

2024

SEVENTH SESSION

JULY 3, 2024

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 an opening prayer.

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

Arietta	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian E. Wells
Inlet	John Frey (<i>via ZOOM</i>)
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	ABSENT
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney, Jodie Small-Treasurer, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, Carl Widmer, CPA for Drescher & Malecki, Caitlin Stewart, HCSWCD District Manager and Karen Fernandez-Town of Morehouse Constituent

A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 20th and March 8th, 2024 by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that the IDA met, and the contract is executed for the workforce housing project at Oak Mountain. There are 2 cabins at Oak Mountain and the remaining 3 are tentatively being delivered at the end of the month. They are working on the lease agreement with the attorney and trying to get that finalized. The 2 cabins when they are ready, hopefully in August, will be available to the County first to have temporary housing for potential employees as an incentive. If the County doesn't use them, they will be open to the Towns and Village.

Mr. Rhodes stated that they are making progress with the Inlet tower site. Working towards Hamilton County being on tower 2 and Herkimer and Inlet on tower 1. The interference study was complete and that came back good. That will actually save on the combiner that we removed from last month's meeting. It was a \$85,000 combiner. We will save that and an additional contract with Inlet Fire. The Inlet shelter is set to arrive at the Inlet Highway Garage on the 11th and Tracy

Eldridge, County Highway Superintendent, is willing to help work on the preparation of that while it's there. It will be moved up to the tower site when the slab is done.

Mr. Rhodes stated that he walked the tower site in Arietta with a Forester to determine tree heights and future growth to try to support our request for the tower height. She wrote a letter of her findings and backed it up with a research paper written by Aaron Weiskittel which was published 7 years ago. Mr. Weiskittel is a professor of Forest Biometrics and Modeling at the University of Maine. He is also Director of the Center Research on Sustainable Forests. We will be resubmitting that permit application including that letter. We will also be proposing the monopine tower to help with the substantially invisible requirement from the APA. We are going to leave the tower height as we originally proposed and hopefully that letter will keep us from having to come back in 7 to 10 years and try to raise the tower.

Mr. Rhodes stated that for the Morehouse tower site we are waiting for a bridge design to cross a small stream. Lenny Croote from Soil and Water is going to help along with Mr. Eldridge, County Highway Superintendent, and Andy Bell, County contracted engineer, to come up with a design. We have addressed the other APA issues with wetland on this site.

Mr. Rhodes stated that with the Hope tower we are waiting for a letter of commitment from Fulton County. They want to be on that tower as well. We have done the interference studies, and they came back looking good. We also did coverage maps as per request from the APA to lower the antenna and there was a noticeable difference between heights. We are going to reapply at the original ask of tower height and justify that with the coverage maps as well as having another County on the tower.

Mr. Rhodes stated that while dealing with EMS issues he wanted to go back to the discussion on Committee Day about occupancy tax. He feels we should think about moving forward with that. It could be dispersed to the towns to help fund the added expense for EMS coverage or they can use it for whatever they see fit. He stated that he doesn't know how it works to divide that up but it should be part of the plan. Just to reiterate the taxpayers aren't going to be paying that tax. It is very rare that we would be staying at local hotels and we pay it everywhere else we go. The Chairman confirmed with Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, that the Governor hadn't signed the state bill.

Ms. Hunt stated that there is a local law on the agenda for Internal Management. She is looking for support of that to increase the Personnel Officer's salary.

The Chairman stated that at this time he would be holding the Public Health Committee report and asked for Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Tomlinson to please step out of the room.

Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Tomlison left the meeting.

The Chairman stated that the Public Health Committee had reviewed a complaint, and the report was done by the County Personnel Director. They accepted her findings. They would be moving forward with that. The County Attorney recommended that the Board formally accept the report.

Mr. Rhodes made a motion to accept the report that the Personnel Officer submitted, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Tomlinson returned to the meeting.

