

2011

NINTH SESSION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

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

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

Arietta	Richard A. Wilt
Benson	Ermina M. Pincombe
Hope	Robert Edwards
Indian Lake	Barry J. Hutchins
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Neil P. McGovern
Long Lake	Clark J. Seaman
Morehouse	William G. Farber
Wells	Brian Towers

Also present: County Attorney, Elizabeth Mangle and Pete Klein

A motion was made to accept the minutes of August 4, 2011 by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. McGovern. Carried.

Public Comment: Elizabeth Mangle, District Manager, Soil & Water Conservation District gave handouts to all the Board members on what they have been doing this summer. She wanted to highlight that they have been working on some invasive species. Also a reminder the Conservation Field Days are coming up this month.

Ermina entered during Elizabeth's presentation.

Elizabeth left after her presentation.

Report of Standing/Special Committees:

Rick reported that he looked at the tanks that Tracy purchased and they look as good as new.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated enough of a core group should attend so they can cover the concurrent sessions. This will be an interesting year for counties with the Tax Cap. It is not clear what the Tax Cap really means; an example is the

exemption for the State Retirement is not an increase of over 2% of what you are going to have to pay, it is if the rate increases more than 2%.

The County Attorney stated that a number of County Attorneys have grouped together to ask the Attorney General for an opinion on the Tax Cap.

Neil agrees that something needs to be put out to the people to explain.

The Chairman continued to discuss the Tax Cap.

RESOLUTION NO. 216-11

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2011 NYSAC FALL CONFERENCE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the Fall Conference in Lake Placid, N.Y. September 21, 2011 – September 23, 2011, 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.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained that after several meetings that they did agree to raise it to cover our costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 217-11

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH NEW
YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR SECURITY SERVICES – APRIL 1,
2011-MARCH 31, 2012**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has executed Contract No.C-200407 between the New York State Unified Court System and Hamilton County for security services to the courts of Hamilton for a period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2014, 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 subsequent period of the contract begins on April 1, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2012, the maximum compensation for the period is Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) 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-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) for the period of time beginning on April 1, 2011 and ending on March 31, 2012.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 218-11

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST – ANN
BEGEAL**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

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

WHEREAS, Ann Begeal, 128 Tannery Road, Northville, New York 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, Ms. Begeal is often requested to be present at patient care plan development meetings especially for children's programs and has requested reimbursement for these meetings, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 and

WHEREAS, Ms. Begeal will be compensated at a rate of \$75.00 per treatment visit and \$50.00 per patient care plan development meetings plus mileage at the current county rate, for services provided within the Certified Home Health Agency, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Begeal will be compensated at the current programmatic rate approved by New York State Department of Education for services rendered under the Preschool Education Program (mileage included in rate) which is \$75.00 per half hour session, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Begeal will be compensated at the current programmatic rate approved by New York State Department of Health for services rendered under the Early Intervention Program (mileage included in rate) which is \$63.00 per half hour session, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Ann Begeal, SLP to provide treatment for speech and language pathologies to the residents of Hamilton County, for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 at a rates delineated above and upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained that we thought we had the full-time position filled, but we don't. This will cover the gap.

RESOLUTION NO. 219-11

AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE – CHHA

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide nursing services to the residents of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Home Health Agency has an opening for a nursing position which may not be filled immediately, and

WHEREAS, members of the existing nursing staff are being reassigned to fill vacant Public Health functions, and

WHEREAS, there is a Registered Nurse available to work in the Certified Home Health Agency on a per diem basis for a year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Health and Patient Services is authorized to extend employment of Sherry Warner as a Temporary Registered Professional Nurse at the Registered Professional Nurse Grade 16/Step 4 (\$25.91 per hour) rate, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 for a total number of hours not to exceed 325 hours, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4010.113 Temporary Registered Professional Nurse continue to be used as created by Resolution No. 141-11 and the Personnel Officer be so notified and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 220-11

SNOW AND ICE CONTRACTS WITH TOWNS FOR THE 2011-2012 SEASON

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 135a of the Highway Law provides that the County Highway Superintendent may contract with any town in the County for the removal of snow and ice from and the County roads and for sanding or otherwise treating said roads, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent be authorized to contract with the various towns of the County, upon approval of the County Attorney, for said purposes for the period of:

November 1, 2011 – October 31, 2012

and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 221-11

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND FUEL
STORAGE TANKS**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. TOWERS:

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the removal of three (3) underground fuel storage tanks, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent solicited written proposals for oversight during the excavation/removal of the said tanks per New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, and

