

2023

NINTH SESSION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

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

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

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| Arietta | Chris D. Rhodes |
| Benson | Phillip C. Snyder |
| Hope | Steven M. Tomlinson |
| Indian Lake | Brian E. Wells |
| Inlet | ABSENT |
| Lake Pleasant | Betsy A. Bain |
| Long Lake | Clay J. Arsenault |
| Morehouse | William G. Farber |
| Wells | Rebekah M. Crewell |

Also present: County Attorney, Kimberly Byrne- Personnel Officer, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer and Beth Hunt-Treasurer

A motion was made to accept the minutes of July 25th and August 3rd, 2023 by Mr. Farber, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Farber: Stated that they just had two committee meetings. They had opened the RFP's for the maintenance on the microwave service. They needed to meet with Eddie from DHSES (Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services) to talk about the process for awarding. There are some questions about how MWBE (Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises) played into that but he thinks they have all of that resolved and the Clerk of the Board has handed out a resolution to make that award. The Sheriff's Office in conjunction with Jill Dunham, Emergency Services Director, briefed them on some upgrades of software equipment they are going to need in the Dispatch Center.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated that they had a soft opening for Buck Mountain last Saturday. It was busy and has been every day since. He has spoken with a lot of people who have hiked it and they have said it was amazing. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work. He read the notice for the ribbon cutting. "Buck Mountain Grand Opening is going to be Friday, September 15th. Ribbon Cutting at 1PM. Hike at your leisure prior to the ceremony." He invited everybody that was interested to attend.

Mr. Arsenault stated that when talking with Mr. Tomlinson he brought up the fact that employee salaries and benefits had usually already been mutually discussed at this stage and verified with COLA. He thinks that they should discuss that at some point because they all need to be on the same page. The Chairman stated that he thought it was discussed in their last committee meeting, that they were going to give the Budget Office direction today on the Board's consensus on the percentage of COLA.

Ms. Bain: Stated that she has spoken with Erica Tomlinson, Director of Public Health, and has said that there is a sense of teamwork and cooperation within the office. It's very refreshing. They have been advertising for the last 2 ½ months to fill the Director of Patient Services position and there has been no applicants. Ms. Tomlinson asked her if it was possible to advertise on Indeed.com. They also discussed and were wondering if it was possible for Personnel to have a Facebook page because other departments do have them. She asked if it was up to each individual department. The Chairman stated that he assumed it was up to each department. Ms. Bain stated that she would discuss with Personnel about that.

Ms. Bain stated that Ms. Tomlinson has reported that Samantha Blanchard and Candice Downs, who are both new employees, are performing very well and are a huge asset to the department. She also thanked Victoria Fish, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, for doing an astounding job getting a \$500 grant for the Hope Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 249-23

**AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023 A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE
ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX WITHIN THE COUNTY OF
HAMILTON**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023 titled "A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON", attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at the Supervisors' Rooms in the Hamilton County Municipal Building on the 5th day of October, 2023, at 11 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON", and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023

State of New York
County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE ADDITIONAL
MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX IN THE
COUNTY OF HAMILTON

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 9 of 2006 duly enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton authorized the imposition of a mortgage recording tax in accordance with Section 253 of the Tax Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton desires to further extend such mortgage recording tax, now, therefore

BE IT ENACTED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1: Title. This Local Law shall be titled “A Local Law Extending the Additional Mortgage Recording Tax in Hamilton County”.

Section 2: Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this law is to authorize Hamilton County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 253-j of the Tax Law of the State of New York, to impose an Additional Mortgage Recording Tax.

Section 3: Imposition of Tax. For the period commencing December 1, 2023 and ending December 1, 2025, unless further extended by Local Law of the Board of Supervisors, there is hereby imposed, in the County of Hamilton a tax of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and each remaining major fraction thereof of principal debt or obligation which is or under any contingency may be secured at the date of execution thereof, or at any time thereafter, by a mortgage on real property situated within the County of Hamilton and recorded on or after December 1, 2023, and a tax of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) on such mortgage if the principal debt or obligation which is or by any contingency may be secured by such mortgage is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 4: Administration and Collection of Tax. The taxes imposed pursuant to this Local Law shall be administered and collected in the same manner as the taxes imposed under subdivision one of Section 253 of the Tax Law and paragraph (b) of subdivision one of Section 255 of the Tax Law. Except as otherwise provided in Section 253-j of the Tax Law, all the provisions of Article 11 of the Tax Law relating to or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such subdivision shall apply to the taxes imposed by this Local Law with such modifications as may be necessary to adapt such language to the tax so authorized. Such provisions shall apply with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in Section 253-j of the Tax Law, except to the extent that any provision is either inconsistent with a provision of Section 253-j of the Tax Law or not relevant to the tax authorized by Section 253-j of the Tax Law.

