

2024

NINTH SESSION

SEPTEMBER 5, 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>ZOOM</i>)
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, Elizabeth Cooper-ANCA Executive Director, Caitlin Stewart-Soil & Water District Manager, Sheriff Abrams, Carrie O'Neill-Sheriff's Confidential Secretary, Deputy Loomis, Carole Ruiz-Personnel Officer, Brian Hutchins-Retiring Correction Officer and his wife Mary Ann Hutchins

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May 2nd, June 6th, July 3rd, and July 10, 2024 by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

Public Comment:

Caitlin Stewart introduced herself as the District Manager of Soil and Water. She stated that she put an update for the septic system replacement fund on their desks. She wanted to give the Board a snapshot of Rounds 2 and 3 that have been closed out as well as where they are headed for Round 4. At the request of Hamilton County, the Soil and Water Conservation District is overseeing and administering Rounds 2, 3 as well as 4. They have been receiving a lot of inquiries about Round 4. They have been receiving some inquiries from some irate landowners and wanted to make the Board aware of how the septic system replacement fund operates. The Environmental Facilities Corp. provides funding to eligible counties to help landowners and small businesses replace cesspools and septic systems. Program eligibility requirements are established by the EFC not the counties. That is very important to communicate to our land owners as we move into announcing Round 4. The priority geographic areas that are eligible to receive funding for septic system or cesspool replacements are established by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) not the counties. She has fielded 37 inquiries within the month of August. Rounds 2 and 3 the DEC designated Lake Eaton as the priority waterbody. They funded 14 septic system replacement

projects totaling approximately \$110,000. The Conservation District staff time for program administration totaled 91.5-hours and they assisted land owner inquiries totaling 26. They don't receive any administration funds from the state. For Round 4 NYS opened it up to 19 waterbodies and after they designated these waterbodies, the DEC contacted our Conservation District to inquire how many landowners they thought would be eligible. The staff ran the numbers through GIS and determined that 2,015 landowners are eligible for Round 4. The EFC only designated \$200,000 for this round. They are only able to fund 20 projects within those 2,015 landowners that are eligible. The Chairman stated that they could do 20 up to \$10,000 but not 40 up to \$5,000. Ms. Stewart stated that the EFC guidelines are half the project expense up to \$10,000. She stated that to date they have dedicated 139 hours of admin time, and they have responded to 78 landowner inquiries. The Adirondack Explorer did an article and a Facebook post about Round 4 funding. They listed her contact information and now they are being inundated with people who want the funding. They will be notifying landowners by mail if they are eligible and eligibility requirements are dictated by the EFC, if the septic system is within 250ft of one of these priority waterbodies. If it's failing or a drum or barrel in the ground we can administer funding for replacement. They are not ready to launch the program. They have had a very productive summer and they do plan to launch the program December 2024 or in the early months of 2025. She stated that they will mail all the eligible landowners an application. They may receive 2,015 back and from there the staff will have to review all of them, vet them, send out denial/award letters for only 20 projects at a maximum of \$10,000 reimbursement. The landowners will then proceed with their projects. They must pay the bill upfront. This is a reimbursement program. The landowner sends them all the documentation, the canceled checks, the stamped engineered plans and then the staff makes sure all of that information is in order. They will then work with the Treasurer's Office in triggering the reimbursement checks and then the EFC mails the landowner the check. Rounds 2 and 3 only had 138 landowners eligible so the District paid for that mailing expense. The District is wondering if the towns would be open to reimbursing them for this mailing expense because administration is not covered by this grant. Ms. Bain asked if she was asking on a County or Town level. Ms. Stewart stated that she and the Clerk of the Board had a good conversation because not all municipalities are eligible, they think that it may be better for the Towns to reimburse individually. Ms. Arsenault confirmed that 462 for Long Lake was pretty much Raquette Lake. He asked if Long Lake was eligible. Ms. Stewart stated that Long Lake tributaries are eligible but Long Lake itself is not. Mr. Fernandez asked if there were income limits. Ms. Stewart stated that on the application form they are going to prioritize by primary residence. The applicants will check either primary or seasonal residence. She thinks it's important that they are supporting the year-round residents and not necessarily the seasonal residents. Mr. Fernandez confirmed that they don't ask financial information. Mr. Tomlinson asked if it would not be based on need more than anything else. Ms. Stewart stated that it should be absolutely. Mr. Arsenault confirmed that it was just for the mailing. The Clerk of the Board suggested discussing it further on Committee Day. The Board thanked Ms. Stewart.