WHEREAS, the proposals would include the following items –

Aid in removal of tanks
Clean tanks so they can be discarded
Dispose of tank bottoms and oil (accumulated sludge) (two barrels)
PID meter on sight
Closure letter to NYSDEC
Two (2) soil samples

and

WHEREAS, the County will perform all excavating, backfill and discarding of any petroleum contaminated soil if any, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent received the following proposals –

1. Yocums Service	Estimate \$7,600.00
2. Paragon Environmental construction, Inc.	Estimate \$10,625.00
3. PrimeTime Services, Inc	Estimate \$5,600.00

and

WHEREAS, PrimeTime Services proposal did not include removal of sludge and soil samples for the said removals, and

WHEREAS, when contacted PrimeTime was not willing to estimate the cost of the remaining items, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends moving forward with the removal of the said tanks using Yocums Service of Marcy, NY to provide oversight during the removal process, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the Highway Superintendent to hire Yocums Service for the removal of the said tanks for the estimated amount of \$7,600.00 and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 222-11

**AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A BACKHOE
WITH GRAPPLE ATTACHMENT FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department is in need of replacing the backhoe located at the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, 2011 Case Backhoes with attachments are available for purchase on State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends and is requesting approval to purchase said backhoe with grapple attachment under State Contract pricing, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent is authorized to order said backhoe with attachments under New York State Contract pricing at a cost of \$98,971.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment for said backhoe be taken out of the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve when the backhoe is delivered and accepted by the Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

**AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS**

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated he was very encouraged that one of the outcomes from the meeting with the Senators in Long Lake was that Senator Gillibrand's Office did this legislation to help address some of our Broadband needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 223-11

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVES ACT OF
2011"**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was fortunate to have both U.S. Senators in Long Lake for an Economic/Community Sustainability forum, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to said forum Senator Gillibrand forwarded legislation to the County for review designed to assist with Broadband, and

WHEREAS, this legislation "Rural Broadband Initiatives Act of 2011" is intended to deal with the significant broadband issues which Senator Gillibrand has become aware of as she has traveled rural New York, and

WHEREAS, the County has shared said legislation with DANC and Clarkson for feedback, and

WHEREAS, the County appreciates the rapid response from Senator Gillibrand, and

WHEREAS, the legislation appears to be directed towards the exact issues which were discussed with Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby records its support for the "Rural Broadband Initiatives Act of 2011", and be it also

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Gillibrand, Senator Schumer, and Congressman Owen.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman wanted to make sure that everyone has seen the announcement. We need to make sure we are prepared to move forward as soon as we receive the contracts.

RESOLUTION NO. 224-11

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR A \$123,000
SMART GROWTH GRANT AND IMPLEMENT OF SAME**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized an application for Smart Growth funding for the Adirondack Partnership, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded \$123,000, and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Community Housing Trust (ACHT) has agreed to administer said grant, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that he Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute all the necessary agreements and paperwork to obtain the \$123,000 Smart Growth Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Adirondack Community Housing Trust for administration and implantation of said grant, with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that ACT has been very supportive.

RESOLUTION NO. 225-11

ACCEPTANCE OF ACT FUNDING AND CONTRACTING WITH JACK DRURY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Partnership will have its initial meeting on September 8, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is the municipal sponsor of the Adirondack Partnership Smart Growth Grant, and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Community Trust (ACT) has agreed to provide \$1,000.00 in funding to cover facilitation of the first Partnership meeting, in anticipation of implementing the \$123,000 Smart Growth Grant, and

WHEREAS, Jack Drury is willing to contract with Hamilton County to develop the meeting agenda, issue identification, organizational structure, etc., as well as facilitate said meeting for \$1,000, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreement with ACT to access the \$1,000 in funding, and be it also

RESOLVED, that retaining Jack Drury in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 is hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to ACT and Jack Drury.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman explained that Ann is very happy to get someone to administer a region wide Smart Growth Application so we can focus our efforts on Hamilton County and get in line with what the region is doing. The Regional Councils will be asked to weigh in on some of the grant applications. We will have to think about what and how we apply for and align that with what is happening at the Regional Council level. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION NO. 226-11

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PRE-APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011
CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE OFFICE
OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has identified the need to assist small businesses as its most critical community development need, and

WHEREAS, the County contains a substantial number of microenterprises with five or fewer employees, one or more of whom is the owner, in need of assistance for purchasing of inventory; procurement of machinery, furniture, fixtures and equipment; operating capital, and

WHEREAS, many of these microenterprises employ or are owned by low and moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, financial assistance is needed to support entrepreneurship and business expansion leading to the creation of jobs for low and moderate income persons within the community, and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program funds, combined with private investment, will create an affordable financing mechanism for business owners interested in starting a business or improving an existing microenterprise establishment in the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes, Chairman William Farber to sign and submit a pre-application for up to \$200,000 to the Office of Community Renewal for a microenterprise grant program targeting businesses County-wide, to act in connection with the submission of the application, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. McGovern asked for background. The Chairman explained the first request was because she didn't know because she was an heir to the property.