Section 5: Real Property located in more than one County or State. Where the real property covered by the mortgage subject to the tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law is situated in this state but within and without Hamilton County, the amount of such tax due and payable to Hamilton County shall be determined in a manner similar to that prescribed in the first undesignated paragraph of Section 260 of the Tax Law which concerns real property situated in two or more counties. Where such property is situated both within Hamilton County and without the state, the amount due and payable by Hamilton County shall be determined in the manner prescribed in the second undesignated paragraph of such Section 260 which concerns property situated within and without the State. Where real property is situated within and without Hamilton County, the recording officer of the jurisdiction in which the mortgage is first recorded shall be required to collect the taxes imposed pursuant to this section.

Section 6: Additional Mortgage Recording Tax. The tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law shall be in addition to the taxes imposed by Section 253 of the Tax Law.

Section 7: Disposition of Taxes. Notwithstanding any provision of Article 11 of the Tax Law to the contrary, the balance of all monies paid to the recording officer of the County of Hamilton during each month upon account of the tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law, after deducting the necessary expenses of his or her office as provided in Section 262 of the Tax Law, except taxes paid upon mortgages which under the provisions of Section 253-j of the Tax Law or Section 260 of the Tax Law are first to be apportioned by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, shall be paid over by such officer on or before the tenth day of each succeeding month to the Treasurer of Hamilton County and, after the deduction by such treasurer of the necessary expenses of his or her office provided in Section 262 of the Tax Law, shall be deposited in the general fund of the County of Hamilton. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sentence, the tax so imposed and paid upon mortgages covering real property situated in two or more counties, under which the provisions of Section 253-j of the Tax Law or Section 260 of the Tax Law are first to be apportioned by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, shall be paid over by the recording officer receiving the same as provided by the determination of the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

Section 8: Payment of Taxes. The tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law shall be payable on the recording of each mortgage of real property subject to taxes there under. Such tax shall be paid to the recording officer of the county in which the real property or any part thereof is situated,

except where real property is situated within and without the county, the recording officer of the county in which the mortgage is first recorded shall collect the tax imposed by this Local Law. It shall be the duty of such recording officer to endorse upon each mortgage a receipt for the amount of the tax so paid. Any mortgage so endorsed may thereupon or thereafter be recorded by any recording officer and the receipt for such tax endorsed upon each mortgage shall be recorded therewith. The record of such receipt shall be conclusive proof that the amount of tax stated therein has been paid upon such mortgage.

Section 9: Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2023, provided that a certified copy thereof is mailed by registered or certified mail to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance at the Commissioner's Office in Albany at least 30 days prior to the date this Local Law shall take effect. Certified copies of this Local Law shall also be filed with the Hamilton County Clerk, the Secretary of State and the State Comptroller within five (5) days after the Local Law is duly enacted and this Local Law shall be deemed to be duly enacted upon its date of adoption by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors.

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman asked Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, if this fell under the Governor's new rules. Mr. Baker stated that currently there isn't a moratorium in place and no Bill so under current authorization the County can proceed as normal.

RESOLUTION NO. 250-23

APPROVAL OF BIDS ON AUCTIONED TAX PARCELS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton held the annual foreclosure auction on-line on August 28-30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and made part hereof is Schedule "A" which contains the names of the high bidder, the tax parcel number, and the bid price for each parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has reviewed the bids for each tax parcel and recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the bids and sale of said parcels to the high bidders, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 116 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, does hereby approve the bid price for each map parcel shown on "Schedule A" and does hereby authorize the transfer of said property to the named high bidder subject to receipt of the entire bid amount along with associated transfer costs and the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to execute Quit Claim Deeds for said tax map parcels to the high bidder and to execute all other necessary documents to transfer said tax map parcels to the high bidder.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

SCHEDULE "A"

Town of Morehouse:

Bidder:

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| Matthew Keicher, Sr. | Parcel: 125.013-1-31 | Bid Price: | \$4,500.00 |
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Town of Wells:

Bidder:

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| Domenico Clemente | Parcel: 130.014-1-6 | Bid Price: | \$206,000.00 |
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| Elegance Property Management LLC Takia Walker | Parcel: 130.018-2-11.110 | Bid Price: | \$1,000.00 |
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RESOLUTION NO. 251-23

CONTRACT WITH THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR COURT CLEANING AND MINOR REPAIRS – 2023-2028

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

WHEREAS, the State of New York, pursuant to the laws of 1996, Chapter 686, began to assume responsibility for the costs of cleaning and minor repairs to the court facilities, and

WHEREAS, the County is now in receipt of a new five year agreement which runs from SFY 2023-2024 through SFY 2027-2028, and

WHEREAS, the initial contract period is for April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$191,827.00, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with the Unified Court System for the purposes of being reimbursed for the costs of cleaning and making minor repairs to the Hamilton County Court facilities, for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 252-23

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION BUDGET LINE TRANSFER

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, funds will be exhausted in the Personnel Account No. A1430.0414 Employee Recognition when purchases for remainder of year are made, and

WHEREAS, this was a new budget line in 2023 for employee recognition and the estimate for funding that was predetermined fell short, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that \$1,500.00 be transferred to Account No. A1430.0414 Employee Recognition from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized to make such transfer.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 253-23

**AUTHORIZING RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT FOR STERLING
GOODSPEED**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has been asked to review the eligibility of Sterling Goodspeed for retiree health insurance under the applicable rules, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service history and payroll record represents a challenge in that as a salaried Assistant District Attorney the pattern of hours worked and hourly rates appear to bounce around without explanation, and

WHEREAS, Sterling had no reason to ask for an interpretation of eligibility for County health insurance until March 1, 2012, at which time Resolution No. 93-12 of 2012 determined him eligible at 30 hours per week (full-time) \$29.313 per hour, and \$45,904 annual, and

WHEREAS, the Employee Handbook has different rules for those who were full-time employees of Hamilton County prior to 2010 (ten years of full-time service), and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this review, 2009 shows an annual salary for Sterling Goodspeed of \$45,225 consistent with what was determined full-time in 2012, and

WHEREAS, counting the 5 years Sterling worked as Assistant District Attorney when it appears he was clearly full-time (2009-2013), as well as the 5 years he has currently worked in an eligible position in the Public Defense Office, gives him 10 years, though not consecutive, and

WHEREAS, the County in the past granted retiree health insurance benefit in the case of 15 non-consistent years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Sterling Goodspeed is deemed fully eligible should he retire at the end of 2028, and prior to that based on the following:

- End of 2026 – 20% Retiree Share
- No Retiree Health Insurance benefit for retirement before that date

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Personnel Officer, and Sterling Goodspeed be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 254-23

AUTHORIZING 28 HOUR WORK WEEK FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Panel for Hamilton County has been converted to a Public Defender system, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office presently employs an Administrative Assistant for 21 hours per week, and

WHEREAS, the job responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant have expanded significantly to include state reporting on every criminal disposition in each calendar year, qualification of clients at court appearances according to state income guidelines, office management at Public Defender's Office, file management for both criminal and family court, legal research and document preparation and general coordination of a three attorney law practice, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Administrative Assistant in the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office is expanded to a work week of 28 hours with a salary rate set at \$21.179 per hour so as to align with 100% reimbursement funding provided by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for an annual salary of \$38,546.00 effective September 11, 2023.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 255-23

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM – TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for Related Services (Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy 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, Town of Webb Union Free 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, 2023 through August 31, 2024 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 Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND
CREWELL**

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 256-23

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SPEECH THERAPIST – HONORA BICHE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service contracts with individual providers of speech and language pathologies for several programs, and

WHEREAS, Honora Biche of 170 Chartier Road, Northville, NY 12134, is a duly licensed Speech and Language Pathologist by the NYS Department of Education, Office of Professions and wishes to contract with the Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 and compensated at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Honora Biche, SLP to provide speech therapy to the residents of Hamilton County, for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 257-23

AUTHORIZING THE 2023 CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 119-18 adopted April 5, 2018 authorized the April 1, 2018-March 31, 2023 Child & Family Services Plan, and

