

2024

FIFTH SESSION

MAY 2, 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	ABSENT
Indian Lake	Brian E. Wells
Inlet	John Frey ( <i>via ZOOM</i> )
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney and Carole Ruiz – Personnel Officer

A motion was made to accept the minutes of December 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 and January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that over the last month they have discussed the tower NIPAs (Notice of Incomplete Permit Application). APA is requesting the usual explanation of why the County is doing it and what the benefit would be along with trying to lower the Arietta and Hope sites. For Morehouse we are trying to delineate wetlands the way the APA wants to see it. For Arietta we are going to go ahead and get new coverage maps for a little bit lower tower to see how much loss of coverage we will have. He is hoping we can leave it at the original height proposed. We have been in touch with foresters to determine the existing tree height and how it is going to increase to justify the height that the County is asking for. These are private foresters that we can get an opinion from. Mr. Rhodes stated that because the tower is backlit, it is required to be camouflaged, so that means it would need be a monopine tower which is a little more than twice as expensive as a regular tower. He stated that he thinks we have enough justification to keep the height as originally proposed for the Hope site. Attorney Jacqueline Murray will write a narrative to explain why the County can't lower it. We have also been working on locating and procuring a shelter for the Inlet Tower site. Mr. Frey is supposed to be getting approval from his Board.

Mr. Rhodes stated that they had met with Sue Collins from National Grid. She seemed very willing to improve communication between the County and National Grid. There was a discussion on what went well and what could be improved from the last few outages. He stated that the Sheriff and Tim O'Neill, Emergency Services Manager, had mended this relationship and feels that it will go smoothly going forward.

They met with RS Telecom to discuss inventory, the East Mountain generator and installing cameras on the East Mountain site with remote access for the County's use. This is something the past Emergency Services Director lost and wasn't able to get back. This is another relationship that the Sheriff and Mr. O'Neill had mended.

They met with SLIC to discuss options to connect our 911 dispatch center with Fulton County's. They also discussed utilizing SLIC for internet and new phone systems for all the County facilities. SLIC is working on pricing and Mr. Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, and Lisa Johnson, Deputy Highway Superintendent, are helping with the details for phone and internet. Mr. Rhodes stated that SLIC is in the County basement and they also have a dark fiber run to Wells. The County has an agreement with SLIC that the County gets free service to Wells. The current term is up July 1<sup>st</sup> so the County has to either start paying SLIC \$300 per month or subscribe to \$500 or more of their services.

Mr. Rhodes stated that they worked with the Sheriff regarding compensation for the merger between Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Office. The resolution had been sent out for review and has been modified slightly. Personnel is making sure that the titles exist and are legitimate. The Sheriff has been working on a chart depicting the chain of command in his office.

The Chairman stated that an AATV group, that he is a part of, will be meeting with Barbara Rice, APA Executive Director, to discuss towers. Mr. Rhodes stated that is good because they aren't budging very much.

Mr. Frey stated that he had permission from his Board to negotiate on getting a shelter for the tower in Inlet.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that there was one resolution on the agenda for Internal Management that was discussed at Committee. It is to increase the hourly rate for exam monitors. She and Carole Ruiz, Personnel Officer, have discussed looking at the rules and revisions. They will be working on that in the near future and hopefully take care of some titles.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated that the Treasurer's Office filed the annual report on time with the Comptroller's Office. If anyone is interested in getting a copy the Treasurer has it in pdf and can email it.

Mr. Arsenault stated that the Treasurer and the Real Property Tax Director are attending Finance School. Some of the things discussed will be foreclosures and ARPA Fund deadlines. The 2024 Assessment Rolls are complete and with the Town Clerks. Tax Mapping is working on a project with the Sheriff's Office. It's creating map layers to delineate law enforcement agency response

zones to load into the dispatch system. They are also adding GIS for landmarks such as parking lots and trailheads.

Mr. Arsenault stated that in Tourism the Birding Festival is filling up. The Northville Lake Placid 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning is starting to fill in nicely with bands, vendors and activities.

