

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Monday, February 26, 2018 - 10:00 AM

Shaun Gilliland, Chairperson
Thomas Scozzafava, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Gilliland called this Ways and Means Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following supervisors in attendance: Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Shaun Gilliland, Joseph Giordano, Charles Harrington, Ronald Jackson, Michael Marnell, Stephen McNally, Dean Montroy, James Monty, Ronald Moore, Gerald Morrow, Roby Politi, Randy Preston, Thomas Scozzafava and Joe Pete Wilson. Noel Merrihew and Michael Tyler had been previously excused.

Department heads present were: Linda Beers, Richard Cutting, Chris Garrow, Don Jaquish, Daniel Palmer, Mike Mascarenas, Judy Garrison and Dan Manning.

Deputies present: Jim Dougan and Michael Badger.

Also Present: Christine Pouch, Kathy Recchia – Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts and Dr. Summers – Agriculture Resource Educator CCE.

News Media present: Keith Lobdell - Sun News.

GILLILLAND: I will call this meeting of the ways and means committee to order and join me in the salute to the flag please. Good morning. We have guests this morning and because of some of the issues coming up I have moved them to the front. Of course we have to start with roll call and then we'll start with the guests. Thank you so I believe this morning we have Christine Pouch, the Executive Director of the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts and Kathy Recchia, DEC Grant Coordinator for Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, ladies.

RECCHIA: Good morning. Thank you for allowing us to speak to you once again. I'm Kathy Recchia the Decentralization Grant Coordinator and I've been here a couple of years making these grant announcements and this is our Director of the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, Christine Pouch and you'll hear from her at the end of my little talk here.

So as Decentralization Grant Coordinator I've served Clinton, Essex, Franklin and Hamilton counties. Our grants are funded by the New York State Council on the Arts. They're annual grants that fund community arts and arts education projects. The maximum award that you can ask for is \$5,000.00 and as I said our Arts Center Administers grants for the four counties. We have a total of \$92,000.00 to administer and Essex County has received \$33,395.00 of that. The grants are awarded to non-for profits and municipalities that's community arts and arts education grants are awarded directly to individual teaching artists so we've given you all a copy of our calendar of events for 2018 and you have a copy of our press release as well as an invitation to our annual awards ceremony, this year it will be held in Clinton County at the Plattsburgh Library and at that library one of our 2017 projects is on display on the side of the building. It's the Read and Grow mosaic and it was designed by Gharan Burton of Jay and it's based on a book by Kate Messner.

We hope that you will be able to attend. We do move the award ceremony from county to county last year it was in Essex at Heaven Hill Farm so it's at 2:00 on April 28 and now I'm just

going to share with you the groups and artists who have received funding from Essex County for 2018 and they are the Appleby Foundation: Rebecca Kelly Ballet's Onstage Summer Dance Program, East Brand Friends of the Arts: Eli Yamin, Jazz Composer/Pianist in Concert, Elizabethtown Library: Music on the Hand House Lawn for Elizabethtown Days, Elizabethtown Social Center for two projects: Discover North Country Coffeehouse Music Series and On the Center Lawn Summer programs, Essex Theatre Company for Painting churches, The Jay Entertainment & Music Society for Mountain to Mountain Children's Theatre Workshops, John Brown Lives! The Blues at Timbuctoo, The Keene Valley Library: Art Afternoon in the Library, Piano by Nature for their 2018 concert series, Schroon Lakes Arts Council for Sundays in the Park, Songs at Mirror Lake in Lake Placid, the Ticonderoga festival Guild for two projects: Concerts in the Park and Arts Trek for children, Ticonderoga Heritage Museum for Arts Make You Smart, Ticonderoga Historical Society for Suffragettes and Soldiers, "Til it's Over", the Town of Keene for Music from the Back Porch and for arts education in Essex County, John Brown Lives! As a conduit for Patrick Wadden, It's just Food in partnership with the Newcomb Central School and reason2smile for a conduit for Jeh Kulu Dance and Drum Theatre partnering with Westport School.

If you have any questions or ideas for projects for 2019 please let me know our information is in our packets our website and email address and now I'm going to turn it over to Christine Pouch.

POUCH: Thank you all for having us here. It's my task to really tell you how you guys got this money here. NYSCA re grants the money to Arts administrators like my Arts Center, the Adirondack Lakes Arts Center for the Arts in Blue Mountain Lake and then we have the goal of re granting it to the smaller organizations that normally would not be able to apply for NYSCA funds because NYSCA is so competitive so the re grant program is really important to all of our community arts organizations. Number one, if NYSCA does not have arts funding in their budget from the Governor we do not, meaning I, my arts center do not get the funds to give back to your county organizations so it's really important when you're talking to people you must, must lobby for us. Lobby for the arts because the arts are struggling and we need to make sure that all of our organizations are funded not just in Essex County but in three other counties and all around New York State. It's very, we are invited, the organization, my organization was invited to be a quad-county re grant organization so I'm very proud of that fact and I try every year to ask for more money and their budget is flat and I guess that's a good thing that it's flat and it's not decreasing but probably ten years ago it did decrease and a lot of these organizations year after year expect and hope to get that same money for their program and know that it's become flat it's increasing competitive and it's hard to say no to some organizations but sometimes we have to so please lobby for the arts whenever you can. Thank you very much.