WHEREAS, New York State Office of Children and Family Services extended the current plan cycle through June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Roberta A Bly has provided the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors with the April 1, 2023- March 31, 2024 Child & Family Services Plan Annual Update, be it

RESOLVED, that Roberta A Bly, Commissioner of Social Services & Executive Director of the County Youth Bureau; Amy Granger, Probation Director and the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors are authorized to sign.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 258-23

AMEND COUNTY BUDGET AND CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON, FULTON, MONTGOMERY PREVENTION COUNCIL

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved the 2023 contract with the Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery Prevention Council to provide Prevention Services to the residents of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS OASAS funding was increased in the most recent State Aid Letter by \$2,384.00, and

WHEREAS, the current contract does not reflect this increase in the County's 2023 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Revenue Acct. No. A.3484.100 and Expenditure Acct. No. A.4310.0425 both be increased by \$2,384.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2023 contract with Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery Prevention Council from \$78,449.00 to \$80,833.00, and the Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 259-23

**CREATING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR SYSTEM OF CARE
GRANT – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services has been awarded a grant to develop a System of Care, and

WHEREAS, there is not currently a revenue and expenditure account associated with this grant, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4310.0411 Systems of Care Grant be created in the amount of \$22,334.00 to be totally offset by creating Revenue Account No. A4490.0200 Systems of Care Grant in the amount of \$22,334.00.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 260-23

CREATING SECRETARY POSITION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services department will have a vacancy in the Clerk position as of September 11, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the duties of the position require a higher skill level than that of Clerk, be it

RESOLVED, that the current Clerk position become a Secretary position, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4310.0104 and Account No. A4320.0104 be renamed Secretary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer be authorized to advertise the vacant position as a Secretary position and the County Treasurer and Director of Community Services be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 261-23

CREATION OF MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY AIDE POSITION – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MS. CREWELL:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services is no longer providing Health Home Management Services, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for intensive in-home services to support the Mental Health Therapy being provided by Hamilton County Community Services' Social Workers, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services receives State Aid to provide Case Management Services for 2024, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services would like to create the Mental Health Therapy Aide position to address those needs using State Aid funding and said position will begin in January 2024, be it

RESOLVED, the Mental Health Therapy Aide position be created to be filled January 2024.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Farber asked if anyone had insight on how the process was going to work. Mr. Snyder stated that he didn't have any information on it. The Clerk of the Board stated that Lynette Greene, Community Services Director, had spoken with the State about how to transition and this was part of the process.

RESOLUTION NO. 262-23

**OFFERING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PREVENTION SERVICES –
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, due to staffing concerns the Hamilton County Community Services Prevention Program is not sustainable, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services Board has recommended contracting a community-based organization to operate said services, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services receives State Aid for those services, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Services be authorized to prepare a Request for Applications for the provision of Prevention Services with the State Aid allotted for those services.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 263-23

**AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF HAMILTON COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH
THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR THREE YEARS**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized ROOST to provide the Tourism Promotion services for Hamilton County through 2023, and

WHEREAS, this contractual relationship has been very successful and of great benefit to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, both Hamilton County and ROOST are in favor of extending the contract, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with ROOST ends December 31, 2023, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 contract will have a 10% increase over the previous contract to cover rising costs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that with the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a 3-year contract with ROOST.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 264-23

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WARRENSBURG COLLISION CENTER, INC. –
INSURANCE REPAIR**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Vehicle #621 - 2019 Chevy 3833 was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2019 Chevy 3833, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$2,684.70 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$2,684.70, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.
3985 Main Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #6228 in the amount of \$2,884.70 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 265-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TECHNICAL BUILDING SERVICES (TBS) – INDIAN LAKE COUNTY FACILITY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 215-23 authorized the purchase and installation of AC condensers in the Social Service and Legal Wings in the Indian Lake County Building Facility by Technical Building Services, Inc. (TBS) at a cost of \$38,250.00, and

WHEREAS, during installation of the AC condensers TBS recommended the installation of drains for the A-coils that wasn't part of the original specifications, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent authorized the drains to be installed upon the recommendation of TBS, and

WHEREAS, the drains are installed and have been inspected by the DPW Building Project Supervisor and deemed complete, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment to Technical Building Services, Inc., 12E Commerce Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3631 in the amount of \$1,100.00 from Account No. A1620.414 Five-Year Building Project Plan and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 266-23