Mr. Arsenault stated that they have some loan applicants for the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board funds. County partners are meeting with ROOST this month to introduce Trisha Hosley, ROOST Tupper Lake and Hamilton County Regional Manager, and Melinda (Mindy) Miner, Economic Development/Tourism Admin Asst, to the team. Tourism wrapped up the broadband project on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The IDA annual audit was completed with no issues and was reported on time. Christy Wilt, Economic/Tourism Director, also wanted to let everybody know that Jim McKenna's, Retiring CEO of ROOST, retirement party is May 15<sup>th</sup> in Lake Placid.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that since the Committee meeting, he had met with the Public Health (PH) Director and the personnel that were involved in the original complaint that the Personnel Department had dealt with and recommended additional training. He advised them that the training would take place. It needs to happen soon because the nurse wants to return to work. There are a couple of online programs, through the County insurance carrier, for them to look at. Mr. Fernandez stated that he took them. He thought they were helpful and applicable to what is needed. The staff was told they had to take the class before the nurse returned. They also discussed that the RN would also have to take the class before she returned. He told the staff that when she returns it has to be a safe environment and move on from there. He also told them that there would be additional training that they are working on. He stated that the PH Director wanted him to be there when the RN returned, probably to have the same conversation he had with the other employees. He was open to it but he didn't know how the Board felt. He doesn't want to open himself to be her personal representative, but he does understand that he should tell the employee the same thing that he told the other staff. The County Attorney stated that it would be nice to have someone welcome her back. Mr. Fernandez asked the Personnel Director to bring the Board up to speed on where we are with the RN returning because he doesn't think we have gotten anything back. Ms. Ruiz confirmed that and stated that she would be emailing her again. She and the County Attorney agree there should be a phone call to the doctor. She is going to reach out to her again to ask and try to get those notes. She could return soon. Mr. Fernandez stated that the PH Director is away presently. She asked that if the RN was coming back then she would rather she came back no earlier than next Tuesday so she could be there and make sure things go according to plan. Mr. Fernandez stated that if the RN all of a sudden said she could come back Monday or tomorrow then they would have to pay her because they would be the ones asking her to wait. Mr. Arsenault stated that it made sense that if she can come back before the Director comes back then the County has to pay her. Ms. Bain also agreed.

Mr. Fernandez further stated that another RN has had a medical issue and will be out 4-6 weeks and another RN is retiring. The retiring RN has been out of work due to some personal issues. The new RN has just started and is brand new so she can't go out in the field alone. She has been out in the field with the Clinical Manager doing training. The PH Director has asked that the temporary Medical Records Clerk be extended. There is a resolution on the agenda to extend her. She also requested that she be permitted to work more than 1 day a week for the next 3-month

period extension. The Personnel Director did the calculations and there is enough in the budget for her to be able to work an additional 104 hours for that 3-month period. They will inform the Director she has to abide by the 104 hours that she has left. In addition, there is another resolution to hire a per diem nurse. The Department needs help right now. Mr. Fernandez stated there is money in the budget, they are transferring \$11,000 to cover the per diem position.

Mr. Fernandez has also reached out to Attorney Jay Girvin, and he is still open to doing some training. He also discussed with Mr. Girvin that they were working on a 60-day timeframe because of the resolution passed regarding the training and he said he could accommodate that. Mr. Rhodes asked where they are with the Director of Patient Services position. Mr. Fernandez stated that it is still open. Mr. Rhodes stated that he would love to see that filled. Mr. Fernandez stated that it had been discussed and he feels that it's going to have to come from here. The Chairman asked the Personnel Officer if there was still an ongoing ad. Ms. Ruiz stated that it's not ongoing in the paper but she has been relisting it on Indeed and promoting it on Facebook. She felt advertising in the paper was not a good use of money but gave the option of running it once a month. The Board agreed that it doesn't do anything in the papers. Mr. Fernandez asked if the County had ever used a headhunter. Ms. Ruiz stated that they had at one time. Mr. Arsenault stated that they had done that with the Community Services Director position. Discussion was had regarding bringing in a person part-time while the position is being advertised. Mr. Rhodes stated that there is a job fair in Fulton County at the Community College. Mr. Fernandez stated that when he had the conversation with the PH Director, she indicated that the new RN would be somebody that might be molded into that position, but that would take time. A discussion was had regarding the qualifications needed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Clerk of the Board stated that this is the grant that we extended because they didn't get the mobile home done in time. The project is done now. The County did not spend all the money, and we are writing off about \$51,000. This is something to discuss when the County applies again. The County ended up doing one home improvement project and one mobile home replacement. Mobile home replacements are easier due to the lack of contractors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-24**

