

2015

SECOND SESSION

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

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	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake	ABSENT
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian Towers

Also present: County Attorney, Elizabeth Mangle and Pete Klein

Public Comment: Ms. Elizabeth Mangle stated there is a resolution on today's agenda commemorating 50 Years of Soil and Water. She thanked the Board for the support through the years and then reviewed upcoming events.

Reports of Standings/Special Committees:

Mr. Snyder: He is waiting to hear back from the new owners of Lapland Lake to setup a date to have a meeting with them; maybe in the spring when things slow down. The Chairman stated whatever works for them would be fine.

Mr. Towers: Reported that at the Intercounty meeting there will be a Budget Summary by NYSAC. The Chairman reported on February 26, 2015 Hamilton County is hosting the Intercounty meeting at Oak Mountain. The Executive Budget is just out with a proposal for Economic Development and the seven upstate regions. There is a draft resolution on how to deal with the funding; it was premature to suggest a solution before it has been discussed with our State Senators and Assemblymen.

Mr. Towers reported he and the Chairman attended the Local Government Review Board; there was a presentation from St. Lawrence Trail Association on ATV's.

The Chairman feels it is a conversation that Local Government Officials should be having with AATV and the Review Board because there's clearly conversations from the presentation going on in Albany around ATVs. Expansion of the ATV definition within New York State Law is to increase the weight to 1,500lbs to allow registration of UTV's.

Mr. Wilt: There was a meeting on Committee Day with Frontier and the discussion was about partnering with Fulton/Montgomery Counties for 911; with them being the main dispatching center. The Chairman stated that he had spoken with Jon Stead and the Fulton County Chairman at NYSAC and they will take it up at their meeting next week. Mr. Wilt stated that will determine what equipment we need to buy. For a standalone system we would need more personnel. He and the Sheriff drafted a letter to ask for a variance to not have to have two call takers. Mr. McGovern asked if they have ever done a variance, Mr. Wilt stated no. Mr. Towers asked if we have hard costs if we go alone, Mr. Wilt stated yes. Mr. Wilt met with Blue Wing this morning and they will be returning in two months to discuss where we are.

For the HOME Grant, Jim Thatcher of Avalon is now with CT Male.

The Chairman stated it will be a two-step process. There will be an interim period with Jim Thatcher and then he is going to work for CT Male. The Chairman stated that he modified a resolution that they sent to have on the agenda today to authorize that related to the current grant and the administration of that. Then we have Mr. Alan Hipps here today for the Public Hearing to talk about options for the future.

Mr. Edwards: At the Intercounty meeting there was a resolution to reduce the number of meetings and Hamilton County did not support it; it was defeated.

From the MEGA meeting at NYSAC Mr. Edwards came away from it that not many Hamilton County towns are participating and he would recommend getting them involved.

He is asking for support for Resolution No. 31 on the agenda for Merit Pay.

The Chairman stated he will open the Public Hearing at 11:00 AM and asked for a five minute recess.

The Chairman reconvened and asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2015 Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant Application. Motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Alan Hipps and asked him to give an overview of the grant application and his agency.

Mr. Hipps handed out information on Community Development Block Grants. He suggested that it be attached as an exhibit to the minutes for the Public Hearing, if we receive a grant eventually there will be monitoring which means they are going to want to take a look at the minutes of this public hearing.

In years past they used to require two public hearing but not anymore. We are now required to only have one before the application is submitted.

The grant originates at the Federal level and is an appropriation of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Those monies are then distributed to all the States and in turn the States administers the program. Large communities such as New York City down to a community the size of Glens Falls are called Entitlement Cities and they receive their monies directly. The rest of

the State competes for what is called the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant portion and the State usually receives anywhere between thirty to forty million dollars. About a quarter to a third of that goes into housing activities the other would include public facilities and economic development. That portion of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant is now being handled by the Regional Economic Development Councils.

We are here because we would like to make an application for the pot of ten million dollars that is for rural areas of New York State. The maximum amount that a county can apply for is \$750,000. The requirements listed on the handouts are to principally benefit the low and moderate income families through a home rehab program.

The Chairman asked if anyone has any questions regarding the overview, no comments were made.