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECTS FOR 2023

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2023 highway budget the sum of \$1,373,283.85 for the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2023 and these funds are 100% reimbursed through the Consolidation Highway Improvement Program (CHIP's), and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has recommended the expenditure of \$75,000.00 for the construction of the following project:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 6 Town of Wells
 Co. Rd. No. 16 – Gilmantown Road Rd., Bank stabilization, Culvert Installation & Base & Top @ 20 ft.
 Approx. 600 feet.....\$75,000.00
 Account No. D5112.2539

and

WHEREAS, the above designated road is on a completed system of the Hamilton County road map adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does allot and appropriate from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital projects, the sum of \$75,000.00, for the construction of the above designated project as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 267-23

APPROVAL FOR AMENDING CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECTS FOR 2023

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7,2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 161-23 authorized the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2023, and

WHEREAS, due to weather-related issues the Superintendent recommends the adjustments or delays of certain projects authorized for 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the postponement of the following approved projects until 2024 -

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 3 Town of Wells
Co. Rd No. 8 – Griffin Road, HMA overlay Base & PPST Top @ 20 ft.
Approx. 1.5 mile.....\$210,000.00
Account No. 5112.2536

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 5 Town of Indian Lake
Co. Rd. No. 4 – Big Brook Road, Replace Large Culvert and pave Base and Top
Approx. 0.4 miles..... \$100,000.00
Account No. 5112.2538

and

WHEREAS, the total CHIP’s appropriation for County Road Projects No.3 and No.5 totals \$310,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that \$310,000.00 be transferred back into Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends amending the following County Road Capital Projects for 2023 as follows –

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Indian Lake
Co. Rd. No. 12 – Cedar River Rd., Improve drainage, recycle base and HMA Base @ 21 ft.
Approx. 2.4 miles.....\$500,000.00
Account No. D5112.2534

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Arietta
Co. Rd No. 24 – Old Piseco Road, HMA overlay Base &Top @ 20 ft.
Approx. 2.0 miles.....\$285,900.22
Account No. 5112.2535

and

WHEREAS, the above designated roads are on a completed system of the Hamilton County road map adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the adjustments and postponements of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and that the other County Road Capital Projects remain the same, be it further

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the transfers and adjustments to the above designated projects and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 268-23

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO TRUCK #121

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW owns a 2012 International Paystar tandem dump truck that required the replacement of the high pressure fuel pump and EGR valve and other emission repairs, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent sent the truck to H. L. Gage to diagnose the mechanical issues the truck was having and to have the repairs completed and the repairs were completed to truck #121 at a cost of \$15,045.86 and the said truck is back in service, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment to H.L. Gage Sales, Inc., PO Box 5170, Albany, NY 12205 in the amount of \$15,045.86 for truck #121 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman asked if it was correct that we are buying a crew cab truck for the Sheriff's Office and if it was for the boat. Mr. Tomlinson stated that it was for the Sheriff's Office. The Chairman stated that he thought they were getting a Durango for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thought Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, was getting a new Durango. The Chairman asked Mr. Tomlinson if he would confirm that with Mr. Eldridge. Mr. Tomlinson called Mr. Eldridge and confirmed that the Pickup is for Sheriff's Office and the Durango is for Highway.

RESOLUTION NO. 269-23

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR 2022 SHERIFF VEHICLE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is need of a new vehicle for 2024, and

WHEREAS, because of the market shortages vehicles are very difficult to purchase, and

WHEREAS, a 2022 Ram SSV pickup has become available from Main Motor Car that is under New York State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator has met with the Public Works Committee and the Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of one (1) new Ram SSV Crew Cab Pickup, be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2022 Ram SSV Pickup for the Sheriff's Office mentioned herein for a total of \$42,247.00 delivered from Main Motorcar, Johnstown, NY under NYS State Police Mini Bid #8161, Contract PC66680, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$42,247.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile to cover the cost of the vehicle and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 270-23

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE VEHICLE - DPW

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works department is need of a vehicle and because of the ability to purchase vehicles continues to be difficult, the Superintendent recommends purchasing when vehicles become available that are on contract pricing, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the said vehicle purchase, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase one (1) New 2023 Dodge Durango with options from Main Motorcar of Johnstown, NY under New York State Contract PC66680, Mini Bid #13382 pricing at a cost of \$44,610.00 delivered, be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment and the County Treasurer, Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thought it was a good deal for the excavator; it is something that the County rents all the time and he thinks it will save them money. The Chairman stated that he knows with Highway for the Town of Indian Lake it's sometimes hard to get the right size excavator for the job. Seems to be getting harder and harder. Mr. Tomlinson and the Chairman discussed companies not renting equipment like that when they can sell it outright. Mr. Rhodes also added the demand is high.