Elizabeth Cooper introduced herself as the Executive Director of ANCA. She stated that for more than 70 years they have been working to grow the economies of the north country in partnerships with business owners, economic and community development organizations and local leaders like the Board. She is grateful to briefly address them today with some updates of their work in Hamilton County, Adirondack and North Country region in general. She went into the basics about ANCA. She stated that a good example of partnerships here in Hamilton County would be

Center for Businesses in Transition (CBIT). It is a program where they partner with the Hamilton County IDA and LivingADK. Together they work to provide services to small businesses to ensure that they have stable operations today and to prepare them to transition to the next owner when that time comes, preserving critical businesses to the region. They did a study and they have learned that over 80% of business owners in the region are of retirement age. If they don't transition those businesses, they are going to lose those businesses. As a result of this work, they have been able to host 2 college groups, both studying business, in Inlet to get to know the small businesses there and the entrepreneurship opportunities that are available. They are working with several businesses to prepare them to transition to the next owner. ANCA has also supported climate smart and clean energy community program applications. They work to lower cost for residents for energy, for businesses and for localities at the County as well as Indian Lake, Inlet, Speculator and Wells. These Hamilton County successes are part of a larger story which is in their annual report. The annual report includes \$2.6Million for projects to lower energy costs for communities and taxpayers. More than 800 businesses connected with navigator services to lower costs and improve their bottom line. While they have had success here in Hamilton County, she knows there is room to strengthen these relationships and grow services. They stand ready to support efforts to strengthen entrepreneurial food systems and clean energy goals for residents and the community. They hope to engage with the County as they spend the next 9 months working on their new strategic plan that will guide them to their 75th Birthday in 2029. They will share opportunities and let the County know how they can be better partners. They could not do their work across the region without their members. They are so grateful for the longtime membership of Hamilton County who is 1 of 8 counties who have joined as ANCA members. Acknowledging the enormous pressure that the Board is under to present a balanced budget, she will be sharing an opportunity for Hamilton County to renew their membership with the Clerk's Office and Chairman Wells. She hopes that the County will see the value in including the ANCA membership in the 2025 budget. The Board thanked her.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that he had a monthly DANC fiber build meeting. They are progressing with network design, route selection and GIS collection. They just started on structural design and still need to do the environmental assessment, optical design, cable solicitation among other contract obligations. The County Attorney reviewed the facilities and service agreement for the DANC fiber run serving the towers in Arietta and Morehouse. His notes were forwarded to DANC to review and are waiting for the reply. He thanked the County Attorney.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Arietta and Hope tower sites applications were resubmitted to the APA and have already been received and replied requesting more reduction in tower heights along with further coverage studies based on reduced heights. They also want to see a monopine simulation view for the Hope site. The Sheriff and himself are working on this and they will be addressing that. They have a call scheduled Friday with Jacqueline Murray, Hamilton County contracted APA attorney, and C&S Engineering to discuss some options on how they want to proceed. They are not giving much and ultimately, they just don't want to see the towers so obviously that makes the tower less effective. The Morehouse tower site they are still working on the bridge design. Currently looking at mid-October for that. Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, and Lenny Croote, Soil and Water Technician, along with Andy Bell, Hamilton County contracted Engineer,

are working on it. Once they have that design, they can resubmit that site to the APA. The Inlet tower shelter was closed in by the County DPW and is ready to move up to the tower site. The pre-construction meeting for Inlet is scheduled for September 11th and they are hopeful the contractors can get started on that quickly.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Emergency Management grants are in good shape. There have been 4 closed out with an additional one being closed out this month. Everything is going smoothly in the department. Carrie O'Neill, Confidential Secretary, is doing a fantastic job.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the 2 new Sheriff Deputies have both started and they are working out well. The Sheriff is filling his dispatch and correction officer vacancies. He has also discussed differential pay for 11PM-6AM. He will be following the DPW rate which is currently \$1.00 per hour. He has transitioned to 12hour shifts and this is going as expected and ultimately will be a good move. They will be discussing the possibility of a 25-year retirement for the Correction Officers to help recruit and retain employees. They are hoping to have these figures from NYS by the next Committee Day.

