

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010

Chairman Blankenbush called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Legislator Thomas introduced Dorothy Austin, Pamela NY who is the 2010 New York State Senior Citizen of the Year representing over 3 million senior citizens in the State. Mrs. Austin said we live in a great County and Steve Binion, Jefferson County Office for the Aging Director should be commended as he and his office are very responsive to all the needs of the senior citizens in this area.

Chairman Blankenbush and Legislator Thomas presented a certificate to Roree D. Wilkie, 6, Chaumont, for her heroic efforts on June 25, 2009 when she carried her younger sister, Payton, to the neighbors to get assistance for her mother Hannah D. Barbier who had a seizure. She was also presented with certificates of recognition that had been forwarded from Governor David Paterson, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, and Senator Darrel Aubertine.

Chairman Blankenbush and Legislator Thomas presented certificates to Quinn K. Peters, 6, and Harlie M. Peters, 5, Dexter, for their heroic efforts in going to a neighbor's house to get assistance when their mother, Starr Peters, had a seizure on September 19, 2009. They were also presented with certificates of recognition that had been forwarded from Governor David Paterson, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, and Senator Darrel Aubertine.

Hannah D. Barbier, Chaumont (Roree's Mom) related the events of the June 25, 2009 incident saying that she had trained Roree what to do in an emergency but never thought it would be put to use for her. Ms. Barbier was very proud of Roree's actions and was grateful that she remembered what to do in an emergency because it saved her life that day.

Starr Peters, Dexter, (Quinn & Harlie's Mom) related the incident experienced on September 19, 2009 and said she would not be where she is today without the assistance of her children, husband, family and friends. When Ms. Peters began to have a medical emergency she instructed her son to take his sister to the neighbors to get help but was worried because they had to cross a very busy street. She said she didn't remember much else that happened that day and was grateful that everything turned out o.k.

Curtis Gallamore, Dexter, (and his wife Ellen) Starr Peters' neighbor(s) who came to her assistance that day said the children are the real heroes as he and his wife merely administered minor first aid until the Dexter Ambulance arrived. The Gallamores are both Corrections Officers employed by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and presented all three children

with packages of recognition that had been put together by the D.A.R.E. Officer to honor their bravery.

Barry Davis, representing Lyme Central School, said that they were proud of Roree's actions that day noting that she is a 1st Grade student in their school and is an example for the rest of the students. He thanked the Board for celebrating her success.

Mike Lennox, representing Dexter Elementary, General Brown Central School District, thanked the Board for honoring the children as they represented great character education traits and responsibility in their actions that day. He said not only did they show great character but did it in an extremely difficult situation which can not be practiced and is a great testament to them.

Legislator Thomas thanked the Board for taking the time to honor these children.

Chairman Blankenbush congratulated the children on their achievements, thanked all their friends and relatives for attending and Legislator Thomas for bringing these events to the attention of the Board.

Cindy Grant, 12610 House Road, Clayton, NY wanted to pass on to the Board the results of two separate studies that document the negative economic impact of wind projects on communities, one done by the Town of Orleans Economic Committee, and the second done by Dr. Gabriel Alvarez and presented to the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming on September 24, 2009. She said that both documents could be emailed to legislators. She also cited an article by attorney Gary Abraham "Inconvenient Truths about Wind Energy Representing Neighbors and Communities Impacted by Commercial Wind Projects." She realized the Board's involvement in wind power projects is limited to decisions on the project receiving a PILOT, but asked that the Board review this and all information on the topic and not just rely on information provided by the developer.

Don Metzger, County resident and part owner of a business in the County said he turned down the wind power developer about six years ago relative to locating commercial industrial wind turbines on his property because he did not know a lot about it, and since educating himself he would still not sign a lease because he does not believe they are an efficient source of green energy. He said wind power costs a lot of money, produces very little energy and is highly subsidized.

Steve Ratigliano, summer resident of Three Mile Bay, expressed opposition to industrial wind on Jefferson County's lakes and rivers as the wind turbines are not an efficient source of power and the wind companies make their money through tax credits, subsidies and pilot programs, not through generating electricity. He stated that studies have shown a negative effect on property values, and wind companies have not been forthcoming with the effects suffered by individuals regarding the ambient noise levels the turbines produce. He stated that summer residents pay their fair share of taxes, don't use services all that much, and support the local businesses while they are in town. He suggested that the North Country does not have the wide open spaces like out West that are better suited for the wind farms.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SESSION

The minutes of the May 5th Board Session stand approved in the absence of objection or correction.