RECCHIA: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Thank you. Any questions from the board? Alright thank you very much. Quick announcement in working with Public Health, Linda Beers and her team and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dr. Summers is back there right now; they are putting together an event pushing for healthy eating, healthy foods, healthy communities and stuff. Linda am I right? Am I on track on what the program is?

BEERS: Yes.

GILLILLAND: And so one thing an idea that's bubbled up a couple years ago and Public Health has talked about it and meetings between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Public Health and

that was to help provide farm fresh food here to the what is the largest public employer in the County which is this complex of county employees to have the farms come in on a certain day and basically have the employees go through and if they want to subscribe to the various farm programs something called, community supported agriculture one of them is people who pay ahead for meals over a certain amount of time weeks or a year or something like that. We tentatively are asking basically for the 11th of April to have farms come in here and basically show what they have to the employees and if they are interested to sign up with those farms. The farms we have that Dr. Summers was able to put together so far Tangleroot Farm in Essex which is vegetables, Essex Farm full diet, everything, Triple Jade Farm from Willsboro who they do an artist of baked goods, South Farm which is former Governor Pataki's farm which is beef and Sunset Farm in Willsboro which does pastured eggs. So essentially a version of this hand out and stuff the Public Health will be putting up around the county complex and we'll have announcing on the email, etc. to see if we can generate some interest in these farm fresh foods. That was just an announcement I wanted to make. Linda did you have anything further or Dr. Summers?

SUMMERS: Good morning. I'm Carly Summers. I'm the Agriculture Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension. I've been working closely with the farms. I just wanted to quickly say that I think this is a really exciting, great first step for helping continue to get the idea out that the local food is affordable for people in this community and that community members supporting our local farms are community members supporting our local jobs. These farms are small but they are substantial employers in the area and speaking to many of the farmers they would love to hire more local people and the more that they can expand the more that they can be stable in their financial situations the more that we can all support each other in this community financially the stronger our communities can be and it's really exciting also to bring it into other places as Shaun did with the healthy aspect of this. The local food is serving the health of our community members and also the education of our schools. A lot of these farms work very closely with schools and bring in students for farm chores and so I think that it is going to be really important for our county employees to be part of this local food system because it is serving so many aspects of our community and our citizens so thank you guys for being open and learning about our local food and all the employees that it serves, all of our citizens. Do you have any questions for me?

GILLILLAND: Thank you Dr. Summers. I appreciate it. Alright we'll go to resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman – C. Harrington Vice-Chairman - N. Merrihew

Monday, February 12, 2018

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CARRY OVER FUNDS.
Monty, Giordano**
- 2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,568.00 STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CARRY OVER FUNDS.
Monty, Morrow**

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDY FEIGENBAUM AS A MEMBER OF THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021. Jackson, Monty
4. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHEN J. VALLEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ESSEX COUNTY. Monty, unanimous
5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00, 2017 CARRY OVER FUNDS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO COMPUTERS WITH SUCH FUNDS. Marnell, Jackson
6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250.00, DSRIP- AHI. Scozzafava, Giordano
7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE 2018 ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL, CHAIRPERSON ELIZABETH BUYSSE, VICE-CHAIRMAN WILLIAM DOLBACK, SECRETARY, LYNN EDMONDS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ANN MERKEL AND FRED SHAW. Giordano, Marnell
8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,000.25, UNEXPENDED 2017 DSRIP FUNDS. Morrow, Monty
9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO GO OUT TO BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMOBILE IN THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE ACCOUNT. Scozzafava, Marnell

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman – S. McNally Vice-Chairman – G. Morrow

Monday, February 12, 2018

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2018 DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATORS, FIRE INVESTIGATORS AND DEPUTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COORDINATORS. DeLoria, Jackson
11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00; AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM DCJS GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FINGERPRINT EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,552.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME. Monty, Morrow

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A THREE-YEAR NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES GRANT #6, C600015 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$95,748.00. Moore, Scozzafava
13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A THREE-YEAR NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES GRANT #7, C700015 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$95,748.00. Moore, Scozzafava

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman – N. Merrihew Vice-Chairman – R. Politi

Monday, February 12, 2018

NO RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE DPW COMMITTEE

Chairman – G. Morrow Vice-Chairman – J. Monty

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL SERVICES, AS NEEDED, FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2022. Morrow, Depo
15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO HAROLD R. CLUNE, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,454.00 FOR ELECTRICAL CHANGES AT THE NUTRITION BUILDING, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF A 400 AMP MANUAL TRANSFER SWITCH AND MAIN SERVICE ENTRY CHANGES AS REQUIRED BY NATIONAL GRID WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID CHANGE ORDER. Monty, Depo
16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ADIRONDACK CONCRETE, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$908,000.00 FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRATERNALAND ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF SCHROON WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE BRIDGE BOND AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT AMENDMENT. Marnell, DeLoria
17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO REALE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$264,000.00 FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE OREGON PLAINS ROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE BRIDGE BOND AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAID CONTRACT. Moore, Morrow
18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ALLTECH INTEGRATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,296.54 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE NUTRITION BUILDING WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING

**THE CHAIRMAN OR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT.
Monty, Depo**

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SCHODER RIVER ASSOCIATES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$18,100.00 FOR TOPOGRAPHIC AND BOUNDARY SURVEY OF THE FISH HATCHERY PROPERTY, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE NORTHERN BORDERS GRANT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT AMENDMENT. Moore, Giordano

20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACQUIRE A PIECE OF PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF MINERVA THROUGH THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN. Monty, McNally Scozzafava – opposed.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

SCOZZAFAVA: I missed highway. What's this about?