Mr. Hipps then gave a short overview of his agency.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hipps for the presentation.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 45-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TOWNS TO APPROVE USE OF COUNTY ROADS - AS DESIGNATED FOR SNOWMOBILE USE - FOR YEAR 2015 AND THE NECESSARY STEPS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes any town within the county to designate any County Road or part thereof for snowmobile usage for the year 2015, be it further

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

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern and the Chairman congratulated Soil and Water.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-15

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS on February 4, 1965 the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors appointed a Soil Conservation Committee and prepared a Notice for a Hearing to be published in the *Hamilton County News* to advertise a Public Hearing for February 4, 1965 to discuss plans for forming a Soil and Water Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on February 4, 1965 all Board Members were in favor of establishing a Soil and Water Conservation District (District) with a five member board of directors to study needs and determine a program for forestry, recreation, and watershed development, and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors determined that the mission of the District would be to manage and promote the wise use of natural resources in the county, and

WHEREAS, over the last 50 years the District has expanding their programs to meet the ever growing natural resource needs and concerns of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the District has promoted economic vitality through their efforts to protect the pristine natural resources that are so critical to the County's recreational industry, and

WHEREAS, the District has developed an outstanding conservation education program that serves to bring awareness and knowledge to students and adults to illustrate how they can work to protect the landscape from the adverse impacts of invasive species, sediment loading, soil erosion, and pollution, and

WHEREAS, the District has been monitoring 21 lakes and numerous streams since 1993 to keep a watchful eye on the water quality trends, and

WHEREAS, over the last 50 years the District has been instrumental in bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funds to administer programs that benefit the natural resources of the County, and

WHEREAS, the District has offered residents of the County numerous services to assist in protecting natural resources such as hydroseeding, native Adirondack tree and shrub sale, water

testing, soil erosion prevention, shoreline best management practices, and invasive species management, and

WHEREAS, the District has worked to offer GIS services to landowners and municipalities that assist them with permits, grants and planning purposes, and

WHEREAS, the District has been instrumental in the development of watershed partnerships that work together to develop management plans, priority concern and seek grant funding to implement priority projects, and

WHEREAS, thousands of hours have been spent planning, inventorying and organizing the inventory and management of invasive species throughout the County, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors will join the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District in a yearlong birthday celebration throughout 2015 commemorating 50 years of natural resource conservation.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 47-15

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTS NECESSARY REFORMS TO NEW YORK LABOR LAW §240 AND §241

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, New York Labor Law §240 and §241, commonly known as the “Scaffold Law”, outlines liability for injuries caused by an employee’s fall from a height, and

WHEREAS, the laws impose strict liability on employers and owners of buildings if a worker falls from any height, and

WHEREAS, the law was first imposed in 1885 at a time when worker safety was largely neglected in New York State and at a time when modern safety equipment and scaffolding techniques did not exist, and

WHEREAS, the Scaffold Law has caused a dramatic increase in construction costs due to increased insurance required for employers in the construction business, causing New York State to have the highest general liability insurance costs in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Scaffold Law is a boon to personal injury lawyers as half of the 30 largest law suits in the state stem from Scaffold Law issues and while scaffold related injuries have decreased in the past 20 years the number of Scaffold Law claims has increased 500 percent, and

WHEREAS, New York is the only state in the country to impose a construction law like the Scaffold Law that imposes strict liability on the employer; further it is one of a very few laws that mandate strict liability in the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the increase in costs in New York drives away investment in our infrastructure when developers and contractors can get better rates in other states, and

WHEREAS, not only does the law drive away out-of-state investment in infrastructure, but the lost investment to other states also serves to decrease the number of new construction jobs created every year, making it more difficult for many of New York's skilled laborers to find appropriate employment, and

WHEREAS, recent studies by the Rockefeller Institute of Government suggests that workers are more likely to be injured due to the current version of the Scaffold Law, and

WHEREAS, this was based on statistics on construction injuries in Illinois that show a decrease in work related injuries since the 1995 repeal of its Scaffold Law at a much quicker pace than here in New York, and

WHEREAS, following the removal of the Illinois Scaffold Law, the state also found an increase in the number of construction jobs created on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, comparative negligence standards would help maintain worker safety while decreasing some of the insurance costs related to implementation of the current Scaffold Law, and