RESOLUTION NO. 227-11

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BACK TAXES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. WILT:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been contacted by Kathy Johnson Thornton, owner of record of property located in the Town of Wells, with parcel ID# 130.014-1-14 concerning the 2008 and 2009 back taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Board accepted her explanation of delinquency and approved acceptance of the back taxes by the County Treasurer by Resolution No. 119-11 for payment in June. Kathy was not able to meet that obligation and contacted the County Treasurer of the situation, and

WHEREAS, Kathy Johnson Thornton has submitted a second written request with explanation of the money she has saved for the taxes and that she will have the remaining by September 30, 2011 and asks that she be allowed this extra time and apologizes for not being able to keep the original agreement, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept payment of the taxes owed in the amount of \$2,487.00 with an administrative charge of \$500 for a total of \$2,987.88, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors understands the magnitude of Kathy Johnson Thornton's circumstances but the September 30, 2011 date is the final date that taxes will be accepted by the Treasurer and there will be no additional opportunities authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Ms. Pincombe asked if this was what they had discussed last year and the Chairman stated yes. We discussed this last fall, met with the vendor and we put it in the budget. Because of the cost and our procurement policy we need a resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 228-11

**AUTHORIZING UPGRADE OF ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE –
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer met with the Finance Committee and discussed the merger of EOS and KVS and the upgrade needed for the accounting system, and

WHEREAS, the funding for said upgrade is in the Treasurer's 2011 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to expend up to the following amounts for the upgrade of the County Accounting System:

KVS (software)	\$27,110.00
Pyramid Business Systems, Inc. (hardware)	\$15,000.00

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 229-11

**CREATING AND FUNDING ACCOUNTS FOR COLLECTION OF LAKE PLEASANT
CENTRAL SCHOOL TAXES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 208-11 adopted August 4, 2011 authorized the County Treasurer to be the Collecting Officer for the Lake Pleasant Central School District taxes for the 2011-2012 School Tax Year for a fee of \$10,150.00, be it

RESOLVED, that Appropriation Account No. A1330.401-LPCS Tax Collection be hereby created and funded at \$10,150.00 to be totally offset by the creation of Revenue Account No. A2210.100-LPCS Tax Collection funded at \$10,150.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated this position was discussed in Committee; they wanted to start it at part-time. Kim did inform them that there will be an interim period that she would need coverage for. Kim spoke with Tracy and the Chairman, and confirmed that the Building Department could work with one less staff member so that Bonnie Barton could fill the gap.

RESOLUTION NO. 230-11

AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CLERK AND CHANGING THE FULL-TIME CLERK POSITION TO A PART-TIME CLERK POSITION IN THE PERSONEL OFFICE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the Personnel Office is in need of a temporary clerk to cover the office for the period of September 7, 2011 through September 16, 2011, during the absence of the Personnel Officer, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has consented to Bonnie Barton to covering the office during this period, 7 hours per day, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has money in her budget to over this period, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on August 22, 2011 and discussed the hours of the clerk position in the Personnel Office from September 17, 2011 forward, and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended decreasing the hours of the clerk position to part-time, be it

RESOLVED, that for the period of September 7 through September 16, Bonnie Barton is hereby authorized to work 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (7 hours per day) to fill in during the Personnel Officer's absence, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the full-time clerk position be changed to a part-time position effective September 17, 2011 with a decrease in hours from 30 to 21 per week and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 231-11

**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 1, 2011

BY MR. FREY:

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 Hamilton County Tourism Director and Tourism Committee have 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 the Hamilton County Tourism Director be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to submit an application to the New York State Department of Economic Development, Tourism Matching Funds Program, NYS Division of Tourism, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12245, Attn: Diane Kinnicutt, Director, for matching funds in an amount up to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) to be used for the promotion of tourism in Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Ann Melious, Tourism Director, 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 Tourism Department 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 Hamilton County Department of Planning, Tourism and Economic Development be the duly designated tourist promotion agency for the County of Hamilton for the fiscal year 2011/2012 and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

**AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS**

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 232-11

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE RICK GODIN FOR ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY EDITING**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. MCGOVERN:

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 123-11 adopted May 5, 2011, photographer Rick Godin has spent two days in Hamilton County capturing video and still images on dates selected by the Director of Planning, Tourism and Community Development, expending the approved amount of \$2,400, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Planning, Tourism and Community Development has unexpended funds in its publicity miscellaneous fund, and

WHEREAS, the Director believes that video editing and further photography during fall foliage season would benefit the county's publicity efforts, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Planning, Tourism and Community Development is hereby authorized to hire Rick Godin for a half day of foliage shooting and a full day of video editing, plus expenses such as mileage and edit DVD's in an amount not to exceed \$1,600, to be paid from Publicity budget line 6410.4040A upon satisfactory completion of the work and presentation of invoices, and be it also

RESOLVED, that this Resolution only authorizes and pertains to the expenses incurred directly by the contractor, Rick Godin, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, the Clerk of the Board, and the Director of Planning, Tourism, and Community Development be so notified.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 233-11

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED PUBLICITY FUNDS TO THE
ADIRONDACK REGIONAL TOURISM COUNCIL FOR A SNOWMOBILE CO-OP
ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN WITH WARREN AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is an important source of winter commerce in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council has traditionally coordinated a cooperative advertising campaign, including publication of a snowmobile map of the Adirondacks that Hamilton County takes to travel shows, as well as television advertising from mid-November through mid-December, and

WHEREAS, sharing the cost of snowmobile promotion with other nearby counties such as Franklin and Warren makes good economic sense, and

WHEREAS, the total number of counties participating in this cooperative has shrunk over the past several years, with the resulting shrinkage in budget, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Planning, Tourism and Community Development budgeted \$12,000 for "Unanticipated Opportunities" that has not been expended, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that \$10,000 be paid from Publicity budget line 6410-4010-A to the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council, Inc., PO Box 911, Lake Placid NY 12946, for the purpose of promoting snowmobiling.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 234-11

APPROVAL OF AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2011 MERIT PAY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has instituted a merit system for county employees, and

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee met on August 22, 2011 to review merit evaluations, be it

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 236-11

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

BY MR. HUTCHINS:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$180,794.36 by the following committees:

Building Committee	\$11,171.01
Solid Waste Committee	40,974.28
Finance Committee	43,314.56
Health & Human Services Committee.....	56,272.09
Central Government Committee	24,059.61
Publicity, Tourism, Economic Development & Planning Committee.....	1,878.11
Internal Management Committee	3,124.70

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: WILT, PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, HUTCHINS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN,
FARBER AND TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Hutchins thanked the County Departments for their reactions and actions to the storm, especially Public Health and the Highway Departments.

The Chairman stated the County Departments worked extremely well.

Mr. Towers stated that he met with the Chairman to discuss FEMA money. They did have some erosion problems, some property washed away. The Chairman stated the President did declare New York as a disaster. The process will be the same every time there is a federally declared disaster. FEMA evaluates the amount of damage to determine whether or not county by county you meet the threshold. Then people that have had damage have the possibility of being eligible.

Mr. McGovern stated he was under the impression that when the President declared, he paired down the number of counties, not the entire State. The Chairman stated his understanding is once he declares it, then they do an evaluation county by county of the damages. FEMA has a fiscal formula that they use and at that point it becomes a straight forward process of including or excluding counties.

Mr. McGovern: A reminder there will be a picnic Sunday 9/11/11 in Remembrance of 9/11/01.

The Chairman: Discussed communications during the storm. There were some miscommunications that need to be worked out and he will be working on this over the next couple of weeks.

The budget work sheets have gone out to the departments, he will be setting up meetings with the larger departments to discuss. When he sets up the meetings he will notify the Board members in case they are interested in attending.

The Chairman reported that he has reached out to Fred Monroe for a resolution on the Lows Lake classification. If anyone passes a resolution please pass it on to AATV and the County.

Mr. McGovern asked who they should talk to at the State regarding the APA Chairman status. The Chairman stated the Senators. Get them to keep pushing the administration to get this done, the Governor's Office also. He discussed further.

The Chairman handed out information on a hearing on codes.

The Regional Workforce Investment Board has applied to bring AmeriCorps into our area, putting one in Hamilton County, for prevention, job readiness etc. Our only expense would be to make sure that person had the ability to commute to Plattsburgh for the monthly meetings. County costs \$2,000.00 for 900 hours which figures to be a little over 20 hours a week for one year.

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Carried.