McNALLY: The bridge.

SCOZZAFAVA: The owner is not willing to sell it?

McNALLY: Correct.

PALMER: No. That has been an ongoing thing with this particular piece of property. It's the second bridge that goes on Trout Brook Road. All the other home owners that have been involved in the process have signed off willingly for the construction purposes we just hit a stone wall essentially with this individual and I think we've reached a point where we need to do something.

POLITI: What's the take?

PALMER: Pardon?

POLITI: What's the take? What are you taking?

PALMER: There's a right away section -

POLITI: Are you taking a right away, a road right away? I'm just curious what's the take?

PALMER: No. Why don't we ask Jim to come up.

POLITI: I'm just curious.

PALMER: It's just for the location of the bridge.

POLITI: I'm just curious of the amount of the take?

DOUGAN: It's just outside the road right of way probably about a tenth of an acre that we need.

It's mostly for permanent grading that we need it. This particularly individual has been unwilling unless without being paid where the other six landowners have granted temporary easement.

POLITI: Okay I understand that. Is the area in the middle of the lawn? Is the area extension, or excess land, surplus land?

DOUGAN: It's not a part of his lawn. It's already a steep bank area. We're really just extending the width of the right of way right up next to the stream.

POLITI: Thank you.

SCOZZAFAVA: So the other property owners have extended temporary easements you said? Did I hear that correct?

DOUGAN: As Dan said there's two bridges on Trout Brook Road that were scheduled for replacement. One has already been completed. There were three landowners that gave us temporary easements without any exchange of funds at this location two landowners have given us temporary easements to replace the bridge and this one is holding out wanting money.

SCOZZAFAVA: So by eminent domain we don't have to give him any money?

MANNING: No, that's not true.

SCOZZAFAVA: That's what I'm trying to understand. I've never supported an eminent domain proceeding in my life and that's why I'm asking so many questions about this.

POLITI: Well Tommy you can't build a bridge without either an easement or an easement on the property if it's surplus land –

SCOZZAFAVA: No, I understand that but has he been invited to the table? I mean the bottom line is it's still his land okay? So it's his property, that he owns, he pays taxes on you know so I'm trying to understand the issue as to why he won't come to the table on this?

GILLILLAND: According to the County Attorney he recommends the details we be given legal advice, possibly if we can put this toward the end and go to executive session.

SCOZZAFAVA: Okay. Thank you.

POLITI: Jim are we taking a fee here or are we taking a right of way?

DOUGAN: I would like a right of way and I would ask that it be, we're very comfortable with being just a temporary right of way instead of permanent if we get forced into paying anything in fee then I would ask that you ask for a permanent.

POLITI: Why would you take a temporary right of way? I don't understand that?

DOUGAN: We really only need it to build this bridge.

POLITI: Okay and then afterward?

PALMER: They have it back.

DOUGAN: That's it.

POLITI: That's silly.

PALMER: To be honest if we don't build the bridge he's not going to get to his property anyway.

DOUGAN: We've been trying to work with this individual for over a year now and he's just been unwilling without somebody giving him money and in my opinion if you allow me, is simply that those other five landowners who have agreed to work with us for a public safety issue it would be a disservice to them to pay this gentlemen when they've all said we will work with you. One of the landowners in this same location is much more impacted by this temporary project than the other.

POLITI: The point is though if you are going to take it then you're going to have to pay for it.

SCOZZAFAVA: Exactly that's where my confusion is.

GILLILLAND: The recommendation is to go into executive session at the end of this to discuss.

POLITI: I understand but this is just the definition of the taking. Dan?

MANNING: Right but the least amount of information that the landowner knows that you're considering the better I think we need to talk about it in executive session to balance all this out because all he needs to do is pick up the minutes.

POLITI: I understand that but the resolution describes eminent domain.

PALMER: That's what we are looking for.

POLITI: Eminent domain is a taking.

MANNING: Right.

POLITI: So I don't understand this argument here?

PALMER: Well I think the point is if we are going to take it by eminent domain which would require us to pay something then we want a permanent right of way.

POLITI: That's right.

PALMER: If he wants to cooperate and do an easement we're okay with that.

POLITI: Okay, I understand now. Thank you.

SCOZZAFAVA: What I'm understanding that he will cooperate for an easement but he wants money for the easement? Correct?

PALMER: We have 174 bridges if we're going to cooperate on easements and pay money each

time –

SCOZZAFAVA: If we are going to pay he's going to get money I don't care if it's eminent domain or if it's –

PALMER: If he's going to get money he's going to lose his property.

SCOZZAFAVA: I'll wait for the executive session.

GILLILLAND: This motion has been moved and seconded.

MONTY: I will move to table this.

PALMER: Just for clarification it is a committee meeting so if and fact you voted to pass it through here it doesn't really make any difference until it hits the regular board meeting next so I mean, my recommendation is that you go ahead and move on the resolution as presented and then if the executive session changes your mind or if something else happens you can certainly change your vote at the regular meeting.

GILLILLAND: Mr. Monty I believe you will pull back your motion to table?

MONTY: Yes.

GILLILLAND: Alright we'll go to the vote, all in favor, opposed? Mr. Scozzafava is opposed.

21. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE 2018 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS. Politi, Moore

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman – R. Moore Vice-Chairman – I. Tyler

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

22. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY AND THE UNIVERSAL AMERICAN'S CORP. RELATIVE TO ALLOWING PUBLIC HEALTH TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSAL AMERICAN'S CORP. MEDICAID OR MEDICARE PLANS. Giordano, Morrow

23. RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY CHRISTINE R. SWINTON. Marnell, unanimous

FINANCE/TAX REDUCTION/MANDATE RELIEF COMMITTEE

Chairman – T. Scozzafava Vice-Chairman – R. Politi

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

24. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND PLACING ON FILE THE 2018 REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT. Scozzafava, Giordano

25. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION TO THE 2018 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX ROLL TOWN OF SCHROON, SCHROON LAKE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Marnell, Moore

26. RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF DANA PECK. Preston, unanimous

27. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PIECE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN SARANAC LAKE PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED IN TAX FORECLOSURE, TO THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION. Politi, Wilson

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MONTROY: Does that include the tower or is that a separate parcel?

GILLILLAND: Include the tower?

MANNING: Yes.

GILLILLAND: Any further discussion? All in favor, opposed – carries.

28. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO GO TO BID, GO TO RFP OR PROCURE UNDER THE PROCUREMENT POLICY, SEEKING AN APPRAISAL ON PROPERTY WITH A RADIO TOWER SITUATE IN SARANAC LAKE ACQUIRED IN TAX FORECLOSURE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING TO SELL SAID PROPERTY. Politi, Wilson

GILLILLAND: I guess we were wrong.

MANNING: The first resolution is just a vacant piece of property going to the North Country Community College, the second has the tower on it.

29. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL S3948. Monty, Morrow

GILLILLAND: This is?

PALMER: The PILOT tax one.

MANNING: No I think this is the law that requires that they've got in the pipeline with respect to tax foreclosure properties if there is any surplus property over and above the taxes paid they want that to go back to the property owner which is similar to what's done in a regular foreclosure which is ridiculous in our tax foreclosure realm.

MISCELLANEOUS

30. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,193.00, UNEXPENDED 2017 FUNDS TO CAPITAL PROJECT 13-2. Scozzafava, Monty

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

PALMER: Just under discussion, again I may be coming back to you for – I tried a used vehicle again in the Information Systems Department for my guys to drive around to some of the towns when you need help. The car we got in surplus last week sometime the transmission was slipping in the thing so again it's not safe to drive. At some point I think we probably need to purchase some kind of a van type thing for them to use but hopefully at committee next month I will have something for you to consider that would possibly come out of these funds.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed - carries.

31. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACT TO R.R. CHARLEBOIS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,415.00 FOR A 2019 WESTERN STAR 4900SF FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND UN APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE. Politi, Moore as amended.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

PALMER: Okay discussion on this these are really kind of related to both this resolution and the second resolution. Resolution #32 I actually have budgeted funds for this one I do not have budgeted funds. We kind of went out on this one essentially looking to see what it would cost to put another truck into service. Our problem right now is – do we have five trucks or four? Four. We have four trucks now that were all purchased in 2007 and all of them have over 200,000 miles on them. I think we're at that point where we just need to get another truck in the system part of the issue whenever you're transfer stations kind of get backed up it's because trucks are broke down. We essentially don't have trucks within the system. I typically don't like to do this but I would at this point, I know Jim has worked out a plan for solid waste equipment replacement and that's been presented to the DPW committee no action has really been taken on that yet I think it probably needs to be at some point. It's a ten year plan which kind of defines what we need over a course of time in terms of equipment but in this case I do think you need the truck. I think that it is probably appropriate and okay, I guess I'm okay with it to authorize this to be purchased and to be taken from general fund un appropriated fund balance. We're okay in that sense of that and I just think with the issues related to the four trucks that we have I just think we have to get another new one in the pipeline here because if we don't we're going to end up with breakdowns especially in the summer season coming up.

POLITI: I'll move it.

PALMER: Okay so essentially this would just be amended to include the funding from general fund un appropriated fund balance so Mr. Politi would be moving the amendment.

MOORE: I'll second it.

GILLILLAND: We have a vote on the motion as –

MONTY: Just a quick question, are we planning on that fifth truck? One of the ones that are considered old, 200,000 are we trading one in or are we keeping that as an available spare?

PALMER: No we're going to try and keep them band aided together. There's not much value in them anyways we're going to try and keep them in the system running as long as we can.

MONTY: Makes sense. Thank you.

JACKSON: Maybe my memory is faulty but part of our solid waste, weren't we putting 10% or something away for repair and replacement just for things like this?

PALMER: We are actually putting \$5.00 a ton away.

JACKSON: Okay I couldn't remember.

PALMER: And that's essentially the next resolution that you're going to pass is what's that funding is covering. That's the budgeted funds that we have from that reserve account. Unfortunately and I discussed this a little bit with the DPW committee the \$5.00 isn't covering it terms of what we actually gain from that but that does pay for the next resolution the \$5.00 is coming out of that reserve fund for those trailers.

JACKSON: So there's no pot of money set aside for repairs?

PALMER: Well, we're trying to what we do every year is we take \$5.00, we put that away this year it added up to we ended up around \$90,000 in there that we are using to buy the trailers in the next resolution but it's not enough to cover what our needs are at this point. I think if we can you know, dig up that equipment list that Jim had done for you guys and then you can get a better sense of where we are I think at the next DPW meeting we really need to look at that again.