Ms. Bain: Stated that she would like to reiterate what Mr. Rhodes said regarding the bed tax. She thinks it's a great idea and there are ways that they can do it that would help each individual town. She gave the example of doing a 5% tax. 2% going to the County for administration and 3% could go to each town depending on how much total is collected within that town. Then it could be a special project that they could use for their own town that the taxpayers and everyone would be able to use and benefit from. She did mention it at her town board meeting. Her Board is in favor of it. The Chairman stated that there is going to be a huge discussion on this but would defer to Mr. Baker. He asked Mr. Baker if there were any percentages put in for Assembly or Senate recommendation. Mr. Baker couldn't recall. The Chairman stated that there was the potential of doing it and the Governor has not signed off on it so she can change it. Mr. Rhodes stated regarding the bill that was presented to the Governor, wouldn't that deal with sales tax and not occupancy tax? The Chairman stated that it was occupancy tax also. Mr. Rhodes stated that the sales tax was an issue at one point but it didn't move forward. Ms. Bain thought that the report she read that week was sales tax. Mr. Rhodes agreed stating that they are trying to be able to charge sales tax on the Airbnbs and VRBOs. Ms. Bain stated that was correct. Mr. Rhodes thought that the occupancy tax was something different. The Chairman stated that the County has to have an occupancy tax in order to be in the program. Mr. Rhodes stated then that is more of a reason to move forward.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had met with Mr. Eldridge that morning and discussed some future projects for Public Works. One of the projects is the cold storage building. There is a resolution on the agenda for a new plow truck. Mr. Eldridge had decided to go with the one they had in stock because the one ordered would take too long to arrive. He is going to keep that bid. He asked for the Boards support for the resolution.

PRESENTATION:

Drescher and Malecki, LLP – Audit Report

Carl Widmer introduced himself as working for Drescher and Malecki. He is here to report on the County's audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

A handout was given to the Board for them to follow along with. His presentation included:

- Products of Our Audit
- Auditor Communications
- County Road Fund – Revenues/Transfers In and Expenditures/Transfers Out with a 5-year graph
- Total Fund Balance – County Road Fund with a 5-year graph
- Road Machinery Fund – Revenues/Transfers In and Expenditures/Transfers Out with a 5-year graph

- Total Fund Balance – Road Machinery Fund with a 5-year graph
- General Fund - Expenditures and Transfers Out with a 5-year graph
- General Fund – Revenues and Transfers In with a 5-year graph
- Total Fund Balance - General Fund with a 5-year graph
- Real Property Tax in Proportion to General Fund - Total Revenue with a 5-year graph
- Net Sales Tax in Proportion to General Fund-Total Revenue with a 5-year graph
- Unassigned General Fund Balance to Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out Ratio with a 5-year graph

Mr. Widmer left after his report.

PRESENTATION:

The Chairman introduced Caitlin Stewart, HCSWCD District Manager.

Ms. Stewart stated that she is here to share some of their summer programs and events. Before she shared that information, she recognized Mr. Rhodes and because of his numerous commitments to town and county committees, especially Emergency Management he has stepped down from the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. At their last Board meeting and Town of Arietta's Board meeting they recognized him with a resolution and also a certificate of appreciation. She took time to highlight the resolution and asked the room for a round of applause. She stated, with the County Board's approval, Soil and Water is excited to welcome Ms. Hunt to serve as their Supervisor Representative.

Ms. Stewart discussed their annual water testing program. Decades ago, the Village of Speculator did not want to oversee this program and they came to the District to ensure its continuation. Businesses and owners can find out if their drinking water is safe as well as their swimming water. Test kits are available at the office as well as select town offices. Soil and Water partners with Mohawk Valley Water Authority of Utica. They are Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) certified. She further discussed what that means. She stated that Soil and Water is the delivery service for the water tests dropped off by businesses and landowners.

Ms. Stewart stated that Adirondack Waterfest is back. This is returning to Hamilton County on Friday, August 2 from 10AM to 2PM at the Speculator Pavilion and she is hoping many of the Supervisors can attend. Technician Katie WhitKovits is diligently working to host a fun filled event that is guaranteed to be a splash of a good time for people of all ages. Kayaking on the Kunjamuk will include a trivia portion. They have purchased huge inflatable otters, beavers and loons. There are going to be cards on each with a trivia question. They have partnered with the Camp Store. The District is paying to rent out kayaks and stand up paddleboards that will be available free for all attendees. People can kayak, do trivia and they will offer them a prize. She further discussed some of the other activities like the Utica Zoomobile. She stated that this event was possible because of the Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLOWPA). The District receives an annual allocation from FLLOWPA and the Board of Directors supported \$8,000 to host this event. She recognized her staff and thanked the Board for their continued support. The Board thanked her. The Chairman confirmed that she had received

his email and that she would be at the Blue Mountain Lake Association meeting regarding the Blue Mountain Lake Water Watch.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 202-24