PETITIONS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A note of appreciation was received from the family of Frank Adsit for the Board's support and kind expressions of sympathy at his passing.

Correspondence was received from Ken Decker, Decker Heating and Construction, 7503 State Route 3, Harrisville, NY regarding the newly proposed DEC regulations on outdoor wood boilers.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance & Rules Committee reported favorably on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

The County Treasurer provided a report on investments and cash on hand as of May 31, 2010.

The County Administrator provided a report on budget modifications for the month of May, 2010.

The County Auditor provided a report on erroneous assessments for May, 2010.

A 2009 Annual Report was received from the Office for the Aging.

A 2009 Annual Financial Report was received from the Treasurer.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Resolution No. 132

Authorizing Assignment of Judgment of Foreclosure to Former Owners of Certain Parcels of Real Property

By Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, certain former owners of foreclosed properties have tendered offers to purchase an assignment of County's judgment of foreclosure obtained in certain Tax Foreclosure proceedings, by depositing in trust

with the County funds in an amount equal to all the tax, penalties, and interest, together with the County's established administrative fee, and

Whereas, The said former owners and the amounts deposited are set forth in Attachment "A" which is hereby incorporated herein, and made a part hereof.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Administrative Regulations for the Sale of Real Property Acquired by the County Pursuant to Real Property Tax Foreclosure Proceedings, the Board of Legislators does hereby approve of the assignment without recourse, of the County's Judgment of Foreclosure to those individuals set forth in Exhibit "A", in considerations of the amounts paid by such individuals as shown on said Exhibit, and be it further

Resolved, That the County Attorney be and is hereby is authorized to execute a non-recourse assignment of the County's Judgment of Foreclosure of the respective parcel of property to the aforesaid former owners on behalf of the County.

Seconded by Legislator: Kent D. Burto

"Attachment A"

Jefferson County Delinquent Tax "Last Chance Buy Backs" as of 6/1/2010

Town	Parcel	Name
Antwerp	36.40-1-30	Lamont, Michael
Brownville	73.72-2-34	Elizabeth A. Boyce
Cape Vincent	39.82-1-3.2	Kevin & Kerry O'Brien
Champion	86.39-2-59.2	Brian K. & Denise M. Lupien
Ellisburg	118.19-2-42	Albert C. & Kenneth E. Stevens
Henderson	106.09-2-4	Timothy J. Mason & Steven M. Troth
Henderson	105.14-1-26	Garrett L. & Frances C. McCarthy
Hounsfield	72.9-1-18.4	Steven, Sherry & Carol Slate
Hounsfield	88.20-1-14	Sean O'Sullivan
Leray	55.71-2-42	Larry Lacey, Jr (Cocco)
Pamelia	64.17-1-8	Paige, James D. (Hayes)
Lyme	70.00-1-5.116	Arthur Matthews & Mary Zlotek
Lyme	71.07-1-9.2	Joseph M. Berthelotte
Orleans	43.00-1-6.1	Margurite & Vito Raineri
Rutland	102.06-1-11	Ulysses G. Telegadis (Kikinda/Watson)
Rutland	75.12-3-5	Pearl Bodanowic Etal
Rutland	15.00-6-37.521	PJC Properties, Inc.
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Rutland	15.00-6-37.524	PJC Properties, Inc.
Rutland	75.15-1-72	Penny L. King
Theresa	33.00-2-19.32	Dominic & Dawn Cappuccetti
Worth	115.13-1-8	Patricia E. Colony

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 133

**Authorizing Agreement with Locey and Cahill, LLC
for Health Benefits Plan Consulting Services**

By Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Whereas, Jefferson County requires the services of an independent health benefits consultant to provide general regulatory advice and updates, evaluate the performance of, and assist in the resolution of service delivery issues by, the County's third party administrator, provide the necessary actuarial services for the Medicare Part D attestation, set the plan's premium equivalents, provide quarterly plan analyses and recommendations, and assist in the process of requesting, reviewing and recommending a third party administrator via a request for proposal (RFP) process, and

Whereas, The County Insurance Department has conducted an RFP for said consultant, reviewed the proposals, checked references, and recommends Locey and Cahill, LLC, Syracuse for such services, and

Whereas, Locey and Cahill proposes to provide the services for \$30,300 annually, which funds for the current year are available in the Health Insurance Fund 2010 budget.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with Locey and Cahill, LLC for a two year term (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2012) with an option for two, one year extensions for the services outlined above, for a fee of \$30,300 annually, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Jefferson County, subject to the review of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Kent D. Burto

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 134

**Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Tentative
2010-2011 Jefferson Community College Budget**

By Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Resolved, That a public hearing on the Tentative Jefferson Community College Budget for College Fiscal Year 2010-2011 be held before this Board of Legislators on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown,

NY, and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by law.