RESOLUTION NO. 271-23

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE
KOBELCO EXCAVATOR – DPW (Highway)**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee in regard to purchasing a Kobelco SK140 Excavator under Sourcewell Contract pricing, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends the purchase of the said excavator, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the DPW Superintendent to purchase a 2023 Kobelco SK140-SR-7 with options delivered in the amount of \$179,702.30 under Sourcewell Contract #011723-KBL from Robert H. Finke and Sons, Inc. of Selkirk, NY and this will be a charge to Account D5112.0202 Permanent Improvements (CHIP's) and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND
CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 272-23

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO R.M. DALRYMPLE COMPANY, INC. TO
RELOCATE FUEL DEPOT EQUIPMENT AT THE ARIETTA FUEL STATION FOR
HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Arietta Fuel Depot located at the Town of Arietta Highway Garage, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Arietta has completed a new highway garage onsite and will be demolishing the old highway garage, and

WHEREAS, the electrical, safety and communication equipment for the fuel station that was installed in the old highway garage needed to be relocated, and

WHEREAS, said equipment was removed from the old highway garage and installed in a closer building onsite with new conduits, lines, and panels replaced as needed by R.M. Dalrymple, the vendor that services all of the Hamilton County Fuel Depots, and

WHEREAS, the work has been inspected by the DPW Superintendent who recommends payment in the invoiced amount of \$14,628.54, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment to R.M. Dalrymple Company, Inc., 15 Grace Moore Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 in the amount of \$14,628.54 from Account No. DM5130.0405 Gas and Diesel, and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND
CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

The Chairman introduced the following resolution. Mr. Farber stated that he moves it with the correction that it is the FY20 grant not the targeted grant, but he does not know the account number. With the Board's permission the Clerk of the Board will put that correction in. He stated that at the earlier committee meeting they established that this shouldn't come out of a targeted grant. Mr. Rhodes questioned if Jill Dunham, Emergency Services Director, had stated FY21 instead. Mr. Rhodes stated that FY20 was the one where they discussed RS Telecom and the upgrade to Motorola. He thought FY21 was the one she wanted to take this out of. Mr. Farber stated that he could be right, keeping the microwave maintenance together under the one grant with Nokia and

RS Telecom made sense but she could have said it differently. Mr. Rhodes also stated that maybe her thought was that it allowed more room to do the MWBE requirement in FY20. The Clerk of the Board asked the Board if they were okay with leaving it as FY20 or FY21 and she would correct it. Mr. Farber stated that it would be corrected based on Ms. Dunham meeting with Eddie from DHSES. Seconded by Rebekah Crewell.

RESOLUTION NO. 273-23

AUTHORIZING MICROWAVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH NOKIA

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has multiple microwave sites, with more to be added in the future, to their communications system, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has been given a quote from Nokia, under NYS contract #PT64249 in the amount of \$20,118.07, and

WHEREAS, this contract is valid for the remainder of 2023 and 2024, and

WHEREAS, this contract includes pricing for microwave maintenance and IP/MPLS Maintenance, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Emergency Services Office be authorized to purchase this one-year plan for microwave and IP/MPLS Maintenance Funding for this Purchase Order will be covered by funds available from NYS Department of Homeland Securities and Emergency Services, Statewide Communications Grant, Account No. A3645.0427 SI21-1050-E00.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 274-23

**CONTINUATION OF TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY FOR HAMILTON COUNTY
AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR
PROMOTION OF TOURISM**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Economic Development is empowered to approve application from local governments for matching funds to be used for promoting tourism therein, and