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF HEALTHCARE WORKER BONUS OVERPAYMENT

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has found an overpayment of Healthcare Worker Bonus funds received in 2023, and

WHEREAS, it was required to complete a Healthcare Worker Bonus Overpayment Self-Disclosure report to the New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General has issued a Remittance Advice in the amount of the overpayment, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to create Account No. A1325.0413 Healthcare Worker Bonus Overpayment and fund said account by transferring \$1,614.75 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make payment in the amount of \$1,614.75 from Account No. A1325.0413 Healthcare Worker Bonus Overpayment to:

NYS Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
Bureau of Collections Management
800 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12204

and the Personnel Officer so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 203-24

**AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024 – A
LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THE
COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICER**

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2024 entitled, “A Local Law to Provide an Increase in the Compensation of the County Personnel Officer” be and the same is hereby introduced to the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the said proposed Local Law at the County Office Complex, Route 8, Lake Pleasant, New York, on the 1st day of August 2024, at 10:45 AM, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the County of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2024

**A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THE
COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICER**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. As per Section 201 of County Law, the Board of Supervisors can only increase the salary of a county officer who is elected for a fixed term or appointed for a fixed term, in the middle of that term of office, if Section 24 (2)(h) of the Municipal Home Rule Law is complied with. In keeping with that compliance, Local Law No. 2 of 2024 is hereby enacted setting the annual salary for the County Personnel Officer at \$62,290.92 effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days from the date of adoption by the Board of Supervisors unless a petition is filed in accordance with Municipal Home Rule law, and after filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 204-24

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH FULTON COUNTY FOR IT SERVICES -
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County entered into an agreement with Fulton County for providing server and support services for the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and other services as necessary/mutually agreeable for Hamilton County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections is recommending continuing to contract with Fulton County for IT Services, and

WHEREAS, Fulton County has made a proposal for a new contract for the server support services which includes: Operation and maintenance of the BOE server(s), Remote access to BOE systems in the event of an emergency, Regular backup of BOE Data, Remote and, if necessary on-site support for PC's to access BOE software, Assistance with certifying compliance with NY State Cybersecurity regulations for \$8,500.00 annually for support, server operation, and backups, billed immediately and on-site of \$60.00 per hour, plus mileage at the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate at the time of service, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the associated cost is hereby determined to be a professional service, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into contract with Fulton County, for said services for a term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 205-24

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT – TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION
AND ELECTION RESOURCE (TIER) GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant BOE01 – T004363 – 1110000 in 2021, for an amount up to \$6,850.77, term of contract 04/07/2021 to 01/27/2023, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/07/2021 to 03/31/2025, for the amount up to \$26,824.62, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the original Master Grant and the term extension of the Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant BOE01 – T004363 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. A3089.1000 BOE TIER Grant.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 206-24

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT – ABSENTEE BALLOT PRE-PAID
POSTAGE GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant BOE01 – T004588 – 1110000, in 2022 for an amount up to \$11,201.75, term of contact 07/01/2022 to 12/31/2022, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 01/28/23 to 03/31/2025, for the amount up to \$22,403.50, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the original Master Grant, and the term extension of the Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant BOE01 – T004588 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. A3089.1100 BOE Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 207-24

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received a new 5-year agreement from the Unified Court System for security services to the courts of Hamilton, and

WHEREAS, the contract begins on April 1, 2024 and ends on March 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, the contract stated in pertinent part, “All subsequent periods of the contract, the maximum compensation and where necessary new staffing schedule for that period are to be established by mutual written agreement of the parties.”, and

WHEREAS, the State Unified Court System has provided a proposal wherein the period of the contract begins on April 1, 2024 and ends on March 31, 2025, the maximum compensation for the period is Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) and the Hamilton County Sheriff provides an attendant staffing schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff has provided an Attendant Staffing Schedule to the State Court System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute an agreement with the New York State Unified Court System to provide Court Attendant Staffing by the Hamilton County Sheriff for the maximum compensation of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the period of time beginning on April 1, 2024 and ending on March 31, 2025.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 208-24

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH MICHELLE KELLY TO INSTRUCT YOGA CLASSES 2024-2025

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service maintains an agreement between Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging to provide services for Hamilton County residents under a Community Services Contract code A.6780 10 470, and