**FUNDING NYS CDBG PROJECT # 500HR311-21**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County was awarded NYS CDBG Project # 500HR311-21 in the amount of \$297,603.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been fully expended, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fund the following accounts:

Revenue:

CD.4089 Federal Aid, CDBG-Housing Rehab Grant #500HR311-21           \$220,461.74

Expenditure:

CD.8668.0401 Community Development, Rehab Loans and Grants       \$220,461.74

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Clerk of the Board explained the process. The state requires that the check is issued within 5 days of receiving the money. It is pass through money. Once the claim is submitted and approved by the state, the funding is sent to the County. This allows the County Treasurer to issue the check within the 5-day requirement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 153-24**

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER TO DISBURSE FUNDS FOR NYS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS FOR HOME REHABILITATION**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, NYS Community Development Block Grants for home rehabilitation require that state funds received from said grants must be disbursed within five days of the County receiving them, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse funds received from NYS Community Development Block Grants for home rehabilitation upon receipt of said funds.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-24**

**MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$72,064.29, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$72,064.29 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$3,067.50
Benson	375.00
Hope	1,515.00
Indian Lake	19,504.29
Inlet	10,749.00
Lake Pleasant	12,413.10
Long Lake	14,504.00
Morehouse	455.50
Wells	7,116.50
Village of Speculator	2,364.40

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the respective sums so appropriated to the Supervisors of said Towns.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 155-24**

**AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF HOURLY RATE FOR EXAM MONITORS**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has reviewed the exam monitor rate and has found that it has not been increased in many years, and

WHEREAS, there is adequate money in the budget to have an increase, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the hour rate from \$15.00 an hour to \$18.00 an hour effective immediately, and

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 156-24**

**AWARD OF ANTENNA MOUNTING FOR BLUE MOUNTAIN TOWER – SI19-1010-E00**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office solicited for bids for Antenna Mounting for Blue Mountain Tower, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received as follows:

1. Mid-State Communications  
185 Clear Road  
Oriskany, New York 13424

Total Cost Proposal: \$26,212.61

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors award the bid for Antenna Mounting on Blue Mountain Lake Tower to Mid-State Communications of Oriskany, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to purchase said service from Mid-State Communications in the amount of \$26,212.61 with funds coming from Account No. A3645.0422 SI19-1010-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 157-24**

**RESCINDING RES. 81-24 AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE IN-CAR SIERRA WIRELESS ROUTERS WITH ANTENNA AND WARRANTY – STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT SI21-1050-E00**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received a grant from New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) in the amount of \$1,126,497.00, Contract No. C197759, for a new communications system, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-24 authorized the purchase of seven Sierra Wireless XR80 Routers with car antennas, cables and warranty from BRITE, and

WHEREAS, one requirement of the grant contract is to purchase items from a certified women owned business, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received a quote from Mason Technologies Inc., a certified women owned business, to purchase the same items from Resolution 81-24 under NYS Contract PT68719 in the amount of \$15,962.45, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No 81-24 be rescinded and the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of seven Sierra Wireless XR80 Routers with car antenna, cables and warranty from Mason Technologies Inc, 517 Commack Road, Deer Park, NY 11729 in the amount of \$15,962.45 with the funds coming from Account No. A3645.0427, Statewide Communications Grant SI21-1050-E00.