Seconded by Legislator: Kent D. Burto

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 135

Expressing Support for Assembly Bill A-9919 Relative to Retaining Fees in the Department of Motor Vehicles

By Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Whereas, The New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law places the responsibility of operating Department of Motor Vehicle offices to 51 Counties across New York State through their respective County Clerk, and

Whereas, Acting as an “agent” of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, our county taxpayers bear the cost of running local Department of Motor Vehicle operations, and

Whereas, The County’s current share of certain transaction fees is 12.7%, available only if a customer appears in person, and numerous other transactions counties are required to perform are time consuming, labor intensive and New York State does not allow the County any fee, and

Whereas, Counties are often competing with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for limited business in order to sustain operations, and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has advised the New York State Association of County Clerks that 35 online transactions are currently available for customers via the NYS DMV website (www.nydmv.state.ny.us) and more online transactions can be expected in the near future leaving the County with even fewer revenue sharing opportunities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby supports Assembly Bill A-9919, allowing County Clerks who operate DMV offices to retain a share of fees collected from County residents for motor vehicle transactions completed through the New York State DMV website, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor David A. Paterson, State Senator Darrell Aubertine, Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava, and Assemblywoman Addie Jennie Russell.

Seconded by Legislator: Kent D. Burto

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 136

Supporting a Temporary Extension of Enhanced Federal Medicaid Matching Funds Provided Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

By Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Whereas, Medicaid is a federal, state, and local health care program whose costs and administration represents the largest component of the state and local fiscal relationship in New York, currently totaling over \$51 billion annually, and

Whereas, Since the program's inception, counties across the state have struggled to fund the growth of the Medicaid local share and even with local budget austerity measures the programs cost has resulted in higher property taxes, higher sales taxes, and a decline in county services, and

Whereas, While a local government Medicaid "cap" has been implemented in New York in an effort to provide some budget stability and help shield local taxpayers from the impact of excessive Medicaid growth, counties remain concerned with the future sustainability of the Medicaid program, the effect on other state and local budget priorities, and the overall outlook for New York's economic competitiveness, and

Whereas, Congress has provided an increase in Federal Medicaid matching funds, set to expire on December 31, 2010, to all states under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in recognition of the recent fiscal crisis, and

Whereas, In addition to providing fiscal relief to the State of New York, this increase also provides direct fiscal relief to local governments in New York State which helps ease the local property and sales tax burden for all New Yorkers, and

Whereas, the U.S. Senate, House and the President all support a six month extension of this critical temporary enhanced Medicaid assistance through June 30, 2011 because of the continued fiscal pressures experienced by state and local governments due to further declines in tax revenues and increased demand for public services stemming from the recession, and

Whereas, New York and twenty-three other states, have included a six month extension of this enhanced funding in their budgets for the coming year, it is imperative that Congress enact a six month extension of enhanced Medicaid assistance payments as soon as possible, to allow states to finalize their budgets without having to fill even larger budget holes with tax increases or service cuts that would be necessary in the absence of the federal funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County supports a six month extension of the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) as established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and be it further

Resolved, That NYSAC calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to encourage the New York Congressional Delegation to support this six month extension, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County will forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor David A. Paterson, the New York State Legislature, the New York Congressional Delegation, and NYSAC.

Seconded by Legislator: Kent D. Burto

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 137

Opposing Legislation Authorizing the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District to Advance Monies Between the District's Funds and Supporting the Use of Temporary State Funding to Assist the District's Hudson River Fund

By Legislator: Scott A. Gray

Whereas, The Black River Regulating District and the Hudson River Regulating District were merged in 1959, keeping each original district's funds separate, and

Whereas, The State enabling legislation which merged the Districts prohibited transfers between said funds, and

Whereas, The District's Hudson River fund is now in jeopardy because of a federal court ruling that has temporarily banned the District from assessing charges to its traditional beneficiaries, and

Whereas, Although for more than 50 years, said funds have remained separate for each fund's individual protection, legislation has now been introduced in the New York State Assembly (A10403; A10785) and the Senate (S6918), that would allow for the temporary advance of monies from one fund to another, and