The Chairman stated that he would try to call in on Friday. He had spoken with the APA Director, and she understood his concerns but maybe he needs to call her again. We keep compromising and they are going to compromise the County down to 42ft. Mr. Rhodes agreed. He stated that we could try to press them, but we are at the end of another building season and still have to go out to bid. If the Board feels that they have any leverage with the APA or do we just agree with the APA and get towers done? The Sheriff stated that he is reaching out to Assemblyman Smullen and the Senator for help. Discussion continued regarding the difficulty in dealing with the APA. The Sheriff stated that he hopes the local representatives can help. Mr. Rhodes stated that the height with the Arietta Spy Lake site is going to be a big factor in covering Route 10. They do have some coverage for the Sheriff but have no communication in Piseco with portable radios. The Hope tower site is barely visible, but they want to drop it 20ft. The Sheriff stated that he would love to see the justification on the tower on top of Blue Mountain. How did they get that to pass? He stated that the County's proposed towers aren't even a fraction of that. Mr. Arsenault asked what the heights were that we applied for Hope and Arietta. Mr. Rhodes stated that Hope was 150ft and there are only a couple spots where it's noticeable. They resubmitted it back at 150ft because we have another county that will be on it. It will serve 2 counties. The APA wants to drop it to 130ft. The Arietta site they submitted it at 140ft. We met some of their demands and dropped it to 130ft and removed microwave dishes from the tower and offered a monopine. Now they are implying that they would accept 110ft to 120ft but that doesn't do any good for transmitting or receiving. There is limited private property in Arietta that they can make work. The Sheriff stated that they had a Forester do a tree growth study, showing the growth rate. In 10years it is going to be very close to where they are. The Chairman asked Mr. Arsenault if he knew if Newcomb got to put in a 150foot tower. Mr. Arsenault stated that he was going to say that they should do some research to see how tall the one is in Newcomb and Mr. Frey's is in Inlet. The Chairman thought the highest one he heard of was in Newcomb. Mr. Arsenault asked if they knew how high Mr. Frey's was in Inlet. Mr. Frey stated that they had to go to 2 towers. At about 130ft they start having issues. Did they suggest 2 towers to the County? He stated that it's extremely expensive. Mr. Rhodes agreed that it was expensive. According to the engineer they wanted 400ft separation so they would be clearing the whole top of the mountain to get 2 antennas.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that the Personnel Officer is working to fill the positions that the County has open and she is doing a good job.

Mr. Arsenault: Stated he received a summary from Christy Wilt, Tourism/Economic Development Director.

- Tourism had wrapped up the Northville Lake Placid Trail 100. They also sent out the thank you cards.
- Working on snowmobile season. Getting together lodging promotions and map changes for the snowmobile show.
- Working on booth redesign with the new brand.
- October 4th – 6th is a show in Syracuse
- Working with Aurora on the 3-day snowmobile itinerary blog for ROOST
- Leaf Reports for I Love NY
- Starting to work on the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Village of Speculator with the Village and the Historian
- Working a lot with the Regional Planning Board with various projects. They have a meeting coming up to discuss \$1.5Million grant they received from the Northern Border Commission permitting construction, administration and deployment of small cell technology to help close communication gaps.
- North Country Alliance Board has seen an uptick in requests. They also have their final meeting coming up with TechTonic.
- Will be attending the Rural Housing Coalition Meeting in Lake George

Mr. Arsenault stated that Barry Baker, Budget Officer/Real Property Tax Director, is working on the budget items and that the school tax bills are out.