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

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



NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 158-24**

**AUTHORIZING AND FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT – FY2021 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE  
TEAM GRANT – CP21-1031-E00**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant for FY21 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant CP21-1031-E00 program in the amount of \$15,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used for the enhancement of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Explosive Detection Canine Team with the purchase of equipment and training aids, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said FY2021 Explosive Detection Canine Team grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0431 CP21-1031-E00 at \$15,000.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0135 CP21-1031-E00 at \$15,000.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Fernandez stated that she will be changing her hours but there is a time limit on it. The Director of Public Health will be notified on what that time limit is.

**RESOLUTION NO. 159-24**

**TEMPORARY MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK – PUBLIC HEALTH**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Cindy Hansen retired from Hamilton County Public Health in May of 2023 where she worked as our Medical Records Clerk, and

WHEREAS, Cindy has worked temporarily as a medical records clerk since January 8, 2023, and done an exceptional job auditing medical records and chart compliance, and

WHEREAS, Patricia Hawley has retired as our medical record consultant, be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Health Director is permitted to extend Cindy Hansen as a Temporary Medical Records Clerk for 3 months from 4/5/24 through 7/5/24.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 160-24**

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE  
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PURCHASE OF  
2025 ROAD TRACTOR DPW – SOLID WASTE**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator was authorized to order a road tractor from Lucky's Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc., DBA Dimmick Group Peterbilt under Sourcewell Contract #060920 pricing, and

WHEREAS, the said tractor has been delivered and the purchase price with extended warranty is \$211,741.00, VIN# 1XPCD40X4SD698791 and this tractor will be a charge to the Solid Waste Division, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$211,741.00 from the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve to Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure for the said purchase of the road tractor, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to make payment to Lucky's Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc., 5636 Horatio Street, Utica, NY 13502 in the amount of \$211,741.00 out of Account

No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Equipment Reserve Expenditure and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 161-24**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PURCHASE OF 2025 ROAD TRACTOR DPW –  
HIGHWAY**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator was authorized to order a road tractor from Lucky's Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc., DBA Dimmick Group Peterbilt under Sourcewell Contract #060920 pricing, and

WHEREAS, the said tractor has been delivered and the purchase price with extended warranty is \$211,741.00, VIN# 1XPCD40X3SD718707 and this tractor will be a charge to the Highway Division, be it

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to make payment to Lucky's Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc., 5636 Horatio Street, Utica, NY 13502 in the amount of \$211,741.00 out of Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 162-24**

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE ON VARIOUS  
COUNTY ROADS 2024**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2024 highway budget the sum of \$400,000.00 for HMA for maintenance of County Roads, and

WHEREAS, there are roads that need to have Hot Mix Asphalt overlay treatments to keep the road in overall good condition, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the approval of the following locations to have pavement maintenance completed:

County Route 6, Benson Road, Town of Benson	
Approx. 0.6 miles .....	Est..... \$100,000.00
County Route 12 – Cedar River Road, Town of Indian Lake	
Approx. 2.4 miles.....	Est..... \$205,000.00
Total estimate for all mileage	\$305,000.00

and

WHEREAS, purchase costs estimates are under New York State Contract or Piggy Back Contracts from other County’s pricing which are subject to Escalation/De Escalation and above costs are based on estimates of current pricing, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the said paving projects and funds be taken from Account No. D5110.0404 Asphalt and Emulsion in the estimated amount sum of \$305,000.00 as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 163-24**

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

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

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 \$900,000.00 for the construction of the following projects:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Indian Lake  
Co. Rd. No. 4 – Big Brook Rd., Improve drainage, recycle base and HMA Base & Top @ 21 ft.  
Approx. 0.4 mile.....\$150,000.00  
Account No. D5112.2540

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Arietta  
Co. Rd No. 24 – Old Piseco Road, Improve Drainage, recycle base, HMA Base @ 20 ft.  
Approx. 1.6 miles.....\$300,000.00  
Account No. 5112.2541

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 3 Town of Wells  
Co. Rd No. 8 – Griffin Road, HMA overlay Base @ 20 ft.  
Approx. 2.2 miles.....\$225,000.00  
Account No. 5112.2542

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 4 Town of Hope  
Co. Rd. No. 21 – Maple Grove Road, HMA overlay Base & PPST Top @ 20 ft.  
Approx. 1.0 miles.....\$225,000.00  
Account No. 5112.2543

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. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, the sum of \$900,000.00, 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 Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

Mr. Arsenault asked what equipment is going to be purchased with the explosive detection canine grant. Mr. Rhodes stated cages for cars, vests, collars, and training devices.

