

2017

NINTH SESSION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

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 C. Edwards
Indian Lake	Brian Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Daniel Wilt
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian E. Towers

Also present: County Attorney, Pete Klein and Alan Hipps

A motion was made to accept the minutes of August 3, 2017 by Mr. D. Wilt, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. R. Wilt: The County received two (2) bids yesterday for the tower projects. The amounts came in lower than he anticipated. There is a little problem with one of the bids; they are trying to evaluate that with one of the bidders. Hopefully by the end of the day there will be a choice made. The Chairman says we should be all set to award at the special session on the 11th. Mr. Seaman asked who the bidders are and what they bid. The Chairman stated that Infinigy's bid was \$577,317.00 and Mid-State was \$779,400.00. Remember, we purchased the towers and microwaves separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 243-17

CONTRACTING ABSTRACTING SERVICES FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office each year has stub searches performed on delinquent properties that are part of the foreclosure procedure, and

WHEREAS, last year this was performed by Genesis Abstracting, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Genesis Abstracting, Inc. is no longer able to perform this process for us, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer reached out to Mountain/Hamilton Abstract for interest in providing this abstracting service this year, and

WHEREAS, Mountain Abstract/Hamilton Abstract is able to provide the abstracting services we need at the same price as last year's services, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to enter into an abstracting agreement with Mountain Abstract/Hamilton Abstract, PO Box 140, Chestertown, NY 12817 under the same terms and conditions as done by Genesis Abstracting, Inc. last year.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 244-17

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted by Daniel P. McDonald on property located in Wells, with parcel ID #130.048-1-31 concerning the 2015 and 2016 back taxes owed, and

WHEREAS, Cynthia/Daniel McDonald have submitted a written explanation of the circumstances of why the taxes have not been paid to date and a requests to rectify the situation by paying the 2015 and 2016 back taxes, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$2,519.16 together with an administrative charge of \$500.00 for a total of \$3,019.16.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 245-17

SETTING EQUALIZATION RATES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. SNYDER:

RESOLVED, that the assessment rolls with proposed rates as set up by the Equalization Committee be adopted for the year 2017 as follows:

Arietta.....	100.00
Benson.....	93.00
Hope.....	93.00
Indian Lake.....	100.00
Inlet.....	100.00
Lake Pleasant.....	100.00
Long Lake.....	100.00
Morehouse.....	100.00
Wells.....	93.00

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 246-17

**INCREASING STATE AID FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY YOUTH BOARD –
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has approved the required components of Hamilton County's Comprehensive Youth Service Plan and state aid for the Hamilton County Youth Board for 2017, and

WHEREAS, funding was anticipated in the 2017 budget in the amount of \$2,416.00, and

WHEREAS, the actual funding approved by NYS OCFS for 2017 is \$2,677.00, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A7310.401 Youth Programs Spec. Delinquency for 2017 be increased by \$261.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3820 State Aid Youth Programs by \$261.00.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 247-17

**AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION OF WARREN
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO
PROVIDE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO THE OLDER POPULATION OF
BOTH COUNTIES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, the Director of Warren-Hamilton Counties Office of the Aging has requested to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Adult Protective Services division of Warren County Department of Social Services and the Hamilton County Department of Social Services to formalize the relationship of the departments to collaboratively provide adult protective services to the older population of Warren and Hamilton Counties, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), has requested that the departments execute a written agreement outlining their efforts to work together to provide their services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, be and hereby is, authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Warren County Department of Social Services and the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, to formalize the collaborative efforts of the departments to provide adult protective services to the older population of Hamilton

and Warren Counties, commencing upon execution by all parties and continuing until such time as the agreement is terminated by either party, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Towers stated that it's important to get out to our communities and get people to vote for this. The Chairman stated that we should think about what our avenues are within our communities and associations, where we have reach into areas outside of our local elector. Remember this is a state wide ballot proposal; so when you think about your communities think about Snowmobile Clubs, Lake Associations and the second homeowners. There is also a Constitutional Convention on the ballot which is getting a lot of the attention so that leaves the other two proposals going unnoticed. Proposal #2 is the Amendment to the Constitutional Protection around the State Retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 248-17

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL NUMBER #3
THAT WILL CREATE A LAND ACCOUNT TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR USE BY TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND
COUNTIES HAVING NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN USING FOREST
PRESERVE LAND**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the State Forest Preserve lands, in many instances, border local and state highways where local government needs to use a portion of that land to straighten a dangerous road, replace a culvert to prevent floods, create a safer bike path, drill a water supply well or install broadband and other critical infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment will create a land account with up to 250 acres of Forest Preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using Forest Preserve land to address specific public health or safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, as in exchange for the land removed from the Forest Preserve, another 250 acres of land, will be added to the Forest Preserve, subject to Legislative approval, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment also will allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specified highways that cross the Forest Preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation, and