WHEREAS, this contract has been submitted for renewal for the period August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025 in the full amount of \$3,313.00, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Kelly of 219 Lake Snow Road, Indian Lake, NY is a certified Yoga Instructor and wishes to contract with Hamilton County to instruct Yoga Classes, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025 and compensated at a rate of \$40.00 per class plus mileage at the current county rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Michelle Kelly to instruct Yoga classes to the residents of Hamilton County, for the period August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025 at a rate of \$40.00 per class plus mileage upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 209-24

INCREASE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES BUDGET

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, \$5,000.00 was budgeted for Early Intervention program services in the 2024 budget, and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the Early Intervention caseload causing a budget shortage, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A4059.0401 EI Program Fees by \$5,000.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A1621 EI Fees for Svs-3rd Prt by \$5,000.00.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes asked if there was any end in sight for this. Ms. Bain didn't think so. Ms. Bain stated that there was another family that got evicted in Indian Lake and she just received a text stating that the County was able to find a place for the individual out of county that would give a special rate for a month. Mr. Rhodes confirmed that this was all part of this transfer.

RESOLUTION NO. 210-24

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, funds will be exhausted in the Hamilton County Department of Social Services Appropriation Account No. A6119.0401, Foster Care, during the month of July, 2024 due to a residential foster care placement, and

WHEREAS, funds will be exhausted in the Hamilton County Department of Social Services Appropriation Account No. A6070.0402, Services for Recipients, before the end of the 2024 Budget year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made:

From: A6109.401 Family Assistance	\$ 100,000.00
To: A6119.401 Foster Care	\$ 80,000.00
To: A6070.402 Services for Recipients	\$ 20,000.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 211-24

FULTON COUNTY INFORMATION SERVICES CONTRACT – PROBATION

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department began contracting with the Fulton County Information Services Department to provide hosting and IT services for their Caseload Explorer Program on October 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department wishes to continue receiving this service, and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County IT Department is willing to continue this service at the same rate of \$2,800.00 per year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract between Hamilton County Probation Department and the Fulton County Information Services Department for \$2,800.00 per year, effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 212-24

RATIFYING THE 2023 ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR BRIDGE/BUILDING REPAIR & PNEUMATICALLY PROJECTED CONCRETE

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 83-23 was adopted by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awarding a bid for and authorizing the contract for Bridge/Building Repair & Pneumatically Projected Concrete with R & B Construction LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ethics received a complaint regarding certain projects under said contract, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ethics has recommended the contract be ratified by the Board of Supervisors in a public meeting in accordance with Section 14 of the Code of Ethics, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for Specification No. 1-2023 Bridge/Building Repair & Pneumatically Projected Concrete be awarded to R & B Construction LLC at the following amounts for all locations as per the requirements of the Hamilton County Highway Superintendent:

Randy J. Bascom, Owner
R & B Construction, L.L.C.
1094 Bulls Head Rd.
Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010

A. Foreman W/equipped field truck	\$100.00
B. Carpenter/Iron Worker	\$ 90.00
C. Laborer	<u>\$ 98.00</u>

Total \$288.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent, County Attorney and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

ABSTAIN: SNYDER

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman asked Mr. Tomlinson if he knew what vehicle this was. Was this in Long Lake? Mr. Tomlinson thought that it was.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-24

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ADIRONDACK TRUCK REPAIR, LLC –
INSURANCE REPAIR**

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Vehicle #120 – 2015 Mack Granite was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Adirondack Truck Repair, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2015 Mack Granite, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$41,381.06 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$41,381.06, and be it further

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

Adirondack Truck Repair, LLC
375 Big Bay Rd.
Queensbury, NY 12804-7854

for Invoice #39595 in the amount of \$41,381.06 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. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 214-24

AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL ROAD PROJECTS

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for Capital Road Projects for 2024 was set and adopted for \$1,300,000.00 for Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, and

WHEREAS, that amount is estimated by the County Highway Superintendent in September of the previous year based on previous allocations of State CHIPS funding for highway projects and the actual amount is set after the State Budget is adopted, and

WHEREAS, the actual adopted State Budget for 2024-2025 for Hamilton County from the state CHIPS, Pave NY, Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR) and Pave Our Potholes (POP) funds for the State fiscal year 2024-2025 is set at \$1,388,367.24 including rollover funds, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends that the County Board of Supervisors amend the 2024 appropriation for capital projects from \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,388,367.24 for 2024 County Highway Projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 budget appropriation for Capital Road Projects Account No. D5112.0202 be amended from \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,388,367.24 and also increase Revenue Account No.D3501.0000 Consolidated Highway Aid from \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,388,367.24 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and 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, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 215-24