RESOLUTIONS: *(Continued)*

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that he wasn't sure if they were going to Wells this year. He confirmed that they finished Lake Eaton with Mr. Arsenault. Ms. Hunt stated that the town had a lot.

**RESOLUTION NO. 164-24**

**AUTHORIZING STATE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation is administering the New York State Septic System Replacement Program, and

WHEREAS, the funding for Round 4 available to Hamilton County is \$200,000.00, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Second Amended and Restated State Septic System Replacement Program County Participation Agreement, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Hamilton County Soil & Water as the implementing entity to implement this grant program in Hamilton County.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes stated that Mr. Arsenault had asked him about this and that it had changed since it went out Tuesday to make it work better with the budget and titles. Also, so it's clear that it's retroactive and it starts February 24<sup>th</sup> for the Sheriff and February 26<sup>th</sup> for the Confidential Secretary. The Clerk of the Board stated that they originally used the title Coordinator. The Personnel Officer found that there is a Director Part-Time position as a county position and there never was a full-time position created for the last Emergency Services Director. It was decided to change Tim O'Neill from the 10-day letter approval as Director to Manager over Fire and EMS Coordinators. The Personnel Officer will have to create the title Manager Part-Time. The Deputy line was renamed and used the funding that was already there. The Confidential Secretary's transfer appears low because she was up for a step this year. Mr. Arsenault confirmed that the Board didn't need to pass a local law. The Clerk of the Board stated that there was discussion about extra duties that are added and aren't part of their constitutional job that this Board can take away. She explained how she doesn't include Budget Officer in the salary Local Law for Real Property Tax Director, nor does she include STOP DWI Coordinator in with the Sheriff. The County Attorney confirmed that was fine.

**RESOLUTION NO. 165-24**

**MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPENSATION**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors placed the responsibilities of the Emergency Management Office under the County Sheriff with Resolution Number 93-24, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has had time to monitor this transition and has met with the Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Response Committee to discuss compensation of the individuals taking on the duties and responsibilities of this new merger, and

WHEREAS, Tim O'Neill has had duties removed to accommodate the additional time requirements of his Emergency Services position, be it

RESOLVED, that Tim O'Neill's title be changed to Emergency Services Manager-PT, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to rename Account No. A3640.0101 Emergency Services Manager-PT, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Sheriff will be paid a yearly stipend of \$15,000.00, to be prorated for 2024, and to be paid biweekly, for the position of Emergency Services Director-PT effective February 24, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to rename Account No. A3640.0104 to Emergency Services Director-PT and to transfer \$9,136.00 from the

Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A3640.0104 Emergency Services Director-PT, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Carrie O'Neill, Confidential Secretary – Sheriff, be promoted to Grade 9 with the salary set at \$70,664.54 effective February 26, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to transfer \$1,140.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A3110.0107 Sheriff, Confidential Secretary, and be it further

RESOLVED, and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so authorized and the County Sheriff be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Fernandez stated that he had been notified that Ms. Hunt's retirement date is May 31, 2024. The Chairman stated that it looks like the County should be advertising again. He also told Mr. Fernandez that he appreciated him stepping up. Mr. Fernandez stated that he thought Ms. Williams was leaving around the same time. Mr. Rhodes thanked Mr. Fernandez as well and stated that he was doing a great job.