JACKSON: Sounds like we need to increase that fund.

PALMER: Yeah, we did talk about that and that would require really increasing the tipping fee overall to the towns.

JACKSON: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: So the first one will be a vote on the amendment all in favor, opposed – carries. Now the motion as amended, all in favor, opposed - carries.

32. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACT TO MAC WASTE TRAILER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,812.00 FOR 2018 ENCLOSED WALKING FLOOR TRAILER FOR SOLID WASTE WITH BUDGETED FUNDS. Morrow, Scozzafava

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

PALMER: Again this one we do have the budgeted funds for, this is out of the reserve account.

SCOZZAFAVA: Dan I thought we raised the tipping fee to the towns?

PALMER: We talked about it but we didn't. I mean it got raised based on that new contract it went up to \$67 instead of \$64 but that was really based upon the new pricing from Serkil for

operating the system. It didn't change the reserve amount. The reserve amount stayed at the \$5.00 a ton.

SCOZZAFAVA: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? If none, all in favor, opposed - carries.

33. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO MOVE THE MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018. Giordano, Moore

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MOORE: Just wondering why we are doing that?

PALMER: I don't know. Jude, do you know why we're moving it?

GARRISON: Mr. Giordano requested the move.

GIORDANO: It's Easter week and April is a five Monday month so I just asked that it be moved to the next Monday. I will not be able to make that Monday. I don't know if anyone else had any scheduled vacation then?

GILLILLAND: Easter Monday.

PALMER: Okay, Easter holiday I guess.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed – carries.

34. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY AS LESSOR AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (AT&T) FOR ADJUSTING THE RENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF REMOTE RADIO HEADS WITH THEIR ANTENNAS AT BELFRY MOUNTAIN, THE RENT INCREASE OF \$2,300.00 PER MONTH INSTEAD OF THE EXISTING \$2,200.00 PER MONTH. Scozzafava, Morrow.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MONTY: The increase is \$100 right? Not the rent increase of \$2300?

PALMER: No it's \$100 increase.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed – carries.
Resolutions from the floor Judy.

GARRISON: I do have two more. There are copies on your desks. A resolution authorizing the purchasing agent to bid and award three roll-off containers in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and this is from the Solid Waste Department I believe.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO GO OUT TO BID AND

AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOR THREE ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME. Morrow, DeLoria.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

PALMER: Just as an explanation this is really an example of the towns and county working together for the benefit of both so to speak. The Town of Chesterfield has a project going on in which they need to de-water a project and they need roll-off containers in which to do that. The cost that they got for doing the de-watering project on their own bid out was more expensive than if we did the project so what we've agreed to do is that we would buy the three roll-off containers, use them in that project, they would pay us the rent for those under the project which would essentially hold us harmless for the cost of the roll-offs. Once that project is completed those three-roll offs become available for our solid waste department again, a perfect example of the cooperation between county and towns which benefits both and does serve to significantly increase our roll-off inventory within the solid waste department.

MONTY: Do we need twelve to allow this on the floor?

PALMER: Not at ways and means no.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MORROW: Yes, like Dan said this is a shared service thing but what really gets me and it was printed in the paper saying I don't like the State of New York, we've pumped wells before into the ground. We're drilling a well. Where does the water come from? The ground. But in this case we've got a stream too close so we have to truck all the water out that they are pumping out of that well in containers oh, my lord. You know it's water that's going to be streamed and make sure nothing is in it but we still can't just pump it into the stream we have to drive it away can you imagine that and other towns are going to be using these roll-offs plus solid waste will too. No wonder DEC and APA won't let us just pump it back in we've got to haul it away and take all that time and money.

JACKSON: You need a SPEEDES permit.

MORROW: You can't even do that. They won't let us. They won't let us. We tried to. They won't let us.

SCOZZAFAVA: Well you should have never said you didn't like the State. *(laughter)*

GILLILLAND: Further discussion?

MARNELL: Are we hauling water in these things?

PALMER: Water, mud and muck whatever comes up out of the drill.

MARNELL: They are not water proof right?

PALMER: They are going to be lined. We will line those temporarily line them for this project and then when they are completed that will allow us to haul it wet.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed – carries.

GARRISON: The next one is a resolution authorizing a budget amendment in the DPW department increasing revenues and appropriations by \$30,000 from the Forestry Project to Project #15-6 to the Nutrition Building.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE DPW DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM THE FORESTRY PROJECT TO PROJECT #15-6 TO THE NUTRITION BUILDING. Depo, Scozzafava.

PALMER: And that was simply the second part of that resolution for the Town of Chesterfield project which essentially puts that income from Chesterfield into our solid waste budget.

GILLILLAND: Any more from the floor Judy?

GARRISON: That's all I have.

GILLILLAND: Okay I have few if I can indulge on. The first one is you all know we have legislatively request for assignment from the State for a family court Judge and that legislation has been pushed through by Dan and Betty Little but for the Legislative package I just need a resolution an endorsement by the Board of Supervisors under Home Rule for assignment of a Judicial Judge a Family Court Judge for Essex County.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR AN ACTION AND ADOPTION BY THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY OF ASSEMBLY BILL A-8692 AND AN ACTION AND ADOPTION BY THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE OF SENATE BILL S-6870 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX. Harrington, Scozzafava.