WHEREAS, this negligence standard under the Scaffold Law would not ban recovery for an injured worker due to their own negligence, but would allow the employer to bring issues with employee culpability to mitigate the damages in cases where the worker's actions contributed to his or her injury, and

WHEREAS, federal regulations have been enacted that attempt to protect workers from injury to falls by requiring certain precautions to be in place for people working at height and allows an outlet for workers concerned about their safety to engage federal review of any worksite for compliance with these regulations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is strongly in support of Scaffold Law reform as well as meaningful protection of construction workers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors supports the full repeal of the Scaffold Law or its modification to include a pure standard of comparative negligence, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly Speaker, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator Hugh Farley, Assemblyman Marc Butler, NYSAC and Adirondack Intercounty.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

The Chairman stated that NYSAC adopted a similar resolution at the NYSAC Conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD – 2015

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for the 2015 appropriation in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), charging Account No. A6326.403, and is hereby approved for payment and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if there is more than one vendor that we deal with for this.

The Chairman stated we have dealt with different vendors because each product is slightly different. We have been using one vendor more than anyone else but he's not sure how many other ones we have used.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-15

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT IGNITION INTERLOCK FUNDING**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department has been approved for the annual funding of the Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program, Contract No. T523667 for Project No. 1112-1022-D02 with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department's grant allocation for 2015 is \$945.00, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said grant with the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND
TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 50-15

AUTHORIZING FULL TIME DEPUTY POSITION

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Jason Knapp was hired in February 2014 as a part time Sheriff Deputy, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested hiring Mr. Knapp on a full time basis starting January 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A3110.0105 Sheriff Deputy D was created in the 2015 budget anticipating hiring Mr. Knapp on a full time basis effective January 1, 2015, be it

RESOLVED, that Jason Knapp is hereby hired as a full time Sheriff Deputy effective January 1, 2015 and the County Treasurer, Personnel Officer and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Frey commended the Sheriff for keeping everyone on the same page.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-15

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR 8 MOBILE MOTOROLA APX SERIES HIGH BAND RADIOS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No 105-14 adopted May 1, 2014 authorizes EM DHSES Grant Si13-1010-D01 in the amount of \$2,530,385.00, Contract Number C198376, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No 105-14 stated that Grant SI13-1010-D01 would be used for the purpose of communication upgrades, equipment purchases and interoperability, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Karl G. Abrams is requesting to purchase on State Contract (NYS Contract No. PT62495 – Equipment) from Wells Communications eight Motorola Mobile APX Series High band radios for Twenty Eight Thousand Eighty Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$28,084.80) with six of the radios being for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicles and two of the radios for the Inlet Police Department Patrol Vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Karl G. Abrams is requesting to purchase on State Contract (NYS Contract No. PT62495 – Equipment) from Wells Communications five Motorola PM1200 Series Low band Radios for Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$6,582.50) with the five radios being for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Karl G. Abrams would like to have Wells Communications complete the installation of the radios into the patrol vehicles on State Contract (NYS Contract No. PS62496 – Services) for Seven Thousand Ninety Dollars (\$7,090.00), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Sheriff Karl G. Abrams is authorized to purchase and have installed under New York State Contracts PT62495 and PS62496 eight Motorola Mobile APX Series High Band Radios and five Motorola PM1200 Series Low Band Radios from Wells Communications for a total of Forty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$41,757.30) from Account Number A3645.406 – Statewide Communications Grant.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 52-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN NEW YORK STATE MEDICAID ENROLLMENT FORM

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service treats individuals with Medicaid and is allowed to bill Medicaid for certain services, and

WHEREAS, as a Medicaid provider Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to revalidate enrollment in the New York State Medicaid when requested, and

WHEREAS, the 2015 fee for revalidation is \$553.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the New York State Medicaid Enrollment Form, pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 53-15

**AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
SERVICE/HOME HEALTH AGENCY & DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SEAMAN:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement on behalf of Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service/Home Health Agency with Department of Social Services, to provide services to Medicaid recipients, for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND
TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern asked if we are seeing much activity from this.

The Chairman stated the situation with VNA is one of two long term care providers. We will be one of the counties that are in a block group that will be last to transition our Medicaid population over to long term care providers.