The Chairman stated that the small cell meeting has been set for September 17th at 9AM with Beth Gilles, Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board Director. Mr. Arsenault stated that he would not be here that day. The Chairman asked if anyone would like to attend. It is a project that was started with the previous Supervisor. Unfortunately, he doesn't know what all is involved in it but Ms. Gilles will bring them up to speed and Ms. Wilt knows about it. They further discussed.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that they are continuing interviews for the Public Health Director position. The Committee has been working on that and hoping to have the second round take place within the next couple of weeks. The audit by NYS in the Health Department went well. They are doing interviews for a nurse and an aide. Regarding the uniforms previously discussed there have been some questions about how they are going to do it. He would like to speak to the Nurses and Aides to find out what their preferences are. They will discuss it at the next meeting. He stated that he is looking for the Board's support for resolutions on the agenda.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had met with Mr. Eldridge. The Robbs Creek bridge project has started but the big rainstorm washed out the abutments so NYSDEC had them make some changes. Mr. Eldridge had already bought the steel structure and laminated beams for the bridge and now there are changes. Mr. Tomlinson is looking for the Board's support for the resolution to purchase

a new steel structure and laminated beams. The project is underway but they really need to get that going. He thinks this is being considered an emergency project. He is also looking for Board support for an employee that's reducing their hours to 30 hours per week. He stated that the paving projects are going well.

PROCLAMATIONS:

The Personnel Officer read Brian Hutchins' Proclamation.

*Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation
for Brian Hutchins
On the Occasion of his Retirement
August 31, 2024*

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to Brian Hutchins and to honor him for his twenty (20) years of distinguished service with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Brian began his career with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office on July 12, 2004 as a Correction Officer. He served faithfully in this title for his entire career; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Brian for his dedication to the outstanding performance of his duties during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of this Board to honor Brian Hutchins

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, do hereby commend and honor

Brian Hutchins

for his many years of service and dedication as a Hamilton County employee and extend our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and offer our good wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, have hereunto set our hand to this Proclamation this 5th day of September, 2024.

Sheriff Abrams thanked Mr. Hutchins for 20 years of dedication and devotion.

The Personnel Officer presented Mr. Hutchins with his retirement award.

Mr. Hutchins thanked all the Supervisors for working with the Sheriff and what they have done in the last couple years to raise their pay. It is greatly appreciated and the staff also appreciates it. The Board thanked Mr. Hutchins and applauded.

The Personnel Officer stated that there was one more proclamation but unfortunately, he's not able to attend but she would still like to read William Wilt's proclamation.

*Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation
for William Wilt
On the Occasion of his Retirement
August 20, 2024*

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to William Wilt and to honor him for his twenty (20) years of distinguished service with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, William began his career with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office on July 2, 2002 as a temporary Boat Patrol/Deputy Sheriff until September 9, 2002. He was hired as a part-time Laborer for the County Highway Department from May 5, 2003 to June 30, 2003 at which time he transferred back to the Sheriff's Office. He served as a part-time Boat Patrol/Deputy Sheriff from June 30, 2003 until he was hired full time on July 1, 2004. On February 11, 2004, William passed the Deputy Sheriff exam and then served as a Deputy Sheriff for the rest of his tenure; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its sincere appreciation to William for his dedication to the outstanding performance of his duties during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of this Board to honor William Wilt

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, do hereby commend and honor

William Wilt

for his many years of service and dedication as a Hamilton County employee and extend our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and offer our good wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, have hereunto set our hand to this Proclamation this 5th day of September, 2024

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Ms. Hunt stated that she would be attending. The Chairman and Ms. Hunt asked if anyone else would be attending. Ms. Hunt thought Tracy

Eldridge might be going. The Chairman stated that they are great conferences and it's a great time to network. Unfortunately, he won't be able to go this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 253-24

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2024 NYSAC FALL SEMINAR

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 254-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 255-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 256-24

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS - INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MS. HUNT:

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 257-24

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS - COUNTY CLERK ADDITIONAL
HOURS**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 258-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 259-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors expresses opposition against Governor Hochul for her refusal to partner with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“BATFE” or “ATF”) and does call

upon Governor Hochul to immediately transfer records of New York state-convicted felons and misdemeanants and other disqualified persons such as illegal aliens as defined at 18 U.S.C. §922(g) to the FBI for inclusion of those disqualifying records into the “National Instant Criminal Background Check System” (“NICS”) in order to aid the FBI, the ATF, and federally-licensed dealers in firearms to prevent the illegal sale of firearms to persons disqualified from their ownership, use, or possession under federal law, and be it further

RESOLVED, it is hereby directed that the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors cause a copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, Superintendent of the NYS Police Steven G. James, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services Rossana Rosado, NYS Attorney General Letitia James, NY Association of County Clerks, and the NYS Sheriffs’ Association.

