AGENDA

NINTH SESSION

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

10:30 AM Call to Order Pledge to Flag Opening Prayer

Roll Call

Accepting Minutes of May 2, June 6, July 3 and July 10, 2024

Public Comment Period

Hamilton County Attorney: Charles R. Getty, Jr.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees

PROCLAMATIONS:

William Wilt On the Occasion of His Retirement August 20, 2024

Brian Hutchins On the Occasion of His Retirement August 31, 2024

RESOLUTIONS:

Finance Committee:

No. 1	Authorization to Attend the 2024 NYSAC Fall Seminar
No. 2	Authorizing Training Regarding Personnel Matters for the Board of Supervisors and Department Heads
No. 3	Approval of Application Software and Support Services Provided by Systems East, Inc. for the Treasurer's Office Tax Collections
No. 4	Authorizing Transfer of Funds – Independent Audit Services

Central Government Committee:

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No. 6 Authorizing Board of Election Grant- Nonpartisan Work Planning and Operationalizing Reliable and Secure Election Administration in 2024

Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Response Committee:

No. 7 Resolution Supporting Licensed Dealers of Firearms, Subject to New York General Business Law §875

Human Services Committee:

- No. 8 Authorizing Department of Community Servies to Extend Contract with RKA Associates
 No. 9 Creating and Appropriating the 2024 Rental Supplement Program Budget Department of Social Servies
 No. 10 Authorizing Community Services to Contract with Lake Pleasant Central School for the School and Community Prevention Initiative Services
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Health Committee:

- No. 14 Authorizing Chairman to Sign WIC Contract
- No. 15 Authorizing Contract with Speech Therapist Honora Biche

Public Works Committee:

- No. 16 Authorizing DPW Superintendent to Hire Consulting Firm for Creation of New Local Solid Waste Management Plan
- No. 17 Authorizing a Just Compensation Award Regarding Property Acquisitions Required for the Installment of a Bridge NY 2021 Replacement Bridge Located on Big Brook Road over Big Brook in the Town of Indian Lake
- No. 18 Approval of Expenditures for Construction of County Road Fund Project for 2024
- No. 19 Approval of Expenditures for Installation of OMNTEC Proteus Tank Monitoring System at Indian Lake Fuel Depot

Correspondence:

Herkimer County Legislature – No. 272 Resolution Urging New York State to Keep the Alger Island Campground and Fourth Lake Day Use Area Open

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2024 NYSAC FALL SEMINAR

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the Fall Seminar in Monticello, N.Y. September 9 – September 11, 2024, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Supervisors and County Officials be granted permission to participate in the above mentioned Conference and that the actual and reasonable expenses of the officers attending such meeting shall be a County charge and be audited by this Board in the same manner as other County charges.

AUTHORIZING TRAINING REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, it has been determined that training for the Board of Supervisors and the County Department Heads regarding personnel matters would be beneficial, and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Girvin of Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC has extensive experience with public & private labor and employment law, be it

RESOLVED, that Mr. James Girvin be hereby hired to provide training for the Board of Supervisors and the County Department Heads at a rate of \$215.00 per hour not to exceed \$2,500.00.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY SYSTEMS EAST, INC. FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX COLLECTION

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY

WHEREAS, the proposal to provide application software and support services to the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, as well as the towns and school districts, for their tax collection has been submitted by Systems East, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office is satisfied with the services and support received from Systems East in the past, and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$176 over last year's agreement has been proposed for a total contract price of \$12,538.00 to cover the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a portion of this contract price will be charged back to the towns and schools at the same level as last year (\$200.00 each), be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement as proposed and the County Treasurer be so notified.

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS - INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget lacks sufficient funds to cover the 2024 expenditures for the Legislative Board, Audit Services Account No. A1010.0401, be it

RESOLVED, that \$500.00 be transferred from Account No. A1990.0401, Contingent, to Account No. A1010.0401, Legislative Board Audit Services, and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS - COUNTY CLERK ADDITIONAL HOURS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Clerk's Office has been busy with foot traffic, E-Filings and E-Recordings, mailed documents, and the training of new staff, and

WHEREAS, all office employees have been willing to work additional hours to complete the work as needed, and

WHEREAS, the account for Additional Hours has been exhausted and the need to continue until the end of the year is likely, and

WHEREAS, there is money available in Account No. A1410.0109 Recording Clerk to transfer to Account No. A1410.0108 Additional Hours, and

WHEREAS, at the recent Central Government Committee meeting, it was agreed that \$5,000.00 could be transferred, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, \$5,000.00 be transferred from Account No. A1410.0109 Recording Clerk to Account No. A1410.0108 Additional Hours and the Treasurer's Office be so authorized.

AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT – NONPARTISAN WORK PLANNING AND OPERATIONALIZING RELIABLE AND SECURE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION IN 2024

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded a grant for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Center for Tech and Civic Life ("CTCL") to support Hamilton County Board of Elections nonpartisan work planning and operationalizing reliable and secure election administration in 2024, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs incurred by the Hamilton County Board of Elections to replace aging voting security booths, several ballot bags, and security seals, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said quote submitted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said Grant Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create Account No. A1450.0415 BOE CTCL Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be totally offset be creating and funding Revenue Account No. A2770.0100 BOE CTCL Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LICENSED DEALERS OF FIREARMS, SUBJECT TO NEW YORK GENERAL BUSINESS LAW §875

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, in June and July 2022, the Governor of New York, Kathleen Hochul, signed into law a 10-bill package that included an entirely new law, housed primarily under NY General Business Law §875 (effective December 5, 2022), and

WHEREAS, NY General Business §875 targets NY-licensed dealers in firearms, which are first required by federal law, to be federally-licensed dealers in firearms (FFL Tupe 01) and/or pawnbrokers (FFL Type 02), to renew that license every three years, and to comply with extensive federal laws passed by Congress since 1968 and signed by Presidents of both Republican and Democratic party affiliation, as well as regulations, administrative rulings, and all guidance documents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("BATFE" or "ATF") and the Federal Bureau of Investigations ("FBI"), and

WHEREAS, NY Governor Hochul caused the new laws to be passed and signed into law without public notification, or input from stakeholders, including, but not limited to federally-licensed dealers in firearms and attempting to preempt existing federal laws and the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors vehemently, adamantly and with full resolve opposes this new law targeting licensed dealers in firearms through NY General Business Law §875, which law does have the capacity to not only cause said dealers in firearms to go out of business, but also to be arrested for any non-compliance and to face state misdemeanor A criminal charges, thus risking also that the citizens of this county and throughout this state would be made unable to exercise their fundamental, first-class rights under the Second Amendment of U.S. Constitution "to keep and bear arms", and, as such, does call for its repeal, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors expresses opposition against Governor Hochul for her disregard of the federal Constitution and Bill of Rights, for the U.S. Supreme Court, and for the Rule of Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors expresses opposition against Governor Hochul for her refusal to partner with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("BATFE" or "ATF") and does call upon Governor Hochul to immediately transfer records of New York state-convicted felons and misdemeanants and other disqualified persons such as illegal aliens as defined at 18 U.S.C. §922(g) to the FBI for inclusion of those disqualifying records into the "National Instant Criminal Background Check System" ("NICS") in order to aid the FBI, the ATF, and federally-licensed dealers in firearms to prevent the illegal sale of firearms to persons disqualified from their ownership, use, or possession under federal law, and be it further

RESOLVED, it is hereby directed that the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors cause a copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to New York Governor Kathleen Hochul, to Acting

Superintendent of the NYS Police Stephen Nigrelli, to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services Roseanne Rosado, and to the NYS Attorney General Letticia James, and, also to the NY Association of County Clerks, and the NYS Sheriffs Association.

AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH RKA ASSOCIATES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services has a responsibility to provide psychological evaluations for Family Court, and

WHEREAS, RKA Associates of Watertown, NY is an agency qualified to complete said evaluations, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with RKA Associates of Watertown, NY ended on July 31, 2024, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract with RKA Associates of Watertown, NY for a term of August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

CREATING AND APPROPRIATING THE 2024 RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Social Services is now administering the Rental Supplement Program, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, now administering the Hamilton County Rental Supplement Program, has determined the need for new accounts to be created, be it

RESOLVED, that the following Rental Supplement Program accounts be created, and the Rental Supplement Program budget be appropriated as follows:

Revenue Account No. A.3689– Other Social Services, Rental Supplement Program be created and funded at \$60,000.00

Expenditure Account No. A.6109.0402 – Social Services, Rental Supplement Program be created and funded at \$60,000.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH LAKE PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools a Clinical Social Worker and/or a Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Lake Pleasant Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) at a total cost of \$10,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with Lake Pleasant Central School for a School Resource Officer for an annual amount of \$10,000.00 to be billed in monthly installments of \$1,000.00 beginning September 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH WELLS CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools a Clinical Social Worker and/or a Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Wells Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of Social Worker Services and one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) at a total cost of \$20,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with Wells Central School for Social Worker Services and a School Resource Officer for an annual amount of \$20,000.00 to be billed in monthly installments of \$2,000.00 beginning September 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH LONG LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and/or a Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Long Lake Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of Social Worker Services at a total cost of \$10,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with Long Lake Central School for Social Worker Services for an annual amount of \$10,000.00 to be billed in monthly installments of \$1,000.00 beginning September 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

INCREASE OF FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

 \mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the funds will be exhausted in Hamilton County Department of Social Services Day Care Account No. A6055.0401 by the end of September 2024, be it

RESOLVED, that Appropriation Account No. A6055.0401, Day Care, be increase by Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4689, Federal Aid - Day Care, by Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN WIC CONTRACT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, Agency # 12000, requests the renewal of the Contract No. DOH01-C38237GG-3450000 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to provide Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC) Services, for the period of October 1, 2024—September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the grant year overlaps the 2024- 2025 County Budgeted fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$53,800.00), and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2024 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2025 Municipal Budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Contract with the NYS WIC Program, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SPEECH THERAPIST – HONORA BICHE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