WHEREAS, the State Constitution has been amended to allow such projects in the past requiring approval by two separately elected state legislatures and a statewide referendum, and

WHEREAS, there exists currently a NYS DOT Landbank for State Road projects which has a long standing track record of success, and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, Ballot Proposition #3 would eliminate the time-consuming and costly bureaucratic process for completing important road maintenance, utility installation and bicycle path creation projects in the Adirondacks and Catskills, a process not faced by communities in any other part of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Amendment has wide bi-partisan support from local governments, environmental protection organizations, business groups, recreational enthusiasts and others for two simple reasons: It's for the public good and it's rooted in plain old common-sense, and

WHEREAS, this Amendment represents the best possible solution to long standing or continuing issues, which local Government leaders have worked for many years to resolve, and

WHEREAS, Ballot Proposal #3 warrants the support of the voters of New York State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby support Ballot Proposal Number #3, which is deemed critically important to our communities, the Forest Preserve, the environment, and the People of the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NYSAC, the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, Adirondack Inter-County, Western Inter-County, and all 16 Counties of the Adirondacks and Catskills.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this was the last Constitutional Amendment of significance to Hamilton County that was done. There wasn't anyone that put in as much time as Carolyn did. Between doing research in the Clerk's Office, pulling deeds, developing the background information which allowed the State Legislature to carry this in the Senate and Assembly. Carolyn did a lot of the leg work to make this possible. Raquette and Long Lake are doing a celebration for her on the 16th and we would like to support that with this proclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-17

**PROCLAMATION - DECLARING SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 AS
CAROLYN GERDIN DAY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, for over 100 years title of private lands in Township 40 have been in dispute with the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, these disputed titles have been a cloud hanging over the heads of the rightful property owners in Township 40, and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Gerdin began researching these disputed titles many years ago, and

WHEREAS, with Carolyn's guidance and leadership a committee was formed to address and resolve these disputed titles, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Carolyn's tireless efforts and personal commitment to resolving these longstanding disputes, a constitutional amendment was passed granting the rightful owners unencumbered title to their property, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim September 16, 2017 as "Carolyn Gerdin Day" in the Town of Long Lake, New York in honor and recognition of Carolyn's selfless dedication to resolving the Township 40 property dispute.

Seconded by ALL and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 250-17

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF AUTOMOBILE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. R. WILT:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 141-17 authorizes the purchase of ancillary equipment for the 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office from JPJ Electronics, and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in Account No. A3110.202, Sheriff's Automobile,
be it

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

FROM:		
Account No. A3170.401 – Other Correctional		\$ 1,441.06
TO:		
Account No. A3110.202 – Automobile		\$1,441.06

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 251-17

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM – NORTHVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. D. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for Speech, Occupational, Physical Therapy, and related services for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a developmental delay as defined through a comprehensive evaluation, through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Northville Central School District can provide these related services through the New York State Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the frequency and duration of services for each child is based on the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and rules applying to section 4410 of the NYS Education Law, as determined by the CPSE committee in preparing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and

WHEREAS, the compensation for related services are set at rates in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Department of Education, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with said provider to provide the aforesaid services for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 pursuant to an aforesaid IEP for each eligible child, with compensation for services rendered at the current approved rates set forth for Hamilton County by the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Education Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 252-17

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2017 MERIT PAY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. TOWERS:

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

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on August 28, 2017 to review merit evaluations, be it

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

SHERIFF

Brian Bledsoe	September 15, 2017 to September 15, 2018	\$1.43
Corey Hutchins	September 12, 2017 to September 12, 2018	\$1.54
Sean O'Brien	September 9, 2017 to September 9, 2018	\$.77

TREASURER

Jodie Small	September 4, 2017 to September 4, 2018	\$1.65
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BUILDINGS

Christopher Gallagher	September 8, 2017 to September 8, 2018	\$1.43
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Theresa Vaughn	September 19, 2017 to September 19, 2018	\$.44
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made to cover the above 2017 merit pay:

FROM:	A1990.402	Contingent for Merit	\$12,873.96
TO:	A3150.104	Correction Officer D	\$2,812.48
	A3110.110	Deputy Sheriff C	\$3,203.20
	A3150.103	Correction Officer	\$968.00
	A1325.103	Senior Account Clerk	\$3,003.00
	A1620.108	Laborer	\$2,659.36
	A4310.110	Care Coordinator	\$227.92

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

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 253-17

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$84,591.81 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$102,158.46 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. D. Wilt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 254-17

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. FREY:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$203,441.63 by the following committees:

Building Committee	\$28,310.19
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee	41,566.34
Finance Committee	28,890.26
Health Committee.....	40,266.40
Human Services Committee.....	13,247.69
Central Government Committee	26,155.12
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	21,816.01
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	759.24
Internal Management Committee	2,430.38

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

OTHER REPORTS:

Chairman: Stated that several of them met with the current owners of the Cathead Mountain property. Cathead Mountain, the property, is the site of a NYS Police communication tower. DEC also has equipment there but there is some question whether they utilize the equipment currently. This is a key site for the NYS Police, their equipment is a build over on the existing fire tower. The fire tower is on private land in which the land belongs to the Hatchbrook Sportsman's Club. He was able to talk with them in regards to what our communication needs are. If you look at our communication overlay maps the propagation predictions and studies, it has a significant impact to our communication infrastructure; in terms of coverage along the Route 30 corridor and even some spotty selective coverage across the Benson Road that would be obtained by radio facilities on Cathead Mountain. Many of you probably remember a conversation around an APA reclassification that would have reclassified adjacent lands from primitive to wilderness. A number of you were good enough to turn out and testify. APA still hasn't made a determination on those hearings. We do still have a continuing issue with respect to access if we were going to have tower facilities there because of the state land that separates the town road and their property. They access it by horse and wagon and also by hiking but that's not a viable option for us. The NYS Police and DEC have been dependent on the fact that both agencies have helicopters. The group agreed to continue moving forward and work with us to create better access and asked me to help

with setting up meetings with both Senator Tedisco and Assemblyman Butler in hopes of a Constitutional Amendment.

The Chairman asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2017 Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant Application. Motion by Mr. Towers, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Alan Hipps, Executive Director of the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County (HAPEC) and asked him to give an overview of the grant application.

Mr. Hipps handed out information on Community Development Block Grants and reviewed it. He suggested that the handout be made part of 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. The Public Hearing is a required element of the application process. The applications are due on September 22, 2017 and there would be a need for a second Public Hearing should this grant application be approved. That second public hearing would take place during the course of the administration of the program.

**INFORMATION SHEET ON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG)**

In New York, CDBG housing grants are funded through the NYS Homes and Community Renewal. For Fiscal Year 2017 approximately \$8 million is being made available for housing. The ceilings for housing under this Small Cities Program are:

Annual Competitive Round	
Town, Cities or Villages:	\$500,000
Counties:	\$850,000

REQUIREMENTS:

- Proposed activities must be for the principal benefit of low and moderate income people. No less than 70 percent of grant funds must be for the principal benefit of low and moderate income persons.
- Projects proposed must directly impact on the applicant's identified need.
- Applications must be submitted electronically (or postmarked) by September 22, 2017.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

EXAMPLES

Housing Rehabilitation	For rehabilitation of residential or commercial structures modernization of public housing, code enforcement or historic preservation or mobile and manufactured home replacement
Direct Homeownership	For subsidized interest rates and mortgage principal amounts, financing acquisition of housing, or guarantee mortgage financing; or assisting with down payment and closing costs.
Creation of New Housing	Creation of new units through the conversion of existing structures for both owners and renters. New structures permitted on a limited basis.
Residential Water/Wastewater	For water and wastewater improvements, lateral connections

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND USES OF FUNDS:

- Buildings used for conduct of government cannot be assisted with CDBG funds.
- General government expenses.
- CDBG funds cannot be used to fund facilities or equipment which is used for partisan political activities.
- Generally, purchase of equipment is ineligible.
- Purchase of construction equipment is ineligible.
- Generally, the purchase of furnishings and personal property is ineligible.
- Operating and maintenance expenses.
- Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of structures to be used for religious purposes.

It is the intention of the program to minimize displacement that may occur as a result of grant funding.



FY 2017 INCOME LIMITS DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

HUD.gov [HUD User Home](#) [Data Sets](#) [Fair Market Rents](#) [Section 8 Income Limits](#) [MTSP Income Limits](#) [HUD LIHTC Database](#)

FY 2017 Income Limits Summary

FY 2017 Income Limit Area	Median Income Explanation	FY 2017 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hamilton County	\$63,800	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) <small>Explanation</small>	22,350	25,550	28,750	31,900	34,500	37,050	39,600	42,150
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* <small>Explanation</small>	13,450	16,240	20,420	24,600	28,780	32,960	37,140	41,320
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) <small>Explanation</small>	35,750	40,850	45,950	51,050	55,150	59,250	63,350	67,400

Selecting any of the buttons labeled "Explanation" will display detailed calculation steps for each of the various parameters.

* The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act changed the definition of extremely low-income to be the greater of 30/50ths (60 percent) of the Section 8 very low-income limit or the poverty guideline as established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), provided that this amount is not greater than the Section 8 50% very low-income limit. Consequently, the extremely low income limits may equal the very low (50%) income limits.

