is the site belonging to Spy Lake Corp. in the Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, NY, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an Option to Lease with Spy Lake Corp. to further the Hamilton County Emergency Communications Project, with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

The Chairman stated that the County Attorney had an update regarding the Opioid Settlement cases. He asked if these five were settled or if these were new litigation. The County Attorney stated that they were settled. The Chairman stated that they have a settlement agreement with Teva, Allergen, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. The County Attorney stated that the paperwork that they were supplied provided the percentages that each county in the state participating would get in that settlement. Unfortunately, Hamilton County's was rather small. He further discussed.

Beth Hunt, Treasurer, asked if she could add a resolution to the agenda. She passed out the resolution to pay the monthly bills for the new accounting system using ARPA money. She stated that the Board usually sees this every month.

RESOLUTION NO. 147-23

APPROVAL TO FUND AND PAY INVOICES RECEIVED UTILIZING THE ARP ACT FUNDS FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL SOFTWARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE TREASURERS, PERSONNEL AND CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE

DATED: APRIL 6, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, three invoices have been received from Tyler Technologies for the new financial/personnel software being implemented for month of January and partial for February, and

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 288-21 dated November 10, 2021, the Board created the ARP Act accounts to cover the expenses of this implementation, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fund Account No. A1325.0412 – ARP Act Financial Software in the amount of \$20,565.00 to be offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$20,565.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Tyler Technologies for Invoice No. 025-411214 in the amount of \$130.00, Invoice No.025-413914 in the amount of \$9,685.00 and Invoice No. 025-4154377 in the amount of \$10,750.00 from Account No. A1325.0412 ARP Act, Financial Software.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, WELLS, ARSENAULT AND FARBER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON, FREY, BAIN AND CREWELL

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Stated that on behalf of AATV he left everyone a copy of the AATV's legislative agenda. This was a product of the tail end of 2022 at the general membership meeting in December. This is another example of how these larger, more regional, and statewide organizations can be helpful to them. It's important that they have these resources to work with, so they are heard.

Mr. Rhodes: Thanked Soil and Water for the presentation and how they appreciate all of their hard work. He also thanked Beth Gilles and appreciated all their hard work as well.

Mr. Arsenault: Seconded that and thanked everyone for coming.

The Chairman thanked those department heads who attended so they could answer any questions for the resolutions. He appreciated them taking the time to be there.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Arsenault. Carried.