

2018

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, William G. Farber presiding. Mr. Farber led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

Arietta	Richard A. Wilt
Benson	John M. Stortecky
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	ABSENT
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	Daniel Wilt
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Donald W. Beach

Also present: Frank Mezzano, Budget Officer

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees: None to report

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this is an issue that he has been working on with Mr. Frey. He doesn't think it's necessary to worry about our ability to get the Adirondack organizations engaged in this. AATV has been talking about this for a year and are working on a resolution with the State Association of Towns. Adirondack Intercounty has been talking with NYSAC about doing a resolution.

Mr. Seaman asked if it would be prudent to have the Review Board get a copy of it. The Chairman and Mr. D. Wilt agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 360-18

RESOLUTION IMPLORING AATV, ADIRONDACK INTER-COUNTY, AOT, NYCOM, NYSAC, AND NYS TO COME TOGETHER WITH A PLAN TO PROVIDE CELL COVERAGE FOR ALL NYS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2018

BY MR. SEAMAN:

WHEREAS, Cellular Service and the ability to use individual wireless devices is no longer a luxury, and

WHEREAS, every area of the State, irrespective of financial means or the economics has a right to this key piece of technology infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure drives commerce and tourism, is a part of education, and is more and more the backbone of emergency response, and

WHEREAS, there are still large tracts of NYS which are still deprived of this utility, and

WHEREAS, we as government officials have an obligation to provide for the public safety, the education, as well as the equitable treatment and opportunity for all of our citizens, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon all local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the time is now to move NYS ahead of the nation in terms of this critical technology, and be it also

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, all the Adirondack State Legislators, Adirondack Inter-County, AATV, NYSAC, AOT, NYCOM, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, the nine Towns within Hamilton County, and the Village of Speculator.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS AND FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 361-18

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD, MENTAL HEALTH
SUBCOMMITTEE, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUBCOMMITTEE AND
THE MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2018

BY D. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board can recommend reappointments to the Community Services Board and its subcommittees, and

WHEREAS, one member of the Community Services Board has a term that is expiring, and

WHEREAS, six members of the Community Services Board's Subcommittees have terms that are expiring, be it

RESOLVED, that, Clark Seaman of Long Lake be reappointed to the Community Services Board with a term expiring December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Debby Ameden of Indian Lake and PattiJo Hicks of Gansevoort, be reappointed to the Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee with terms to expire December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that John Simons of Piseco be reappointed to the Community Services Board's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee with a term to expire December 31, 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Alex Logie of Tupper Lake, Clark Seaman of Long Lake and Daryl Rulison of Piseco be reappointed to the Community Services Board's Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee with terms to expire December 31, 2022 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: R. WILT, STORTECKY, TOMLINSON, D. WILT, SEAMAN, FARBER AND BEACH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WELLS AND FREY

BUDGET REVIEW:

The Chairman stated that the Board has gone through the entire budget. There are Raise the Age and Public Defense meetings later in the day that won't have implications in terms of the tax levy but will have implications for appropriations and revenues. We should have some time this afternoon between Raise the Age and Public Defense to talk with Mr. Kleppang and the Sheriff regarding the piece related to the services for the schools.

Mr. Mezzano discussed print advertising, A.1430.404. He stated that there had been discussion around decreasing it back to \$5,000 and let other departments pay for the advertising where they can get reimbursed. The Board agreed.

The Chairman stated that the County received notification that one of the applications that Mr. Eldridge put in under Bridge NY, which was for a \$250,000 culvert project, was awarded so that project will be implemented in 2019.

The Chairman stated that he had a conversation with the County Judge and he will come to one of the December meetings to talk about potentially making the District Attorney position full time.

Other Reports:

The Chairman stated that there was an Emergency Management tabletop held which was fairly well attended. Mr. D. Wilt asked if there had been any drills at the Town and County. The Chairman stated that there hasn't. This ended up being more of a training. As it was put together a couple of things happened, one being that it became evident that we were having a lot of problems with the utility side of it and we really needed public service commission there along with Frontier, National Grid, NYSEG to focus on that piece. Nursing has done drills as well as Indian Lake. It hasn't been one of the strengths at the County to do countywide drills. He does feel that it is advantageous because it brings up, in a safe setting, what the gaps are so they can be figured out in advance. It is something we could encourage and find a good time of year to set up. Mr. R. Wilt stated that he would talk with Mr. Purdy about it. Mr. Seaman stated that any of the drills that he had attended in Indian Lake, NYSDEC was heavily involved and was very good. Mr. Seaman further stated that he was sorry that he missed the tabletop. He also stated that in the last power outage, in the northern part of the county, once again the power was disrupted coming from Blue Mountain to Long Lake for several hours on top of the phone system also being out. It appears once again that this multi-million dollar upgrade to the generator system between Long Lake and Newcomb failed.

Mr. Stortecky stated that when he went to the tabletop he was thinking that the County might have a more formalized plan. He said in the first part of it all he heard was all about what had gone wrong in the past which would have been good if he knew all of what had. Ultimately when the power went out this last time again he did not hear from anyone and had no contact with anybody. Luckily he has a cord phone so he could call it in. His point was that after the tabletop there still was no formal plan for what to do in that type of event. Mr. Tomlinson stated that the Hope Fire Chief couldn't get ahold of Mr. Purdy. He stated that the town offices and highway still have no phone service. The Chairman stated that information was helpful. Mr. Beach stated that he was able to get in contact with Mr. Purdy.

Mr. Stortecky stated that for the Friday meeting is there a consolidated salary increase request for the Department Heads where we could see it all on one sheet. The Chairman said yes and one would be passed out.

Recessed until November 26th.