Income Limit areas are based on FY 2017 Fair Market Rent (FMR) areas. For information on FMRs, please see our associated FY 2017 [Fair Market Rent documentation system](#).

For last year's Median Family Income and Income Limits, please see here:

[FY2016 Median Family Income and Income Limits for Hamilton County](#)

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2017/2017summary.odn>

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Mr. Frey asked if they have stopped doing the requirements around life tenancy if the property is given to the owners' children. Mr. Hipps stated that it has been dealt with by regulation which allows life estate interest or life tenant to receive funding through this program. Mr. Towers asked

what the target number of homes we can do with this program in Hamilton County is. Mr. Hipps stated that is a hard question to answer because we are finding it hard to build a list of prospective users of the fund. If there was a longer list then with the \$850,000.00 we could probably take care of upwards to 20 or 25 homes. The rehab range that we are finding is between \$8,000.00 and \$25,000.00. Mr. Towers asked if there was a cap dollar amount for rehab. Mr. Hipps explained that there is a practical limit if the home has lead paint. This practical limit has been a regulation and in place for the last 25 years or better with no changes so it has become a challenge. If the home does not have lead paint then there is no limit. When the funders at the state look at how many units they might approve they will go based on their experience with smaller counties as opposed to the larger population counties and will want to know how much we can get done within 2 years. It's difficult with our rural counties and with working in a few of them to spend a program of \$850,000.00 in 2 years. The Chairman asked if there was a way to co-mingle an application to go after monies for water/waste water and also housing rehab all in one application. Mr. Hipps said it would be set up as activities, Activity A being housing rehab and Activity B being water or sewer. The Chairman asked if co-mingling an application would strengthen our application even though it would at the same time limit our flexibility. Mr. Hipps said that there is a value to it since with water and sewer there is no need for a lead test. The advantage comes in for administration when there are separate lists for water and/or waste water and another for housing rehab.

Other Reports:

Mr. Towers: Asks if the Chairman would possibly discuss the driver training issue. The Chairman stated that we have implemented a program to provide driver training to our County employees. With that comes the question of whether part time employees and those such as per diem nurses can benefit, also can department heads use their discretion on whether their employees take the online course during the work day or come down for the scheduled class. He would be willing to set up a committee meeting for Ms. Byrne to come in to brief everyone on all these issues. But in the interim it makes good sense to prioritize getting our full time employees in ahead of part time, seasonal, etc. He doesn't believe it was the Board's intent to pay someone that is not within their normal time of work for Hamilton County. He would like to give the department heads, the ability to make good decisions as to when their people take the class. There is also the option of the employee taking the online course on their own time and reimbursing them for the expense, but not their time.

Mr. Frey: Stated that there is a shared services meeting in the afternoon. The Chairman discussed the requirements and hearings.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing for the 2017 Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant Application at 11:35 AM. Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. D. Wilt. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 255-17

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has identified the support of low/moderate income homeowners through home rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and water well and septic system replacement as its most severe community development needs, 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 applications to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for community development programs for both homebuyer assistance and housing rehabilitation and to act in connection with the submission of the applications 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. Seaman and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES: R. WILT, SNYDER, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER
AND TOWERS**

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports: (continued)

The Chairman: Stated that we have a very successful relationship working with Mr. Hipps on this specific grant but it has come up a couple times that the County doesn't have grant writing capacity. He asked the Board what they thought about having a contract with the County to provide the service; not only to the County and the County IDA, but also the Towns. Some sort of matrix to share the cost. Mr. Towers said that there might be funding opportunities that we aren't aware of or projects that we didn't think were a possibility for us to do.

The Chairman further stated, not totally unlike or dissimilar to the tobacco litigation there are counties looking at litigating over the opioid problem. There are a couple of firms out there that are looking to represent counties in class action lawsuits. NYSAC is probably going to have some conversation about this at their conference next week. He asked if the Board thought we should participate in this.

One thing that came out of the meeting with Tug Hill is that they continue to be interested in getting help from the Adirondack area on their low volume road issue.

The Ethics Board has looked at some revisions to the code that they want the Board of Supervisors to take up. We will need to have a workshop type meeting to do that. There also is a vacancy and looking into the statute, we do need a member that is a county employee.

There was a Hamlets to Huts presentation the other day. He was sent a follow-up from Jack and Joe of Leading EDGE to see if there was any feedback on that. Mr. Towers wanted to touch more on the low volume roads. The Chairman stated that at the last legislative session the folks from Tug Hill felt like they had more success. That doesn't mean though that they had success getting the low volume road out of the transportation committee although they did have better conversations. He did speak with State Association of Towns, specific to our Constitutional Amendment, to get some help and getting the information out state wide. We did talk a little about the low volume roads.

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