WHEREAS, the President of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism has recommended that an application for such funds be submitted to the Department of Economic Development for matching funds up to the amount appropriated therefore within the New York State budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, Michelle Clement of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to submit an application to Kelly Rabideau-Baquerizo, Tourism Matching Funds Director, Empire State Development Division of Tourism, Albany, New York 12245, for matching funds in an amount up to One Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$172,500.00) to be used for the promotion of tourism in Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism is hereby named Project Director in relation thereto, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies to the New York State Department of Economic Development that both the County of Hamilton and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism have been in existence for more than three (3) years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in order to comply with Commerce Law, Article 5-A (New York State Tourism Promotion Act) that the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism be the duly designated tourist promotion agency for the County of Hamilton for the fiscal year of 2023/2024, and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Farber stated that they have an annual conference in September in Lake George. What happens is if they join the association, they get a discount on the conference. It also makes the county eligible to get their monthly newsletters and

updates of what's going on around housing affordability and rural housing. He thought the updates should go to the Clerk of the Board's Office and the staff could distribute as necessary. As long as they have the option of getting this free information on top of attending the conference it seemed like the right way to go. The Chairman thanked Mr. Farber for sending that.

RESOLUTION NO. 275-23

**AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO JOIN THE RURAL HOUSING
COALITION OF NEW YORK**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, The Rural Housing Coalition of New York represents rural preservation companies, and other housing and community development professionals from government, non-profits and the private sector that share a common interest in serving all the residents of rural New York State, and

WHEREAS, The Coalition provides its members with training and technical assistance, networking opportunities with colleagues from around the state and serves as an information resource for funding, relevant laws and regulations, sample policies and best practices, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County like many other Counties in the Adirondacks is struggling with Workforce Housing, and Workforce Housing affordability, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Resolution Authorizes Hamilton County to join the Rural Housing Coalition of NY, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to use the County Credit card to pay the membership fee (\$250) to join.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND
CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 276-23

AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT OF BOILER – INDIAN LAKE DPW FACILITY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the heating boiler in the Indian Lake highway facility is need of replacing, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings Project Supervisor has request written quotes from three vendors and have received two written quotes for the purchase of the boiler and related supplies as follows –

Security Supply, Johnstown, NY - \$13,486.61

F. W. Webb, Queensbury, NY - \$14,776.46

J. E. Sawyer, Glens falls, NY – Did not return a written quote

and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends purchasing the Boiler and related supplies from Security Supply, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings Division will installing the said boiler in-house, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Superintendent for the purchase of the boiler and related supplies as recommended and it will be a charge to Account No. A1620.0414 Five-Year Building Project Plan and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 277-23

AUTHORIZING AND FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECT FOR DAMAGE REPAIR FROM DR4723 JULY 2023 FLOODING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023 Hamilton County was hit by torrential rain, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owned infrastructure of road and bridges received damage from the torrential rain flooding, and

WHEREAS, the County DPW department has begun repairing the damages to get roads and bridges reopened, and

WHEREAS, the DPW has needed to purchase materials such as crushed stone and crusher run gravel along with rental of equipment and has a contractor in place to begin repairing bridge abutment scouring, and

WHEREAS, the DPW needs to have funding available for these resources while state and federal government agencies complete damage assessments from the disaster for Hamilton County for the related storm damage, and

WHEREAS, in the first instance the DPW Superintendent recommends the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the County Road Fund balance to fund the permanent repairs, be it

RESOLVED, that \$100,000.00 be transferred from County Road Fund Balance to Capital Account No.H2.8760.0401 July 2023 Flooding and that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make the said transfer and the Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 278-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. RHODES:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$199,239.00 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$87,905.35 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. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 279-23

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT 2022-1 BIG BROOK BRIDGE AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2023-1 JULY 2023 FLOODING

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$198,106.38 the following committees:

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| Public Works (Buildings) Committee..... | \$20,851.43 |
| Public Works (Solid Waste)..... | 52,187.26 |
| Finance Committee | 19,808.17 |
| Health Committee..... | 15,459.12 |
| Human Services Committee..... | 23,906.71 |
| Central Government Committee | 22,158.18 |
| Emergency Prep./Emergency Response..... | 35,698.93 |
| Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee..... | 2,698.45 |
| Internal Management Committee | 5,338.13 |

be it further

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

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| Big Brook Bridge Capital Project 2022-1..... | \$7,250.90 |
| July 2023 Flooding Capital Project 2023-1..... | \$16,668.60 |

are hereby approved.