**RESOLUTION NO. 166-24**

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE - CHHA**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

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

WHEREAS, the Certified Home Health Agency has multiple Registered Professional Nurses on medical leave, and

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



RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Health is authorized to retain Jeffrey Kaiser, RN as a Temporary Registered Professional Nurse at a rate of \$40.50 per hour, effective May 6, 2024 – August 2, 2024 for a total number of hours not to exceed 273 hours, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A.4050.0126 Temporary be hereby funded by transferring \$11,060.00 from Account No. A.4050.0103 Registered Professional Nurse to Account No. A.4050.0126 Temporary and the Personnel Officer and Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

### **RESOLUTION NO. 167-24**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 102-04 of May 6, 2004, Tracy Eldridge was appointed County Highway Superintendent for a term of four years, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 127-08 of May 1, 2008, Tracy Eldridge was reappointed County Highway Superintendent for a term of four years, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 143-12 of April 5, 2012, Tracy Eldridge was reappointed County Highway Superintendent for a term of four years, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 123-16 of May 5, 2016, Tracy Eldridge was reappointed County Highway Superintendent for a term of four years, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 132-20 of May 7, 2020, Tracy Eldridge was reappointed County Highway Superintendent for a term of four years, and

WHEREAS, the current term will expire on May 22, 2024, be it

RESOLVED, that by authority of Highway Law Section No 100 and the Civil Service Law and particularly Rule VIII of the rules for the Classified Civil Service of said Civil Service Law, Tracy Eldridge is hereby appointed County Highway Superintendent effective May 23, 2024, for a term of four years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to said Highway Law, Section 100, the salary of said County Highway Superintendent is hereby fixed at the current salary of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$118,888.00) for the remainder of 2024 and the annual salary be set by Local Law at budget time each year payable in equal biweekly installments from funds in the treasury appropriated in the Highway budget and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by All and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Arsenault stated that he had a concern with using Frontier in general. He thought that the hard lines were going by the wayside. It would be worth it to look into Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). He stated how the Town of Long Lake had switched to VOIP and it works well. Mr. Fernandez asked if Frontier had that. The Clerk of the Board stated that she believes that they do offer it, they contract with a company to provide it, the County doesn't have to go through Frontier to use that company. Mr. Arsenault stated that it was a really good move, and they saved a lot of money. The Clerk of the Board asked what Long Lake's backup was when the internet went down. Mr. Arsenault stated that he thought they had one phone line in their office. The Clerk of the Board stated that Vector One had ideas about backing up. Mr. Arsenault stated that it was something to keep in mind.

**RESOLUTION NO. 168-24**

**AUTHORIZING ONE (1) YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FORERUNNER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR MITEL 5000 PHONE SYSTEMS IN INDIAN LAKE AND LAKE PLEASANT**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owns two Mitel 5000 phone systems purchased from Frontier in 2014 and installed in Lake Pleasant and Indian Lake in 2015, and

WHEREAS, Frontier will not enter an extended maintenance agreement and stopped providing any support for the Mitel 5000 systems as these systems will be considered 'end of life' by manufacturer in June 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have maintenance, hardware, and software support in place for the existing Mitel systems while Hamilton County explores new phone systems, and

WHEREAS, Forerunner Technologies, Inc, 150-M Executive Drive, Edgewood, NY 11717, can provide said support through the Sourcewell Unified Communications 120122-MBS Contract for Mitel, and

WHEREAS, Forerunner Technologies has agreed to provide maintenance, hardware, and software support through a maintenance agreement for each system that covers parts and telephone support for Mitel 5000 components, both software and hardware including updates, and replacement of all defective parts at an annual cost of \$2,233.00 for Indian Lake and \$2,301.00 for Lake Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the agreement for Forerunner Technologies, Inc., to provide said services according to Sourcewell Unified Communications 120122-MBS pricing, and the DPW Superintendent and Public Works Committee recommends entering into a one (1) year maintenance and service agreement for each location beginning on May 3, 2024 and ending on May 2, 2025 with an option to renew for one more year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve Forerunner Technologies, Inc to provide maintenance, hardware, and software support of the Mitel 5000 System at each location for one year at a combined cost of \$4,534.00 with the funds coming from Account No. A1620.0413 Buildings Project and the DPW Superintendent be so authorized and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 169-24**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR TRAILER – DPW**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. ARSENAULT:**