Whereas, Said legislation provides a time line for the repayment of such an advance but cannot guarantee the repayment, nor is it certain how the District will repay; it would forever remove the permanent separation of the funds which was legislated with great foresight more than a half-century ago; it would place the much smaller Black River District fund at a disadvantage to the Hudson River fund, which budget is several-fold larger; and it would encourage future transfers with less and less consideration of the consequences, and

Whereas, The District's current revenue-raising alternative is to assess the counties benefitting from the Hudson River area regulation several millions of dollars, and

Whereas, Said counties have not budgeted for said charges, which are significant when compared to their budgets *and which include expenses that will in all likelihood eventually be*

allocated to the District's traditional beneficiaries, nor have they ever previously paid the District, and

Whereas, This Board of Legislators believes that the logical solution is to provide for temporary State funding of the Hudson River fund until the District has completed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission review necessary for it to assess all of its beneficiaries fairly.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County opposes any state legislation that would allow the separate funds of the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District to temporarily advance monies to one another, and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County supports the provision of temporary State funding to the District until the District once again is granted the authority to assess each of its beneficiaries in a fair manner, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be provided to the County's State Representatives and to the Governor of the State of New York.

Seconded by Legislator: Kent D. Burto

Chairman Blankenbush entertained a motion to amend the resolution to remove a portion of the 7th Whereas clause that says "*and which include expenses that will in all likelihood eventually be allocated to the District's traditional beneficiaries*,". Such motion was made by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislator Gray and unanimously carried by the Board.

Legislator Drake was not in favor or against this resolution but did not feel like he could form an opinion without all the facts and the only points of reference he has are the amendment and a few articles from the newspaper, so he was not comfortable making a decision as this time.

All members present voted aye on the resolution, as amended, except Legislator Drake who voted nay.

Resolution No. 138

Amending the 2010 Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Sheriff's Department Budget

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Sheriff's Department is in receipt of a insurance settlement check for \$1,053.65 for damage to a patrol unit, and has requested that the insurance settlement be used to supplement the departmental external fleet expense account.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2010 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

01-3110-3110.4310.002 External Fleet Expense \$ 1,053.65

01-3110-999.92680 Insurance Recoveries \$ 1,053.65

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, Adsit, Ferris, Ormsby, Behling, Drake, St.Croix, Nabywaniec Burto, Thomas, Docteur, Gray, Reed, Zando, Blankenbush

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 139

**Amending the 2010 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, Pursuant to Resolutions 159 and 218 of 2009, this Board of Legislators authorized inter-municipal agreements with the City of Watertown to access funds from two Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grants awarded to the City which allocated funds to the County, and

Whereas, Said agreements were executed and the Sheriff's Department wishes to expend its share of the grant, and

Whereas, The City of Watertown is requiring that the County expend its own funds in the first instance, and be reimbursed by the City when the State reimburses it, and

Whereas, The 2010 County Budget and Capital Plan must be amended to recognize the appropriations and revenue from these grants.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the 2010 County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase:

(Revenues)

01-3110.999.94320 Federal Aid Criminal Justice \$17,752

20-9006-999.94320 Federal Aid Criminal Justice 6,750

(Expenditures)

01-3110-3110.2300 Technical Equipment \$12,032

01-3110-3110.4111.003 Computer Equipment 5,320

01-3110-3110.4111.001	Audio-Visual Equipment	400
20-9006-3150.2038	Public Safety Facility	6,750

and be it further

Resolved, That the six year capital plan is amended accordingly.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Adsit, Zando, Fitzpatrick, St.Croix, Reed, Thomas, Burto, Gray, Nabywaniec, Docteur, Behling, Ferris, Ormsby, Drake, Blankenbush

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 140

Recognizing NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2010 County Budget in Relation Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department has been awarded a NYS Traffic Safety Committee Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs grant in the amount of \$15,771.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators hereby accepts said grant award for the project period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents as may be required to fulfill the requirements of this grant award, subject to approval by the County Attorney as to form, and be it further

Resolved, That the 2010 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenue:		
01-3110-999.94389	Federal Aid Criminal Justice	\$ 15,771

Expenditure:		
01-3110-3110.1300	Overtime	13,875
01-3110-3110.2300	Technical Equipment	1,896

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Drake, Fitzpatrick, Reed, Docteur, Adsit, Behling, Nabywaniec, Burto, Ormsby, Ferris, Zando, Gray, Thomas, St.Croix, Blankenbush

Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 141

**Requesting that the State of New York Appropriately Disburse the
Statewide Wireless 911 Cellular Surcharge**

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, New York State will collect approximately \$200 million in fiscal year 2010 from the statewide wireless 911 cellular surcharge, and