Seconded by Ms. Crewell and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Mr. Farber asked the Chairman and introduced the following resolution. He moved Resolution No. 32 Authorizing Award of Hamilton County RFP for Microwave Service and Maintenance to RS Telecom. He stated that the Board should have a copy on their desks already and that it reflects the outcome of the earlier Committee meeting. Seconded by Chris Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 280-23

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY RFP FOR MICROWAVE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE TO RS TELECOM

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

BY MR. FARBER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County advertised for and sought Proposals under an RFP due in by August 29, 2023 at 4:00 PM, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County received three Proposal that were opened on the 29th:

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| MidState Communications - \$42,500.00 + \$1000.00 Ins. Adj. | \$43,500.00 |
| RS Telecom | \$38,000.00 |
| JPJ Electronic Communications Inc | \$77,200.00 |

and

WHEREAS, the EP/ER Committee convened on Sept. 7th and reviewed the proposals with DHSES and recommends award to RS Telecom, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a contract with RS Telecom under the terms and conditions set forth in their proposal submitted on August 29th (Not to exceed \$38,000.00), and be it also

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said contract with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FARBER, AND CREWELL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Farber: Stated that for all the municipalities that have SLIC Communications in their communities (Lake Pleasant, Wells, Long Lake, soon to be Indian Lake), Kevin Lynch will be at the County building at 12PM to meet with those communities to talk about SLIC's plans for expanding broadband infrastructure in those communities. They are partnering with DANC (Development Authority of the North Country) to get reduced pricing on the back haul for their system so it makes them much more competitive going forward. If anyone has any questions about SLIC and their capability they should speak with Mr. Arsenault about their experience in Long Lake.

Ms. Crewell: Stated her thanks to Mr. Eldridge. She had reached out to him regarding the Town of Wells Transfer Station. It was a mess and there was a lot of upkeep that needed to be done but they didn't have the equipment to do it. He was very helpful in getting equipment moved and in getting it cleaned up.

The Chairman stated that the NYSDEC and their Forest Preserve Workplan Policy and NYSAC's County sales tax report dated August 23rd were released but he hasn't had a chance to review them yet.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Baker for sending out the road salt reduction taskforce report.

The Chairman asked if anyone, like himself, had been receiving complaints concerning the concealed carry permits. The recertification plan changed the number of years and they are claiming there hasn't been notifications going out. He has also gotten complaints that when they are doing it that minor changes are resulting in suspensions where they need to come see the County Clerk to get things fixed. One gentleman explained that he had changed his phone number from landline to cell phone and he was notified that he needed to go see the County Clerk.

The Chairman stated that Senator Walczyk is introducing Bill 7645 repealing the fees that are now associated with NYS replacing the federal background check. NYS is tasking the NYS Police with doing this background check and they are charging a \$9.00 fee for all guns and \$2.00 for every box of ammo. He stated that if anyone is hearing anything regarding this please let the Senator know.

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

Chairman Wells called the meeting back to order at 11:05AM.

The Chairman stated that they discussed giving the Budget Officer direction on the budget for 2024. He thought the consensus was to go with a straight 3 and 4.5% for COLA. He asked if any of the Board would like to add anything. Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Rhodes agreed. Mr. Arsenault asked if everyone agreed. The Chairman stated that he felt the Budget Officer would put this together and if there are problems afterwards then that's what the Board deals with during budget sessions. Mr. Farber asked if there was any additional background they could share. Mr. Arsenault stated that the County has had that \$20,000 set aside for the Department Heads; some of them discussed this last week and thought it would be nice to use that money to give back to the

Department Heads. So, that was where the thought of 4.5% came from. The Chairman stated that there was information handed out which they found mistakes on. He confirmed that Mr. Farber had received the chart from the Budget Officer. They discussed it being easier to give the Budget Officer a straight percentage for COLA. Mr. Farber agreed that all made sense to him. Mr. Tomlinson asked if anyone had reached out to Mr. Frey. The Chairman stated that there was a ZOOM link sent out to him for this Board meeting and they had no response. Everyone agreed with the COLA percentages.

Mr. Baker stated that there are still some inconsistencies and he apologized to the Board. He stated that it wouldn't happen again and that they would continue to work on the Step and Grade Scale going forward.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Ms. Bain, seconded by Ms. Crewell. Carried.