GILLILLAND: Discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed – carries. I have another one and this effects the Town of Willsboro, Chesterfield, Westport and Ticonderoga. I have been working very hard with DEC to get them to increase their attention toward our boat launches on Lake Champlain. I believe those are the four towns with DEC boat launches on Lake Champlain?

SCOZZAFAVA: Five.

GILLILLAND: Mr. Scozzafava, so five. We have had terrible problems. Westport they can't get boats up to us. Ours are damaging trailers and boats because of the lack of maintenance on it. I know Chesterfield has problems with the road approaching it. Ticonderoga with maintenance on the road and out houses and stuff. I know in Willsboro they removed our out houses, they removed the garbage pickup and things like that they just keep removing all these things. I believe that these boat launches for the Lake Champlain towns are vital economic assets and they just have over the years has just been neglect and neglect and neglect so I would ask for a resolution from the Board of Supervisors asking the Commissioner of DEC to place maintenance and upgrades of the boat launches on Lake Champlain and Essex County to the top of the priority.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO PROPERLY REPAIR AND MAINTAIN THE NEW YORK STATE DEC BOAT LAUNCHES LOCATED WITHIN ESSEX COUNTY AND SITUATED WITHIN THE TOWNS OF WILLSBORO, CHESTERFIELD, TICONDEROGA, WESTPORT, CROWN POINT, MORIAH AND PARADOX LAKE. Morrow, Monty

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

SCOZZAFAVA: Just, that's why I wasn't here at our last committee meeting I had a meeting with DEC on our boat launch facility and all we have there is tanks for toilets and it is a very, very busy boat launch but we agreed to and we are going to do a shared service agreement where the town now that the Village is dissolved, we'll provide them with water and onsite municipal sewage and they've agreed to come in to replace the stations to retrofit that facility so that we'll now have flush toilets and running water there but I can tell you with some of the conversations that I've had with representatives I mean DEC that whole department, has been stripped right down to the bone I mean, they just don't have the staffing that they once had. I don't need to tell you guys that you are well aware of that but absolutely; though I mean for DEC have had those kinds of restroom facilities on Lake Champlain really aren't the best thing they can have there for the lake, these pits they have and have to pump them out and so on however, we are working with them on a shared service agreement and they have agreed to come to the table on that.

GILLILLAND: Thank you. Further discussion?

MARNELL: Any chance of adding one more lake on there, Paradox Lake? There's only one launch site on the lake. Three years ago the State built a new road to the launch site but the launch is impossible. There's no private launch sites and if you don't own property there you can't enter the lake.

GILLILLAND: Is it a DEC boat launch?

MARNELL: DEC boat launch. Brand new road but the launch is in terrible shape.

GILLILLAND: Okay.

MOORE: Have you had discussions with Bob Stegmann or anyone?

GILLILLAND: I've had two or three personal discussions with Bob Stegmann and I've written a letter and I'm just trying to back this up with –

MOORE: I support this 100% I just wondered where the –

GILLILLAND: Bob Stegman did call me on Friday and responded to the letter saying he is working on doing that but I believe this is an area that's been neglected and it's causing economic impact to lake towns and we're watching.

MOORE: Can we get a copy of that? We have an AATV meeting coming up and I'd like to put that on the agenda.

GILLILLAND: Yes, absolutely.

MONTY: Ron we also had a conversation Shaun did last week when we met with the Adirondack Council and they were in full support and Jim McKenna was there from ROOST and we turned to discussion that a lot of things get promoted North and you guys get promoted South but our Champlain Corridor nothing is happening in and their legislative aide that was there was in agreement I believe whether how far it goes but I know that they did leave me with the opinion that they were supporting that. Do you feel the same way Shaun?

GILLILLAND: Yes.

MONTY: So we are getting it heard out there.

MOORE: We'll bring it to the review board and AATV this is a vital to Bass tournaments and so on with other towns that this needs to get fixed.

MONTY: Absolutely.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion?

HARRINGTON: The Town of Crown Point has a boat launch also that is in need of maintenance.

GILLILLAND: I was not aware that you had one I'm sorry but I'll will include all the DEC boat launches on Lake Champlain that is kept in Essex County and Paradox too. Further discussion? All in favor, opposed – carries. Thank you very much.

I have one other item related to this recent school shooting down in Florida. As you know two or three years ago the Sheriff came in with a grant possibility for school resource officers and this board did not pursue that grant which could be an issue. I'm also aware that the New York State Sheriff's Association is petitioning the Governor and the State Legislature for to place school resource officers and finance school resource officers in the schools throughout New York so I would ask for a motion of support to the NYS Sheriff's Association supporting that endeavor.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW YORK STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE.
Monty, Giordano**

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

HARRINGTON: Yes I am in support of that also.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed – carries. Thank you. One other issue to come up for discussion here Mr. Wilson and I attended recent meetings along with members of the Franklin County Legislature and select members of the North Country Community Office Board of Trustees and both legislative bodies essentially gave what we believe is a collective opinion upon on how we feel about the direction of the college and leadership issues and other things and two items kind of came up which was the college I would say or the Board of Trustees do not agree with what our feelings on leadership are at North Country Community College are and they also indicated to us that they will be bringing construction bond requests to the both boards and I was told, and we will pass it and I told them probably in the current environment we would not. So we wanted to update you a little bit Joe Pete if you have some further insight on it as well.