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

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

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 \$40,000.00 for the construction of the following project:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 5 Town of Benson	
Co. Rd. No. 6A – W. Stony Creek Rd., HMA Base @ 20 ft.	
Approx. 0.15 mile.....	\$40,000.00
Account No. D5112.2544	

and

WHEREAS, the above designated roads and bridge 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 allot and appropriate from Account No. D5112.202 Capital Projects, the sum of \$40,000.00, for the construction of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 216-24

AUTHORIZING HOURLY RATE ADJUSTMENT OF DPW EMPLOYEES - BLASTING

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee and Internal Management Committee to recommend an hourly rate adjustment for DPW employees licensed to use explosives for blasting as follows -

Christopher Mitchell, - from \$5.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour when performing blasting projects
William Rehm – from \$5.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour when performing blasting projects

and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Internal Management Committees recommend these adjustments, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Personnel Officer is authorized to adjust the employees as stated hereon effective immediately and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 217-24

**AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE TANDEM DUMP TRUCK
WITH PLOW EQUIPMENT FOR 2024**

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works department has had a tandem truck with plow equipment ordered since December of 2022, and

WHEREAS, this said truck will not be delivered in 2024 and the Superintendent has located a tandem truck that will be available in a few months from TENCO Industries under Sourcewell Contract Pricing #062222-AGI-5, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has met with the Public Works committee to discuss the need to purchase a tandem in 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Public Works recommends purchasing the said vehicle as follows –

1 – 2024 Western Star 49X with Tenco plow equipment and Beau-Roc Stainless Dump body - \$313,765.00 delivered

be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for the said 2024 Western Star 49X from TENCO Industries, 5700 South Lima Road, Lakeville, NY for a total of \$313,765.00 delivered, and the Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer, and Public Works Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor: the Chairman thanked both Mr. Rhodes and Ms. Hunt for doing this. He appreciated it.

RESOLUTION NO. 218-24

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, Chris D. Rhodes, Supervisors' Representative has resigned, therefore creating a vacancy, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has received from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District a recommendation that Beth Hunt be appointed as Supervisor Representative to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, be it

RESOLVED, that Beth Hunt be appointed as Supervisors' Representative to the Board of Directors for the remaining term commencing July 3, 2024 terminating December 31, 2024.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 219-24

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. SNYDER:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$ 104,134.02 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$ 54,001.77 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. Tomlinson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

RESOLUTION NO. 220-24

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2023-1 JULY 2023 FLOODING

DATED: JULY 3, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$ 300,123.64 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 37,414.66
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	38,357.12
Finance Committee	35,699.10
Health Committee.....	17,571.86

Human Services Committee.....	83,676.80
Central Government Committee	43,340.09
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	43,126.48
Internal Management Committee	937.53

be it further

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

July 2023 Flooding Capital Project 2023-1.....	\$ 6,930.00
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are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY AND ARSENAULT

Other Reports:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that the Sheriff has a 10-day letter requesting 2 deputies and is looking for the Board’s support. The one deputy is going to be available pretty quickly, as soon as he gets the background checks done. The other one has a vacation and needs to give notice to his employer. Hoping to have one start at the beginning of August.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had spoken with Mr. Eldridge about projects. He already has been approved to do carpet in the Treasurer’s Office but was also wondering about the Board Room. Would that be okay with everyone to move forward? He really wanted to go out in the hallway when he does the Treasurer’s Office. Mr. Tomlinson thought it should be done at this point and possibly do some painting. Ms. Hunt and Mr. Tomlinson further discussed the Treasurer’s project regarding tile and a countertop. Mr. Tomlinson stated that Mr. Eldridge was trying to find a carpet installer on NYS contract.

The Chairman reported that the Inter-county meeting is going to be July 25th in Indian Lake. The Clerk of the Board will be handling the logistics. The tentative schedule is to meet at the Indian Lake Theater. There was discussion on doing an EMS film and then go over to the new business in Indian Lake, Axes & Irons. Lunch will be catered by another new business in Indian Lake. He is looking to showcase 3 different businesses in Indian Lake. The Supervisors are invited. The Clerk of the Board stated that she would be sending the information to the Board and the Chairman stated that he looked forward to seeing the Board there.

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