A short discussion continued on the two different long term care providers.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-15

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH VNA
HOMECARE OPTIONS, LLC**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, VNA Homecare Options, LLC has requested a Provider Agreement with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for the provision of Home Health Care Services for their participants, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and VNA Homecare Options, LLC have agreed to the following fee schedule as set forth in Exhibit A of the Provider Agreement:

Skilled Nursing Visit	\$170.00
Physical Therapy Visit	\$145.00
Occupational Therapy Visit	\$145.00
Speech Therapy Visit	\$145.00
Medical Social Worker Visit	\$145.00
Home Health Aide	\$10.75 / per 15 minutes

be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Provider Agreement with VNA Homecare Options, LLC, commencing February 1, 2015 with approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 55-15

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC AND GAS FOR PHASE II BACK UP GENERATOR AT LONG LAKE HIGHWAY FACILITY

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the HCFCP Phase II included a backup generator for the Long Lake Highway Facility, and

WHEREAS, New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) requires an agreement for the said generator to be connected, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and the Engineer for Phase II have reviewed and approved the agreement, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with NYSEG for the backup generator connection at the Long Lake County Highway Facility and the Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 56-15

AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2014 APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE FOR STATE SNOW & ICE CONTRACT

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for State Snow removal for 2014 was set and duly adopted for \$800,000.00 for Account No. D5144.400 for State Snow & Ice Contract, and

WHEREAS, the budget revenue amount for the State Snow for 2014 was set and duly adopted for \$800,000.00 for Account No. D2302.0000 (Snow Removal other Govt) for a total offset of expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the said amounts mentioned herein are estimated by the County Highway Superintendent based on the previous year's expenditures, and

WHEREAS, because of variations of winter conditions the Highway Department has over expended the 2014 budget estimate in the following amounts:

D5144.401 Equipment	\$50,176.28
D5144.402 Salt	\$12,589.15

be it

RESOLVED, the 2014 budget appropriation for Account No. D5144.401 Equipment be increased by \$50,176.28 and Account No. D5144.402 Salt be increased by \$12,589.15 to be totally

offset by increasing Revenue Account No. D2302.0000 by \$62,765.43 and that hereby the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 57-15

2014 TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HIGHWAY DIESEL AND GASOLINE

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for Diesel and Gasoline for 2014 was set and duly adopted for \$650,000.00 for Account No. DM5130.0405 for usage by county departments and other town governments, and

WHEREAS, the said amount mentioned herein is estimated by the County Highway Superintendent based on the previous year's usage and pricing, and

WHEREAS, the final expenditure for Diesel and Gasoline for 2014 was \$677,567.37, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2014 budget appropriation for Diesel and Gasoline Account No. DM5130.0405 be increased by transferring \$27,567.37 from the 2014 Unappropriated Machinery Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. DM5130.0405 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 58-15

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A
MATERIAL SPREADER**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need of a Material Spreader for a tandem dump truck for 2015, and

WHEREAS, Tarco Highlander material spreaders are available for purchase under Oneida County Contract #1751 through Viking Cives, Inc. installed at a price of \$18,010.30, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent is recommending approval to purchase the said Material Spreader, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase said Material Spreader under Oneida County Contract pricing at a cost not to exceed \$18,010.30, and the funds to be taken out of Account No. DM5130.401 Equipment and the Highway Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND
TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 59-15

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the County was awarded a local assistance grant for Hurricane Irene – Tropical Storm Lee, and

WHEREAS, part of the grant requirement was the county would need to pay for the out of pocket expenses for ESD staff for the required public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held and the out of pocket expenses were \$640.11, be
it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$640.11 out of Account No. H8760.401 DEC Flood Mitigation to:

Empire State Development Corp.
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

for the services provided for the public hearing on the flood mitigation projects and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and County Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND
TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman reported that he has reviewed this with the County Attorney. The County Attorney felt that according to what was submitted by the person applying to pay the taxes, it made sense to authorize it.