Seconded by All and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 260-24

**AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO EXTEND
CONTRACT WITH RKA ASSOCIATES**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MS. BAIN:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Arsenault asked what this was. The Clerk of the Board stated that this was discussed on Committee Day. Mr. Rhodes stated that it is a program that helps people with their rent. The Clerk of the Board stated that she already had a few people on the list. Mr. Arsenault thanked everyone.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MS. BAIN:

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

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

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

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

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

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 262-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes stated it is \$10,000 a year for 1 day of each and then it mentions \$20,000. He wanted to make sure that he was reading it right. Ms. Hunt stated that it covers 2 things. The Clerk of the Board stated that they are paying for 1 day of the Social Worker and 1 day of an SRO.

RESOLUTION NO. 263-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 264-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 265-24

INCREASE OF FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MS. BAIN:

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 266-24

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN WIC CONTRACT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 267-24

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SPEECH THERAPIST – HONORA BICHE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

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

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

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and compensated at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Honora Biche, SLP to provide speech therapy to the residents of Hamilton County,

for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 268-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 269-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 270-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 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 \$162,036.00 for the construction of the following project:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 6 Town of Wells
Co. Rd No. 8 – Griffin Road, Guide Rail Replacement
Approx. 2,060 feet \$162,036.00
Account No. D5112.2546

and

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does allot and appropriate from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, the sum of \$162,036.00, for the construction of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent, be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 271-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 272-24

RECOGNITION OF SHERIFFS' WEEK

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Hamilton County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first Constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of our original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County, and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well-trained police officers and correctional

officers, using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of “Keeper of the Peace,” and extend into many facets of public service beyond law enforcement and correction, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling the civil process for our courts, and

WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the important services provided to the citizens of this County by Sheriff Karl G. Abrams and the members of the Sheriff’s Office, and do hereby proclaim September 15th to 21st, 2024 to be Sheriffs’ Week in Hamilton County.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 273-24

**AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR AND PURCHASE OF TAIT CONSOLE GATEWAY –
STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT SI19-1010-E06**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 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 \$540,451.00, Contract No. C197915, for a new communications system, and

WHEREAS, the current gateway for the Hamilton County’s radio system has been experiencing issues and is outdated, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received quote number CDI-240821 from Capital Digitronics, 264 Bradford Street, Albany, New York to purchase and install a new Tait Communications Analog Console Gateway 4 Channel which will replace the faulty and outdated Tait Console Gateway for \$10,330.68, and

WHEREAS, the Tait Communications Analog Console Gateway 4 Channel is not offered on New York State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office recommends waiving the County's procurement policy of three written quotes and purchasing the new gateway from Capital Digitronics, because they have been the sole provider for Hamilton County's radio system due to the fact that they have designed and maintained the system for many years, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received noncompetitive procurement approval from DHSES to use Capital Digitronics for repair work in 2024 for up to \$50,000 from the SI19-101-E05, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is authorized to purchase and have installed the Analog Console Gateway 4 Channel with cables and brackets with Capital Digitronics at a cost of \$10,330.68 with funds coming from A3645.0422, SI19-1010-E06.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 274-24

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SINIS DESIGNS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Resolution 243-24 authorized the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango PPV for a patrol vehicle for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, SINIS Designs applied the lettering to designate it as a Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicle on August 29, 2024 and issued Invoice No. 1374 in the amount of \$1,000.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse to SINIS Designs, \$1,000.00 from Account No. A3110.0401 Sheriff Patrol Car Expense for the payment of Invoice No. 1374.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 275-24

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (HMGP) DR-755 for Hamilton County with the amount to be determined by DHSES at the time of award, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff to complete and submit said grant application by the deadline of September 13, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 276-24

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR
2023 DODGE DURANGO – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received a 2023 Dodge Durango from the Hamilton County Fleet Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, said vehicle needs to have ancillary equipment installed such as but not limited to emergency lights, sirens, etc., and