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 136-24 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) 2024 Nitro Trailer from Premier Powersports, LLC for use by the Public Works Department, and

WHEREAS, the trailer ordered was delivered, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has inspected the said trailer and confirms it is accepted and meets specifications and recommends payment for said trailer, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Premier Powersports, LLC, 510 Palmer Ave., Corinth, NY 12822 in the amount of \$11,286.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment and the Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 170-24**

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD  
CULVERT PROJECT – COUNTY ROUTE 4, BIG BROOK ROAD**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Big Brook crosses County Route 4 near the intersection of CR4 and Hutchins Road in the Town of Indian Lake through a culvert, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with Andrew Bell, P.E. at this culvert location to discuss the condition of the culvert, and

WHEREAS, after the Superintendent and the engineer met, they both agree that a rehab of the said culvert is in the best interest of the County at this time, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the appropriation of \$80,000.00 for the rehabilitation to include but not limited to Pneumatically Projected Concrete work, Ready Mix Concrete and new Guide Rail for the following culvert project:

COUNTY CULVERT PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Indian Lake  
County Route 4, Big Brook Road over Big Brook.....\$80,000.00  
Account No. D5120.2002

and

WHEREAS, the above culvert is owned by Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that \$80,000.00 be transferred from the Account No. D5112.0203 Bridge Projects to Account No. D5120.2002 for the rehabilitation of the above designated project as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the said transfer and Clerk of the Board and County Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-24**

**AUTHORIZING DEPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, certain vehicles/equipment have become excess and no longer needed by certain County Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has recommended that the following vehicle be disposed from the County inventory:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Plate#</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>FN</u>
2015	Chev. Tahoe	1GNSK3EC1FR298125	N/A	Sheriff	603
1999	Steco Ejector Trailer	1S9EAR2T8X1252959	AB8914	SW	959

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicle and equipment be sold by auction online by Auctions International and the funds from the auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. A2665 Sale of Equipment for vehicles, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator see that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are accomplished, and the Fleet Coordinator, Director of Fixed Assets, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-24**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$119,866.30 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$33,741.38 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 Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 173-24**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT 2022-1 BIG BROOK BRIDGE**

**DATED: MAY 2, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$305,639.38 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$29,186.15
Public Works (Solid Waste) Committee.....	22,959.91
Finance Committee .....	152,808.09
Health Committee.....	8,514.59
Human Services Committee.....	16,366.40
Central Government Committee .....	20,764.07
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	54,355.14
Internal Management Committee .....	685.03

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge Capital Project 2022-1..... \$35,176.66

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TOMLINSON AND FREY

Other Reports:

Ms. Bain: Thanked Mr. Rhodes for everything he has done working with the Sheriff's Office.

The Chairman stated that he attended a Board meeting in Johnsbury on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Nursing Home operating as Elderwood is in financial trouble. A few years ago, they had straightened out but now they are having problems again. COVID created problems for them. Johnsbury did a resolution and he asked consensus from the Board for him to write a letter of support for their application. There is a grant that they can get from the state to help them out. The Board agreed.

The Chairman stated that he attended the InterCounty meeting in Warren County. They did a presentation on a regional forensic center. He is trying to get the power point to hand out to the Board. It was very interesting. It would be quite a complex. Dr. Sikirica was there presenting the problems and issues with having autopsies done. It was a very good presentation. He stated that he tries to attend as many as he can. If there are any Board members that would like to be added to the committee, let him know. Hamilton County will be hosting the July meeting. The Chairman is hopeful that everything they have in place will work out nicely.

The Chairman stated that the AATV membership meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the High Peaks in Lake Placid. The registration forms are out. If you don't receive it, let him know. The agenda was also out and he further discussed what was on it.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he just looked at his calendar and he won't be able to be at Public Health on the 7<sup>th</sup> when the RN returns. He will be in Geneva at school. Mr. Arsenault asked if she was definitely coming back on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fernandez had not heard but the PH Director had asked him to be there.

The Chairman stated Adirondack Days are scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Albany if anyone is interested in attending.

The Chairman stated that, if needed, he would be able to be at Public Health on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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