The Chairman stated that his understanding is that there is litigation going on between two adjacent property owners. Based on that, the individual requesting the ability to pay these taxes is somebody that is in the process of entering into a stipulated settlement which will have ramification for this property. If the County forecloses it will extinguish the opportunity for the parcel of land to be part of the stipulated settlement.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-15

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted by Steve Reininghaus, a tax payer with a vested interest in the Morales estate concerning the 2012 and 2013 taxes owed on property located in Morehouse, with parcel ID #125.000-1-18, and

WHEREAS, Steve Reininghaus has submitted a written explanation of the circumstance of the litigation surrounding this parcel and a request to rectify the situation by paying the 2012 and 2013 back taxes, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$6,095.18 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$6,595.18.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated this has been a success.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-15

AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER TO BE THE COLLECTING OFFICER FOR THE LAKE PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, according to Real Property Tax Law Section 578, the County has the right to enter into a contract with a school district for the collection of school taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors and the Lake Pleasant Central School Board have agreed to contract for Tax Collection for an annual amount of \$10,150.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has met with Lake Pleasant Central School Officials and has reviewed and discussed the terms of a school tax collection agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has agreed to be the tax collecting officer for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 School Years for the Lake Pleasant Central School during its normal school tax collection period of September 1 to October 31 with the collecting office being the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that Beth Hunt, Hamilton County Treasurer, is authorized to collect the Lake Pleasant Central School District taxes for the School Tax Years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 at the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office for an agreed contract amount of \$10,150.00 per school tax year to be paid by the Lake Pleasant Central School District, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Lake Pleasant Central School to provide school tax collection services for the school tax years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 for \$10,150.00 per school tax year and the Country Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 62-15

TAX BILL CORRECTION OF ERRORS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Real Property Tax Services that a parcel of property, located at 215 Elm Lake Road in the Village of Speculator, Town of Lake Pleasant, and further identified as Tax Parcel ID# 105.019-1-1.100 and assessed to Karen and David McComb appeared on the 2015 Tax Roll with a total Town and County tax amount due of Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$2,190.95) that included a village relevy in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$1,828.47) when, in fact, that Village of Speculator tax relevy amount was due on the adjacent parcel and was erroneously relevied to this parcel, and

WHEREAS, the actual 2015 total Town and County taxes due on this parcel are Three Hundred Sixty Two Dollars and Forty Eight Cents (\$362.48), and

WHEREAS, this is considered to be a "Clerical Error" as defined in Section 550 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, and Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law establishes the process for the Correction of Errors of this type on tax rolls, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Sections 550 and 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the 2015 Town and County taxes be corrected for the above referenced parcel to Three Hundred Sixty Two Dollars and Forty Eight Cents (\$362.48) reflecting the removal of the erroneous relevy of unpaid village taxes and the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Service Director shall be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 63-15

2015 TAX ROLL CORRECTION OF ERRORS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Real Property Tax Services that a parcel of property, located at 217 Elm Lake Road in the Village of Speculator, Town of Lake Pleasant, and further identified as Tax Parcel ID# 105.019-1-2 and assessed to Donald A. Pinkerton appeared on the 2015 Tax Roll with a total Town and County tax amount due of One Thousand Forty Eight Dollars and Sixty One Cents (\$1,048.61) did not include a Village of Speculator relevy of unpaid taxes in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$1,828.47), and

WHEREAS, the actual 2015 total Town and County taxes due on this parcel are Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$2,877.08), and

WHEREAS, this is considered to be an "Omission" by means of a "Clerical Error" as defined in Section 550 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, and Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law establishes the process for the Correction of Errors of this type on tax rolls, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Sections 550 and 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the 2015 Town and County Tax Roll be corrected for the above referenced parcel to reflect the total amount due and payable as of the interest free period of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$2,877.08) reflecting the inclusion of the unpaid village taxes erroneously omitted and the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Service Director shall be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 64-15

TAX BILL CORRECTION OF ERRORS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Real Property Tax Services that a parcel of property, located at 118 Old State Road A in the Town of Indian Lake, and further identified as Tax Parcel ID# 56.019-4-33 and assessed to William Henry Zellner appeared on the 2015 Tax Roll with a total Town and County tax amount due of Four Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Twenty Five Cents (\$443.25) that included an unpaid Water #2 relevy in the amount of Sixty Six Dollars (\$66.00) when, in fact, the unpaid Water #2 bill was paid and erroneously relevied to this parcel, and