WILSON: So I went to their presentation about their Capital requests and it's approximately \$9 million dollars. Franklin County Legislature most of them were there as well. They presented a long list of projects they want to do and after they did their presentation I asked a couple of questions I felt were relevant about this. One was how is their capital plan fit or support their enrollment, programming all their plan for where the college is going? And so they said they would work on that because there isn't really a connection here except that they do need capital improvements but they're not doing the planning around how it supports enrollment, new programs all that.

The second question I asked was, they have a healthy fund balance, very healthy fund balance it's about 30% of operating so they have a little over \$5 million dollars in fund balance. There's nothing in here about, in their proposal about using some of their fund balance to start these capital projects so, you're sitting on a big fund balance but you're asking us for \$9 million dollars. The way this is presented as I got into the details of it they're looking for a payment from us of a little over \$200,000 a year from us and from Franklin County and Franklin County said, no we can't do this. We can't afford it. We have the same concerns Joe Pete has and then when I looked into the project list they gave me the first three items on it they've already have completed some of the work and spent the money but it's still in the request so again, I felt like we're not even getting a well thought out request so at the end of this presentation the message I delivered was that I didn't feel I could come back to our board and say we need to go ahead with this when there's no plan on how its supported by programing and enrollment, you don't even have an accurate list here so you can't give us an actual number and you're not committing any of your savings, your fund balance to any projects. So I hope I didn't overstep boundaries there but that was the message I delivered on based on all the conversations we've had.

GILLILLAND: And I will add a little more to the meeting I attended with Joe Pete the concerns from both Franklin County and us was the attention of the college toward the needs of the communities that we were concerned and it's pretty amazing our concerns are almost mirrored exactly with Franklin County concerns but we haven't talked and they have, they are concerned as well as we that the College is not addressing what we think to the communities nor have they assessed community needs for higher education.

We did bring up what about this program they are pushing very hard for which is the enrollment at SUNY Potsdam of students as North Country Community College students but going to SUNY Potsdam and only recruiting the students for that program out of New York City. I think Brooklyn or Bronx or one of those boroughs like that in which case I confirmed I said, so that means that those kids the only thing they will stop in Essex or Franklin County for I said was gasoline and cigarettes and they corrected me and said beer and cigarettes but then I was told by the trustees well, that actually helps is the SUNY system and all this other stuff but there's no impact on Franklin or Essex County which I pointed out and I said if you're doing a tremendous amount of administrative work in supporting these programs it's taking away from Essex and Franklin County but they wouldn't even, we didn't connect I guess. Would you say that Joe Pete? They're not listening and they are not hearing us.

WILSON: I would add that I really respect the work that the board is doing, they're volunteers and Roby has pointed it out. They are working very hard but you know, I really felt like at the meeting we were at Shaun and I with Franklin County that they argued with everything we presented as our perspective and did not hear it. It was a pretty frustrating experience and I think that they are being led by the President of the college and they're taking his word over ours and you know it leaves me personally feeling like I'm not going to support the Capital request even though the facility needs upgrading with leadership that doesn't seem at all

responsive to what we're all talking about the programs we need and what we want to see and it's put me personally in a tough spot because I care about the institution and what it contributes to our young people, our economy, people's lives but there's no direction. It's not going anywhere.

SCOZZAFAVA: I'm glad we've got Mr. Wilson and yourself representing us because, I think as members of this board that have been on awhile we know what the mission of that community college is so far off base on what the mission of what a community college is supposed to be. Mr. Jackson proposed years ago that we look into the merger of that college with Clinton Community College and also Adirondack and I think that's something that we need to pursue and do. There's always this veil of secrecy around the community college I mean you try and get accurate information especially financial information is like pulling teeth and I've been preaching about location for years there now it just seems to go by the waist side they just continue to move on this you know, this course that you know we're looking at what we contribute to the county in actual tax dollars nobody looks at that chargeback number there's another six or seven hundred thousand dollars a year and what that means is that our residents from Essex County are going elsewhere to go to college so we have a real communication problem with that facility and you know I think we need to try and find some alternatives as to what we need to do there for the future and I mean down the road for the future because it's going to be impossible for that place to continue to stand alone. We just can't afford it nor can Franklin County.

JACKSON: It was nine years ago when I brought that up Tom and I thought then and I think now it's just an economy scale that those three colleges combined you don't need four boards, you don't need four Presidents, you don't need a lot of things buying whatever you're buying in scale you would save money and I think you will find more responsive to what you just talked about which I think they need to be more responsive is kind of an extension of BOCES with training for people to use their hands and get jobs and work in the area rather than train people on our tax dollars to go to Pennsylvania, Florida wherever and not get jobs around here so I think they are kind of missing what needs to be done and it didn't get any traction before perhaps maybe the times have changed but I think it's worth looking. I don't know if Clinton would be really interested because they seem to be that way already and why would they want to you know, drop down to our level but I just think it would be better for our students and our counties if they had the option if you're in Schroon Lake you can go to Adirondack, if you're Keeseville you can go to Clinton and it's all the same system it's all the same administration. I think it would save a lot of money and I think we'll get a better bang for our buck and a better education for our kids.

McNALLY: A lot of the kids in Essex County are using Clinton and Adirondack and Hudson Valley and until we change our funding source based on enrollment of Essex County students we're not going to see a curriculum change up there and I believe what I hear that that is our biggest problem with that college is that we're not offering what we need for this area. So until we change our funding based on our enrollment I don't think we are going to get anywhere with these people.