Whereas, The funding is distributed unfairly and inappropriately throughout the Public Safety Answering Points within the State, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is among the Public Safety Answering Points across New York State that provide emergency call taking and dispatch services to all emergency service providers, including many New York State agencies, and

Whereas, Jefferson County receives an inappropriate amount of reimbursement from this surcharge revenue.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Jefferson County Board of Legislators requests that the State of New York appropriately disburse the \$200 million collected to the 911 Public Safety Answering Points across New York State for operational costs and continuing upgrades, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor David A. Patterson, Senator Darrel Aubertine, Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava and Assemblywoman Addie Jenne Russell.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael J. Docteur

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 142

**Establishing Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the
Eight Year Review of the Southwest Agricultural District No. 3**

By Legislator: Barry M. Ormsby

Whereas, Jefferson County has been officially notified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to commence the Eight Year Review of the Southwest Agricultural District No. 3, and

Whereas, In accordance with Section 303 of Article 25AA the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law this action has been referred to the Jefferson County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for review and recommendation, and

Whereas, The report and recommendation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will be submitted to this Board prior to the public hearing for the District's review.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a Public Hearing will be conducted by the Board of Legislators concerning the Eight Year Review of the Southwest Agricultural District No. 3 and any modifications thereof. The public hearing will be held at the Village of Adams Municipal Court Room, 3 South Main Street, Adams, NY on Monday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. and be it further

Resolved, that a notice of such public hearing shall be given in accordance with law.

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 143

Appointing Member to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board

By Legislator: Barry M. Ormsby

Pursuant to Section 11-0501 of the Environmental Conservation Law, this Board hereby approves the following appointment by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Linda Sicley, Landowner Representative	12/31/10

Seconded by Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

All members present voted aye.

Chairman Blankenbush entertained a motion to waive Standing Rules 35 and 60 to allow for introduction of an additional resolution for consideration. Such motion was made by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and unanimously carried by the Board.

Resolution No. 144

Granting Easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

By Legislator: Barry M. Ormsby

Whereas, Samaritan Medical Center is leasing real property located at 1211 Coffeen Street, Watertown, New York for purposes of providing off-site x-ray and laboratory services, and

Whereas, In order to be able to provide electricity for the above described services, Samaritan Medical Center requires the installation of an anchor on a utility pole that is located on real property owned by Jefferson County, and specifically real property known as tax parcel number 8-38-101 (a portion of tax parcel number 8-35-101) and located at 1240 Coffeen Street, Watertown, New York (a/k/a Whispering Pines Adult Home), and

Whereas, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has requested that an easement be granted to enable it to install such anchor.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, An easement shall be granted to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation as outlined herein above, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board is hereby authorized to execute the foregoing easement, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Seconded by Legislator: Scott A. Gray

County Attorney Paulsen advised that this request was received week before last and is for permission to put an anchoring wire on the County's property just off the roadway on Coffeen Street in front of Whispering Pines. This will benefit the Urgent Care facility across the street as they are putting in equipment that required additional electrical service. He apologized for bringing this before the Board without going through Committee but said the request is of an urgent nature and needed to be dealt with expeditiously.

All members present voted aye.

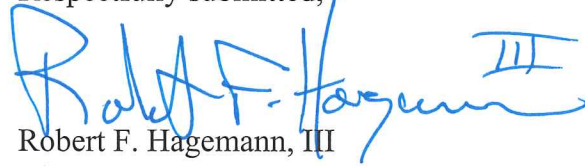
Chairman Blankenbush related that he had a request from some legislators to move the Health & Human Services Committee meeting to the same night as the Finance & Rules Committee meeting, which is held on the last Tuesday of the month. If that was agreeable to everyone, then the first Committee meeting would start at 6:00 or later depending on the agenda, and the second would start at 7:00. Health & Human Services Chairman, Legislator Nabywaniec expressed his support for this move and asked if the change would be made for the June meeting. Following brief discussion in which no legislators expressed opposition to this move, Chairman Blankenbush stated that the schedule would reflect the change for this month so both meetings will be on June 29th, and research by administrative staff revealed that no formal action by the Board is needed as long as everyone agrees.

Legislator Gray requested that Resolution No. 137 be sent to Hamilton, Herkimer, Oneida, and Lewis counties to garner their support.

Legislator Gray asked that the Statement on Investments from the Treasurer's Office be checked as he did not believe it was accurate in reflecting investment income.

There being no further business for the Board, on a motion by Legislator St. Croix seconded by Legislator Behling the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board