WHEREAS, the actual 2015 total Town and County taxes due on this parcel are Three Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Twenty Five Cents (\$377.25), and

WHEREAS, this is considered to be a "Clerical Error" as defined in Section 550 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, and Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law establishes the process for the Correction of Errors of this type on tax rolls therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Sections 550 and 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the 2015 Town and County taxes be corrected for the above referenced parcel to Three Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Twenty Five Cents (\$377.25) reflecting the removal of the erroneous relevy of unpaid Water #2 taxes and the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Service Director shall be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 65-15

**2015 TAX ROLL CORRECTION OF ERRORS
OMITTED TAX**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Real Property Tax Services that a parcel of property, located at 74 Stanton Hill Lane in the Town of Long Lake, and further identified as Tax Parcel ID# 25.016-4-32.120 and assessed to Keith Pritchett inadvertently did not appear on the 2015 Tax Roll with a total Town and County tax amount due of Three Hundred and One Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$301.83), and

WHEREAS, this is considered to be an “Omission” by means of a “Clerical Error” as defined in Section 550 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, and Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law establishes the process for the Correction of Errors of this type on tax rolls, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Sections 550 and 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the 2015 Town and County Tax Roll be corrected for the above referenced parcel to reflect the total amount due and payable as of the interest free period of Three Hundred and One Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$301.83) reflecting the taxes erroneously omitted and the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Service Director shall be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 66-15

TAX BILL CORRECTION OF ERRORS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Real Property Tax Services that a parcel of property, located at 1233 Old Piseco Road, Town of Arietta, and further identified as Tax Parcel ID# 127.010-1-32 and assessed to Perry Condon appeared on the 2014 Piseco School Tax Roll with a total amount due of One Hundred Eleven Dollars and Seventy Six Cents (\$111.76) that erroneously included an Enhanced STAR exemption with a net tax savings in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Fifty One Cents (\$138.51) when, in fact, Mr. Condon was no longer entitled to the exemption and it was to be removed from this parcel, and

WHEREAS, the actual 2014 Piseco School Taxes due on this parcel are Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Twenty Seven Cents (\$250.27), and

WHEREAS, this is considered to be a “Clerical Error” as defined in Section 550 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, and Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law establishes the process for the Correction of Errors of this type on tax rolls, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Sections 550 and 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the 2014 Piseco Common School taxes be corrected for the above referenced parcel to Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Twenty Seven Cents (\$250.27) reflecting the removal of the erroneous Enhanced Star exemption and the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Service Director shall be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 67-15

TAX BILL CORRECTION OF ERRORS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Real Property Tax Services that a parcel of property, located at 202 Fish Mountain Road, Town of Lake Pleasant, and further identified as Tax Parcel ID# 112.019-1-20 and assessed to Margaret LaFontaine appeared on the 2014 Lake Pleasant School Tax Roll with a total amount due of Three Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$385.44) that erroneously did not include an Enhanced STAR exemption with a net tax savings in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars (\$228.00) when, in fact, the parcel was indeed entitled to the Enhanced Star exemption and not the Basic STAR Exemption as was included on the original tax roll, and

WHEREAS, the actual 2014 Lake Pleasant School Taxes due on this parcel are One Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$157.44), and

WHEREAS, this is considered to be a “Clerical Error” as defined in Section 550 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, and Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law establishes the process for the Correction of Errors of this type on tax rolls, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Sections 550 and 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the 2014 Lake Pleasant Central School taxes be corrected for the above referenced parcel to One Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$157.44) reflecting the Enhanced Star exemption to which the parcel was entitled and not the Basic STAR Exemption as was applied, and the County Treasurer and Real Property Tax Service Director shall be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 68-15

AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO REIMBURSE EMPLOYEES FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE EXPENSES UNDER A GRACE PERIOD PROVISION FOR REMAINING 2014 H.R.A. FUNDS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County administers Health Reimbursement Accounts (H.R.A.) for eligible employees and dependents who choose not to enroll in the Counties health insurance because of other eligible coverage, and

WHEREAS, the County offers \$1,800.00 in a H.R.A. for those employees, and

WHEREAS, poor information in setting up the H.R.A. with PrimePay for 2014, caused a misunderstanding concerning the grace period, and