WHEREAS, the County has received written quote number 00192006 for the installation of the ancillary equipment from JPJ Electronics, 1 W. Whitesboro St., Yorkville, NY in the amount of \$7,228.26, and

WHEREAS, because of the electronics that new vehicles have from the factory such as air bag components and computer controlled factory equipment the Fleet Coordinator recommends waiving the County's procurement for three written quotes, and recommends that JPJ Electronics complete the installation of the ancillary equipment, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase the ancillary equipment from JPJ Electronics installed at a cost of \$7,228.26 for the 2023 Dodge Durango, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$7,228.26 from Deputy Sheriff D Account No. A3110.0105 to Sheriff Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile to cover the budget shortage in the 2024 budget for the ancillary equipment for the 2023 Dodge Durango and the Clerk of the Board, County Sheriff, and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 277-24

**APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL VESTA 911 DESKTOP STATION – PSAP CENTER –
SI20-1028-E01**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 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 \$566,267.00 contract C197841, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 406-22 authorized the purchase of two new Vesta 911 phone system stations along with one portable backup station for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Center from Motorola, and

WHEREAS, the County's PSAP Center has an additional dispatcher station that contains a radio and dispatching software, but it is missing the Vesta 911 desktop phone system, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received a quote from Motorola Solutions for an additional Vesta 911 desktop phone station for the Hamilton County's PSAP Center in the amount of \$59,569.04 installed, and

WHEREAS, Motorola has issued the quote based on the competitively bid RFP (#21-3400-001) from Onondaga County containing a piggyback clause for all municipalities to use for Vesta 911 and cloud services, and

WHEREAS, the purchase will be pending approval from DHSES for a noncompetitive procurement, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of an additional Vesta 911 for the PSAP Center through Motorola in the amount of \$59,569.04 with funds coming from A3645.0425 SI20-1028-E01.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 278-24

**AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF JUSTIN W. LOOMIS TO TECHNICAL
SERGEANT**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has seen a need for a Technical Sergeant within his office, and

WHEREAS, the position of Technical Sergeant will assist with supervision of the Hamilton County's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Center, scheduling of employees, and upgrades to the PSAP Center, and

WHEREAS, Justin W. Loomis has been a Deputy Sheriff with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office since June 9th 2016, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Loomis has served as a police officer in New York State for over 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Loomis is a certified K-9 officer (Narcotics and Explosive Detection), a Division of Criminal Justice Service certified Instructor, and a Field Training Officer, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Loomis has been instrumental with the upgrading of Hamilton County's PSAP with taking charge of upgrades with radio communications, tower site development, 911 phone upgrades, and record management, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Loomis was appointed as 911 Administrator for the past four years, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends that Deputy Justin W. Loomis be promoted to Technical Sergeant, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Justin W. Loomis' title be changed to Technical Sergeant but he is to remain a Deputy Sheriff under Civil Service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Personnel Office be authorized to make this change effective September 5, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 279-24

AUTHORIZING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM/STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION (SHSP/SLETPP) GRANT- SH24-1027-D00

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a NYS 2024 State Homeland Security Program/State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention (SHSP/SLETPP) Grant in the amount of \$42,678.00, Grant SH24-1027-E00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said 2024 SHSP/SLETPP grant and the Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 280-24

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PUBLIC HEALTH

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Cynthia Hansen has been extended as a temporary Medical Records Clerk,
and

WHEREAS, Jeff Kaiser has been extended as part time RN, and

WHEREAS, both payroll accounts need to be increased, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make the following transfers:

FROM: A4050.0103 PH Reg Prof. Nurse	\$ 15,000.00
TO: A4050.0132 Public Health Temporary Clerk #1	\$ 5,000.00
A4050.0126 CHHA Temp RN	\$ 10,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 281-24

CREATING THE POSITION OF FULL TIME PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide physical therapy to residents of Hamilton County,
and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for a Full Time Physical Therapist
Assistant, be it

RESOLVED, that the position of Full Time Physical Therapist Assistant be hereby created
at a Grade 11, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer is hereby authorized to advertise for the Full Time
Physical Therapist Assistant position, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make the following transfer to
fund the position for the remainder of 2024:

FROM: Account No. A4050.0123 Clinical Manager	\$10,000.00
TO: Account No. A4010.0119 Physical Therapist Assistant	\$10,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 282-24

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY INCREASE IN SCHEDULED WORK HOURS FOR
MARGIE RAJCA**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has a gap in knowledge in medical billing for the CHHA, and

WHEREAS, Margie Rajca has previous experience in medical billing, and

WHEREAS, Margie Rajca is willing to assist in training department staff in addition to her current duties, be it

RESOLVED, that Margie Rajca’s work week be increased from 35 hours to 40 hours effective September 9, 2024 until December 31, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$2,268.00 from Account No. A4050.0103 PH Reg Prof Nurse to Account No. A4050.0111 Family Health Services Coordinator and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 283-24

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT B FOR TIME & MATERIALS FOR STATE SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT 2023/2024

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, because of the severity of the winter during 2023/2024 Hamilton County requests that the Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement estimated expenditure be revised to reflect the additional lane miles of state roads that were plowed/treated during the winter season, and

WHEREAS, all the terms and conditions of the original contract extension remain in effect except as follows:

ADDITIONAL S&I OPERATIONS

Original 23/24 Estimated Expenditure	Final Snow & Ice Voucher	Adjustment
\$959,506.59	\$1,168,140.09	\$196,397.85

TOTAL CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS

Final Snow & Ice Voucher	Amount Paid for 23/24 Season	Contract Adjustment
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\$1,168,140.09

\$971,742.24

\$196,397.85

and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been executed by the State, acting by and through the duly authorized representative of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Municipality, which has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer on the date and year first written in the original contract extension, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board be so authorized to sign Amendment B of the State Snow & Ice Agreement as stated above and the County Treasurer, the Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes asked how we determined this was an emergency situation. The County Attorney stated that the Highway Superintendent was more versed in it than he was. He did have a discussion with Mr. Eldridge as to whether the conditions that he raised go to the level that would justify the emergency. His response was that this access is the sole access for this one property owner and also constitutes using his land for the snowmobile trail for Hamilton County and the two combined are as such that would require immediate action so as to allow for the construction to take place within a reasonable period of time.

RESOLUTION NO. 284-24

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF LAMINATED DECKING AND STEEL
SUPERSTRUCTURE – ROBBS CREEK BRIDGE**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owns Robbs Creek bridge located on Old Route 8b in the Town of Wells, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had purchased a new superstructure, decking and guide for the said bridge in 2023, and

WHEREAS, the DPW began removing the old decking and superstructure and during the removal of the superstructure the begin abutment broke because scour under the said abutment, and

WHEREAS, this begin abutment had to be completely destroyed and removed and per NYSDEC regulations this will be considered a new bridge and we need to follow the 1.25 of full bank water width of stream for 100 year storm events, and

WHEREAS, with the help of the Soil & Water Technician, Lenny Croote the new span needs to be 50' in span length, and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bell P. E. has redesigned the superstructure and decking for the new span for this bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has discussed this with the Public Works Committee and the Superintendent feels the purchase of the said new decking and superstructure is an emergency purchase because Old Route 8b is completely closed now. There is no alternate route to access the South side of Robbs Creek bridge for property owners and also this route is the main snowmobile trail from south end of the county to the north and west part of the county which would be a hardship for local business if the trail was not open this winter as there is a 12 to 14 week time period to receive the materials after our engineer signs off on the shop drawings, which will put the installation of the said materials to early December at the earliest if we purchase immediately, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent reached out to the vendors that typically bid on Hamilton County bridge superstructure and decking and received the following price quotes:

1. Decking Materials
Laminated Concepts, Inc.
PO Box 369, 3310 State Route 352
Big Flats, NY 14814

Specified Materials Delivered: \$64,750.00 with all hardware

2. Superstructure & Materials
Jeffords Steel and Engineering Co.
4398 Route 22, PO Box 40
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Specified Materials Delivered: \$78,734.00 with all hardware

be it

RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of the said bridge materials delivered in the amount of \$64,750.00 from Laminated Concepts, Inc. of Big Flats, NY

for the decking and \$78,734.00 from Jefford's Steel and Engineering Co. for steel superstructure and the funds to be taken out of Account No. D5112.0203 Bridge Repair, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board be authorized to enter into a purchase agreement for said items with Laminated Concepts, Inc. and Jefford's Steel and Engineering subject to the approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 285-24

