

2017

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 13, 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	ABSENT
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian E. Towers

Also present: Budget Officer Frank Mezzano, Elizabeth Mangle, Caitlyn Stewart, Lennie Croote and Tracy Eldridge

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. R. Wilt: Stated that all the projects are going well. East Mountain is all drilled. Tower is going up here in Lake Pleasant on the 20th.

The Chairman stated that Hamilton County Soil & Water is here today to give a presentation and introduced Caitlin Stewart.

Caitlin Stewart from Soil and Water presented a handout to the Board members on what their accomplishments were for the year as well as reviewed them. Then she shared the video taken during Conservation Field Day.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 328-17

**CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT
AUDIT FIRM FOR THREE YEAR CONTRACT-AUDIT SERVICES FOR 2017, 2018
AND 2019**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee issued Request for Proposals for Audit Services for 2017-2019, and

WHEREAS, four proposals were received and reviewed by the Finance Committee and it was decided to interview the two lowest proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee met with two firms to further discuss their proposals, and

WHEREAS, after these interviews, the Finance Committee recommends contracting with Drescher and Malecki, LLP for County audit services and the NYS DOT audit for 2017, 2018 and 2019 at a cost of \$24,850, \$25,000, and \$25,150 for each respective year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to contract with Drescher and Malecki, LLP, Certified Public Accounts, for the audit years 2017-2019 at the stipulated cost list above, based on the approval of the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 329-17

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 –
LIGHTSPEED TECHNOLOGIES**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017

BY MR. R. WILT:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded \$2,530,385.00 for an Interoperability Communications project under NYS Grant # C198376, and

WHEREAS, one phase of the Communications Project is for a Microwave System connection from Lake Pleasant to East Mt. to Blue Mountain, and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 235-17, a Purchase Order in the amount of \$542,297.23 was issued to Lightspeed Technologies for the Microwave system and a 5year warranty, and

WHEREAS, upon information revealed through the Design Workshop sessions held between Nokia and Lightspeed Technologies, Blue Wing consultants, and programmers from the NYS Police who manage the microwave system for the Adirondack Regional Interoperable Communications Consortium, of which Hamilton County is a functioning member, which resulted in showing that 4 additional 7705 router cards, programming, and additional antenna and radio pieces to accept and control said routers were needed to make the microwave system work properly, and

WHEREAS, a change order has been drafted by Lightspeed Technologies which lays out the additional microwave pieces and programming at a cost of \$26,877.00 NYS Contract No. PT64249, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the recommendation of Lightspeed Technologies be hereby accepted, approved and adopted, and be it further

RESOLVED, that hereby Change Order No. 1 of the Lightspeed P.O. which encompasses the microwave system changes be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to approve Change Order No. 1, with the approval of the County Attorney in the amount of \$26,877.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 of the Hamilton County LIGHTSPEED Microwave Communications Project resulting in the new amount of \$569,174.23 be hereby issued to:

Lightspeed Technologies, subject to the execution of the aforementioned Change Order No. 1.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 330-17

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN 2017-2018 PSAP GRANT APPLICATION

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017

BY MR. R. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff and the Hamilton County Director of Emergency Services recommends the County apply for the 2017-2018 PSAP Grant for Hamilton County Sheriff's dispatch communications upgrades, with the amount to be determined by the NY State Office of Interoperable Communication at the time of award, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said grant application.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 331-17

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN 2017-2018 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT APPLICATION

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff and the Hamilton County Director of Emergency Services recommends the County apply for the 2017-2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant for Hamilton County Sheriff's office communications upgrades, with the amount to be determined by the NY State Office of Interoperable Communication at the time of award, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said grant application.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: D. WILT

RESOLUTION NO. 332-17

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS STANDALONE 911 CALL-TAKING SYSTEM

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 249-15, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors approved entering in to a contract with Frontier Communications for said 911 system, and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2015, Hamilton County entered into the agreement with Frontier Communications for a Standalone 911 Call-taking system utilizing AIRBUS equipment and training in the amount of \$266,067.51, and

WHEREAS, funding for this project was available to Hamilton County from New York State Department of Emergency Services annual PSAP grants, and

WHEREAS, at the end of December 2015, Hamilton County paid Frontier Communications an initial payment of \$165,040.00 with funds coming from NYS PSAP grant Contract No. C198446, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Call-taking system and all training was completed, and the System was made operational on October 25, 2017, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County received Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$22,066.67 from Frontier Communications on November 1, 2017 as a result of duplicate charges for items listed in the original quote thereby reducing the amount of the project to a total cost of \$244,000.84, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign Change Order No. 1 so that a final invoice can be rendered to Hamilton County with funds for the final payment coming from NYS DHSES PSAP grant contract No. C198584 in the amount of \$78,960.84 which is the balance due.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: D. WILT

BUDGET REVIEW:

Frank Mezzano, Budget Officer, stated that the Real Property Director, 1355.101, salary has changed to \$70,000.

Mr. Wells asked if the departmental request for Assessor, 1355.106, includes a step because it goes from \$41,767 to \$44,904. Mr. Mezzano stated that the Assessor's salary is set by the two towns. Mr. Farber stated that the amount is more than the 2%. Mr. Wells stated that he will be having a meeting with Mr. D. Wilt to come to an agreement.

Mr. Mezzano stated that there is a 1 grade increase to Deputy County Clerk, 1410.102. There is no change to 1410.104, .105, .106 and .107. There will be a new line created in the amount of \$2,500 for additional hours, .108.

Cooperative Extension is coming in today to discuss the budget request.

Mr. Mezzano stated that 4010.106 should be \$47,155. The Chairman stating that the position was put in at the hire rate not at Step 1. The employee will be at Step 1 come October 2018.

Mr. Towers asked if the Board is still going to meet with OFA. The Chairman stated yes, but we don't know what changes can be made. He was wondering if there was a way that Community Services and Public Health can work with OFA through the congregate sites on public engagement. Both departments have carryover in their budgets that's revenue from AHI.

Mr. Frey stated that when we raised the sales tax we were committed to putting that money towards restoring Highway funds.

Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, came to the Board to discuss the Bridge Budget and some of the press that we have received on our bridges. There's a report that shows that Hamilton County is at 23.8 % for structurally deficient bridges. The Chairman stated that the County should put in 2 applications to the Bridge NY Funding and cite just that. Mr. Eldridge says that the report shows us at 23.8% but we don't have that many bridges to begin with so it is skewed. We have done very well with getting our bridges structurally sound. Out of the 42 bridges we have that are 20 foot span or above, 17 are rated at a 6 or 7; which means new, and 25 are rated 5 or below. He plans on putting in a couple applications. The part about the application that is difficult is they ask about the economic value. Mr. Eldridge said he wouldn't have the applications until January so the Chairman asked for a copy of an old one so the Board could look, discuss the economic impact part and hopefully come up with a solution.

Mr. Towers asked about the increase in 5110.405, Other Supplies. Mr. Eldridge said that it was a more accurate number. Mr. Towers stated there was a 12% increase in CHIPS and that is reflected in the 5112 Accounts. Mr. Eldridge said he would wait until the State Budget passes before he sets up the projects.

Mr. Eldridge left the meeting after the discussion.

The Chairman stated that there will be a Central Government Committee meeting added to today's agenda, will briefly meet after Cornell Cooperative Extension. Kimberly Byrne, Personnel

Director, is waiting for information from the District Attorney, in regards to the vacancy in her office.

Recess until November 27, 2017.