WHEREAS, IRS regulations require a change in the way the County handles H.R.A. accounts, and

WHEREAS, an H.R.A. must exhaust funds as of December 31, per calendar year and our participating employees had not planned for this, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, eligible employees and dependents with unused 2014 H.R.A. funds will be reimbursed for qualified health care expenses incurred up to March 15, 2015, directly through an a plan administered by the County and Burnham Benefit Advisors, to allow utilization of these unused 2014 funds, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the accounting and reimbursements of qualified claims will be administered directly by Hamilton County Personnel, in conjunction with Burnham Benefit Advisors, and

RESOLVED, payments will be made directly by the Hamilton County Treasurer to eligible employees of qualified claims, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this reimbursement process will be completed by April 15, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Personnel Officer, Burnham Benefit Advisors, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 69-15

AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO AMEND THE IN FORCE PRIMEPAY H.R.A. TO ALLOW FOR A ROLLOVER PROVISION OF UNUSED FUNDS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, eligible employees participating in the Health Reimbursement Account (H.R.A.) receive a county contribution of \$1800 per year for qualified health care expenses incurred by the employee/and or dependents, and

WHEREAS, the County did not contract for a rollover provision when electing PrimePay as the H.R.A. broker, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the county is amending the contract with PrimePay to allow for a rollover provision, and

RESOLVED, the county will allow unused funds of up to \$900 to rollover for use in subsequent plan years subject to an HRA lifetime maximum account balance cap of \$2700, and

RESOLVED, eligible rollover funds will be deposited on April 1 after the claims run-out period from the prior year expires.

Seconded Mr. Towers and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman pointed out these are a series of resolutions that bring the funding forward for unexpended grants.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-15

**FUNDING ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S OFFICE OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT SH13-1024-D00 –
2015 BUDGET**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 337-13 authorized Hamilton County Emergency Management DHSES Grant SH13-1024-D00 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for forced entry training for the Fire Departments and Sheriff's Office and spill cleanup equipment, and

WHEREAS, the funding was not entirely spent, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3645.0403 DHSES SH13-1024-D00 be funded at \$37,108.20 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4389.111 SH13-1024-D00 at \$37,108.20 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 71-15

FUNDING ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S OFFICE OF

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT SH14-1021-D00 –
2015 BUDGET**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 244-14 authorized Hamilton County Emergency Management DHSES Grant SH14-1021-D00 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing EMS training equipment and software, and

WHEREAS, the funding was not spent in the 2014 budget year, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3645.0407 DHSES SH14-1021-D00 be funded at \$50,000.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4389.114 SH14-1021-D00 at \$50,000.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND
TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 72-15

**FUNDING ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT PS12-1010-D00 -
2015 BUDGET**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No 336-13 adopted December 20, 2013 authorized EM DHSES Grant PS12-1010-D00 in the amount of \$144,472.00, and

WHEREAS, the funding was not spent in the 2014 budget year, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3645.0404 DHSES PS12-1010-D00 be funded at \$144,472.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4389.112 PS12-1010-D00 in the amount of \$144,472.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 73-15

**FUNDING ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT PS14-1001-D00 –
2015 BUDGET**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 344-14 adopted December 19, 2014 authorized EM DHSES Grant PS14-1001-D00 in the amount of \$165,040.00 for the PSAP Center in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, Grant PS14-1001-D00 has now been fully executed, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3645.0408 DHSES PS14-1001-D00 be created and funded at \$165,040.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A4389.115 PS14-1001-D00 in the amount of \$165,040.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 74-15

**FUNDING ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S OFFICE NYS
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT
CONTRACT NO. C198376 – 2015 BUDGET**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 105-14 authorized Hamilton County Emergency Management DHSES Grant Contract No. C198376 in the amount of \$2,530,385.00 for Statewide Interoperable Communications, and

WHEREAS, the funding was not entirely spent, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3645.0406 Statewide Communications Grant be funded at \$2,439,062.45 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.300 at \$2,439,062.45 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 75-15

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2015 MERIT PAY

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has instituted a merit system for county employees, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on January 26, 2015 to review merit evaluations, be it

RESOLVED, that the Internal Management Committee recommends the following hourly merit increments:

HIGHWAY

Robert Burgess	February 14, 2015 to February 14, 2016	\$1.65
John Moss	February 3, 2015 to February 3, 2016	\$1.21
Joseph Rathbun	February 21, 2015 to February 21, 2016	\$1.32

REAL PROPERTY

Lori Abbott	February 22, 2015 to February 22, 2016	\$1.54
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NURSING

Avis Warner February 28, 2015 to February 28, 2016 \$.88

SOCIAL SERVICES

Stephanie Hutchins February 10, 2015 to February 10, 2016 \$1.10

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2015 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.402	Contingent for Merit	\$15,202.00
TO:	D5110.101	Personal Services	\$3,445.20
	D5110.101	Personal Services	\$2,526.48
	DM5130.101	Mechanics	\$2,756.16
	A1355.102	Real Property Tax Service Aide	\$2,813.58
	A4010.107	Sr. Registered Professional Nurse	\$1,607.76
	A6010.105	Social Welfare Examiner D	\$2,052.82

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Personnel Officer be notified.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 76-15

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. TOWERS:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$170,864.04 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$139,450.17 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 77-15

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$427,079.03 by the following committees:

Building Committee	\$15,622.89
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	25,234.23
Finance Committee	246,407.85
Health Committee.....	17,627.55
Human Services Committee.....	42,107.72
Central Government Committee	55,838.60
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	21,994.49
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	704.92
Internal Management Committee	1,540.78

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

The Chairman suggested they close the Public Hearing. A motion was made to close the Public Hearing be Mr. Towers, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers asked if we are going for \$750,000.

The Chairman stated we are looking at the need.

Mr. Hipps stated at least \$400,000.

Mr. Frey asked if there are any restrictions.

Mr. Hipps explained, reverse mortgages are fine, if parents sign the house over to siblings and they have life tenancy, then yes they qualify. Discussion continued on what is put in the application and that it can be amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-15

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has identified housing rehabilitation and assisting low/moderate income homeowners, as its most severe community development need, and

WHEREAS, the proposed program area is hereby defined as having many substandard structures occupied by low/moderate income families, Substandard is defined as:

A structure or dwelling unit which has one or more major structural defect, but can still be repaired for a reasonable amount

and

WHEREAS, the only affordable means of financing a program designed to meet these needs is to secure funding from the NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, due to the sparsely populated character of the proposed program area with homes scattered over a large geographical area, a non-target methodology is to be employed to assist only low and moderate income persons, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes Chairman, William G. Farber, to sign and submit an application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for a community development program for housing rehabilitation and to act in connection with the submission of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County, Inc. will perform administrative services as a subrecipient for Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County has adopted the following: Citizen Participation Plan, Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, Excessive Force Policy, Lead

Based Paint Plan, and the Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Procedures, and that they are on file at the County Offices.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

The Chairman read into the minutes the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-15

AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF A CONTRACT WITH AVALON ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PROGRAM TO BE COMPLETED WITH NEW YORK STATE HOME FUNDING

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2015

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign amendments of a contract with Avalon Associates, Inc., Community Development Consultants, to assign portions of that contract to James M. Thatcher, who will work with the County to administer the local housing rehabilitation program with federal grant funding that has been received under the 2013 Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. Avalon Associates will be paid for all services provided before January 25, 2015 according to the terms of that Agreement. James M. Thatcher or his new firm will be paid for services provided after that date, except that a licensing fee will be paid to Avalon Associates as long as this Agreement is in effect, with all of the above being subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS

Other Reports:

Mr. McGovern stated he continues to urge those that register boats/trailers/snowmobile to continue to do so at our DMV Office.

He congratulated the Lake Pleasant Boys Basketball team for an undefeated year.

Mr. Wilt stated the funds Mr. McGovern spoke about when you register here goes to Parks and Rec. and then it is distributed. It doesn't have any effect on where it is registered, does it?

The Chairman explained no, there are two separate pots of money that we are talking about. The money that we receive is the transaction fees. Then there are the local snowmobile clubs that are obviously interested in having people who are registering their snowmobiles say their county of residence is Hamilton County. NYSAC has a resolution in to ask the State to look at the cost share.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Towers, seconded by Mr. McGovern. Carried.