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR BACKUP GENERATOR HOOKUP FOR
ARIETTA FUEL DEPOT**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the backup generator at the Arietta fuel depot needs to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has received three (3) written price quotes for the installation of a new backup generator as follows –

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|----|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Gore Electric Services, LLC - | \$10,150.00 |
| 2. | Midstate Utilities Tech - | \$10,796.00 |
| 3. | Capital Power - | \$12,490.00 |

and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder meets specifications and the Superintendent recommends making the purchase from Gore Electric Services, LLC, be it

RESOLVED, that Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Superintendent to have the backup generator purchased and installed by Gore Electric, LLC at a cost of \$10,150.00 and it will be a charge to DM5130.0405 Gas/Diesel and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes confirmed that she was maintaining her full-time status and he agrees that the County should retain her but he thinks they have to be careful with how they do that. He confirmed that there was a good reason for this. The Chairman stated that he had asked for there to be a deadline. Mr. Tomlinson stated that this has been done recently. Mr. Rhodes stated that he wasn't sure they continued full-time status. Ms. Hunt stated that 30 hours is considered full-time.

RESOLUTION NO. 286-24

**AUTHORIZING DPW TO DECREASE HOURS OF FULL TIME SENIOR ACCOUNT
CLERK AND MOVE POSITION TO 30 HOURS FULL TIME**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Full-Time Senior Account Clerk currently works 35 hours per week and has requested a change to 30 hours per week full-time for personal reasons, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent believes that the office can accommodate the change, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors approves the change of hours and schedule for the Full-Time Senior Account Clerk at the same hourly rate as follows:

Monday 7:00 – 3:30 = 8 hrs
Tuesday 7:00 – 3:30 = 8 hrs
Weds 7:00 – 3:30 = 8 hrs
Thurs 7:00 – 1:00 = 6 hrs(no lunch)
Friday OFF

be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the DPW Superintendent is authorized to change the hours and schedule of the Full-Time Senior Account Clerk from 35 to 30 hours per week at the same hourly

rate, effective Monday, August 19, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and the Personnel Officer and County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 287-24

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR TANDEM DUMP TRUCK – DPW

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 217-24 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) 2024 Western Star 49X Tandem Dump with Plow Equipment for use by the Public Works Highway Division, and

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

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to TENCO Industries, 5700 South Lima Road, Lakeville, NY 14480 in the amount of \$313,765.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects 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, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 288-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 163-24 authorized the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2024, and

WHEREAS, due to weather-related issues the Superintendent recommends the delay of certain project authorized for 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the postponement of the following approved project until 2025 -

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

and

WHEREAS, the total CHIP’s appropriation for County Road Project No.2 total \$300,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that \$275,000.00 be transferred back into Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, be it

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 289-24

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$156,748.72 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$124,260.03 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, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 290-24

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$298,776.37 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 32,914.38
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	64,217.94
Finance Committee	61,722.51
Health Committee.....	17,650.52
Human Services Committee.....	21,369.57
Central Government Committee	28,951.53
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	70,961.17
Internal Management Committee	988.75

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$14,050.25
Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$3,949.60

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Tomlinson: Thanked Mr. Rhodes for working on the towers. He knows it's a lot of moving parts. He asked if he could keep him updated on the Hope site and that he was definitely in support of it. Mr. Rhodes stated that he wants the best they can get for all the sites. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thinks that it is time for the Board to take a stance. Mr. Rhodes agrees he just didn't want it to delay it and not gain anything. He thinks they really need to weigh what they can gain out of that. Mr. Fernandez asked what action they could take. The Chairman stated that the only thing that is going to get their attention is bad publicity. Mr. Rhodes stated that Hamilton County is ready to move forward. They submitted and addressed their concerns and then it got kicked back again. They are just pushing them down into the trees literally.

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