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, 2024 through September 30, 2025 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, 2024 through September 30, 2025 at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE CONSULTING FIRM FOR CREATION OF NEW LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY

WHEREAS, in 2012 Hamilton County submitted an updated Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for comment, and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the County received comments on the draft plan from NYSDEC which required the plan to be updated to meet the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 366, and

WHEREAS, based on the extensive and prescriptive updates included in the 2017 regulations and the subsequent 2023 revisions and the age of the existing draft plan the DPW Superintendent recommends that the County prepare a new LSWMP for NYSDEC approval, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. of Syracuse, NY (B&L) who prepared the 2012 LSWMP update as well as the shared services study in 2019 and is therefore very familiar with the County's existing solid waste management system, has submitted a proposal for the preparation of a new LSWMP at a cost not to exceed \$29,200.00 without written authorization from Hamilton County which will include preparing a draft for NYSDEC review and comments, assisting with responses and incorporating all revisions based on NYSDEC comments into a final version of the LSWMP which will then be submitted to NYSDEC along with the draft, and

WHEREAS, after meeting with the Public Works Committee the DPW Superintendent recommends accepting the proposal from B&L to prepare a new LSWMP, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends creating an account specifically for the project, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement subject to County Attorney approval with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. of Syracuse, NY to create Hamilton County's Local Solid Waste Management Plan that will include plan submittal to the NYSDEC for approval not to exceed \$29,200.00, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve creating an expenditure account specifically for the LSWMP at \$29,200.00 and to transfer \$29,200.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A8161.0407 Solid Waste Management Plan, and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

AUTHORIZING A JUST COMPENSATION AWARD REGARDING PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS REQUIRED FOR THE INSTALLMENT OF A BRIDGE NY 2021 REPLACEMENT BRIDGE LOCATED ON BIG BROOK ROAD OVER BIG BROOK IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has requested authorization for a just compensation award in the amount of \$4,000.00 regarding property acquisitions required for Bridge NY 2021: Big Brook Road over Big Brook Bridge Replacement, Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, PIN 2754.69, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has indicated that a determination was made by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., that the acquisition of right-of-way is necessary for the project which extends beyond existing right-of-way limits, and

WHEREAS, the County is required to refund to property owners the property taxes paid on the parcels to be acquired by the County for the period between the date of possession of the acquired property by the County and the end of the respective tax periods, and

WHEREAS, the tax refund amounts are calculated as likely being in the range of \$1-5 per parcel or less, and

WHEREAS, the possibility exists that NYSDOT might insist upon the refund of taxes no matter how small the amount, the Superintendent requests authorization for additional moneys to cover tax refunds not to exceed \$100.00, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Chairman is authorized to execute a just compensation award in the amount of \$4,000.00 regarding property acquisitions required for Bridge NY 2021: Big Brook Road over Big Brook Bridge Replacement, Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, PIN 2754.69 as follows –

- Parcel 65.020.1-11 \$500.00
- Parcel 65.020.2-11.1 \$1,900.00
- Parcel 65.020.1-12 \$900.00
- Parcel 65.020.2-12 \$700.00

be it further

RESOLVED, that County Treasurer is authorized to make payment from Account No. H1.5112.0207 Big Brook Bridge, to the property owners for the property acquisitions as well as the tax refund that may be owed and the DPW Superintendent, Director of Real Property Tax Service and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECT FOR 2024

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

\mathbf{BY}

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2024 highway budget the sum of \$1,300,000.00 for the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2024 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 \$162,036.00 for the construction of the following project:

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 \$162,036.00, for the construction of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does authorize Town & County Bridge and Rail of Albany, New York to replace the guide rail under Rensselaer County Contract RFB 24-12 pricing and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR INSTALLATION OF OMNTEC PROTEUS TANK MONITORING SYSTEM AT INDIAN LAKE FUEL DEPOT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County operates six (6) fuel depots as part of the county's fuel consolidation initiative, and

WHEREAS, one of the current tank monitoring sensors is inoperative at the Indian Lake site and needs replacement, and

WHEREAS, the current tank monitoring system in Indian Lake is aging and more expensive to maintain than the systems installed in the later phases of the fuel consolidation project, and

WHEREAS, R.M. Dalrymple Company who services all of our fuel depot systems has provided a quote to replace the existing tank monitoring system with OMNTEC Proteus Tank Monitor System including installation of all new sensors, probes, cables, and any other associated items at a cost of \$16,048.62, and

WHEREAS, after meeting with the Public Works Committee, the DPW Superintendent recommends that the existing tank monitoring system at the Indian Lake Fuel Depot be replaced with a new OMNTEC Proteus Tank Monitor System to be installed by R.M. Dalrymple, be it

RESOLVED, that Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the expenses of the replacement of the tank monitoring equipment and installation performed by R.M. Dalrymple Company, Inc. at a cost of \$16,048.62 and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.