POLITI: Ron, I think that one thing that troubles me is a comment that you made that they might think the decision regarding financing is of the unilateral nature. We're stakeholders in this college and Franklin County is a stakeholder in the college. This is a power trip. This not about they're bringing a bond to this board and we're going to pass at least that's my interpretation of what was said and my understanding is Franklin County feels the same way and I would say

that is fairly troubling while we are on the Board of Trustees of North Country Community College would be concerned about the direction of the college going forward. There's no question that this facility needs upgrading. It's extremely disappointing in terms of the grounds and some of the facilities that exist. I don't think what I'm hearing is the way you people want to lead to a resolution so I'm very troubled by what I hear. I wasn't at the meeting but it seems as though the leadership might be going in a different direction than the Board of Supervisors both Essex County and Franklin County.

GILLILLAND: I would venture to say that the came away from the meeting from us was they believe that we simply have a communication problem.

POLITI: Well, if we have a communication problem, they have a communication problem and if they have a communication problem it all points to again a leadership problem.

GILLILLAND: I concur because personally this board several years ago very staunchly decided to get out of the public nursing home business and I kind of come to the conclusion now that we need to have a hard think do we need to get out of the higher education business? My personal feeling. Further discussion?

MONTY: Listening to all this I want to thank you and Joe Pete for going through and explaining this. This all is very troubling and to me to just kind of piggyback on what Roby said I don't believe the communication problem is the fact that they don't want to communicate, they are not getting the answers that they want so that's what the communication is so until they really want to sit down and discuss the problems other than giving us one little bit of lip service they are willing to give us I think, you know I'm not sure what direction we can go? I think your idea Shaun is a very valid point it may be time to get out of the higher education business. I don't know what we can do? Do we pass a resolution opposing this? I'm not really sure but I definitely think we need to do something.

WILSON: What I keep hearing as people talk is a failure of leadership, a failure of leadership, a failure of leadership one concrete thing we can do is send the message. The President's contract as I understand their schedule the college Board of Trustees are planning to sign another three-year contract with the President next month we could make our own or send our own message here with a vote of no confidence that we feel that, you know we don't think that's right they do. We don't have faith in the leadership of the person at the college. That is something concrete and would be hard to ignore.

GILLILLAND: Are you putting that in a motion Mr. Wilson.

WILSON: Yes, I would make that a motion. Yes.

GILLILLAND: Unanimous second? Thank you.

RESOLUTION VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE REGARDING THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S PRESIDENTS ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE. Wilson, unanimous

GILLILLAND: Thank you for indulging me with those issues. Anything further?

SCOZZAFAVA: I'd like to hear from our County Attorney on this. I mean where are we going with this? Are we treading on some dangerous ground here? We are talking about getting rid of the President of the College I mean let's cut to the chase here the President of North Country Community College.

MANNING: Well you certainly can voice your opinion as to whether you think if he's doing the job that you expect him to do personally I mean rather than jumping down on him right now you might want to give it some consideration not that, you know what you want to do but you might want to think about it you know, just how you are going to accomplish it and maybe by the next meeting but there's nothing that occludes you from a vote of no confidence. You know, expressing your opinion as to leadership of North Country Community College.

GILLILLAND: In sense it's just our opinion because we have no legal weight against them the Board of Trustees has all their appointing authority.

MANNING: This is just your opinion and I would hope that the leadership and the Board of Trustees comes to both Franklin and Essex County and you guys at least try to come to some common ground here. I mean if they've got 30% that's an incredible amount of money in the general fund. How much is that and how much of that could be put toward this \$9 million project? I mean you've got all your other concerns too.

SCOZZAFAVA: The reality is you can put \$9 million, you can put \$20 million in that campus tomorrow if you don't change the curriculum you're not going to get the students.

MANNING: Absolutely.

SCOZZAFAVA: That is the issue right there. I mean my grandson is a senior he's not going to North Country, they don't offer what he needs. There's nothing there whatsoever for vocational, nothing.

WILSON: And I do feel we made the effort informally, formally we met with both counties, with the Board of Trustees in our informally efforts, our formal efforts and here we are still being stonewalled. One of the things that Franklin County Manager brought up at the meeting Shaun and I were at that it took two months and a ton of pressure to get even a little bit of a financial statement out of the college. The Chief Financial Officer said, no I'm not giving that to you when he asked. I mean that's coming from somewhere that kind of uncooperativeness is coming from the top.

SCOZZAFAVA: The fiasco with Lowe's on that study we were all left in the dark on forever.

MONTY: I think if I agree with you correctly Joe Pete Franklin County passed a vote of no confidence?

WILSON: No they I haven't followed up with them since the meeting Shaun and I were at but they left that meeting I think reflecting what Shaun said that we weren't heard, our messages are not getting anywhere.

MONTY: A vote of no confidence again we're not influenced with what the Board of Trustees does but a vote of no confidence if they choose to reappoint him for three more years then they come back to us looking for money then we got something you know what, we didn't believe in

him the first time. You know so we've got more justification to cut funding. I think it's a good move.

DELORIA: I don't have any problem with the unanimous vote for lack of confidence in the leadership up there but what I'm saying is if they have the kind of money in reserves that they do have and for the little bit \$200,000 that they are asking for us to help float this project they are going to have even more left over to add to the \$5 million and I think they are just trying to hold a gun to our head in the sense that you will either sign or else but again, I think I agree with Joe Pete that there's more to running a community college and looking down the future as I would with Betty Little's program with the EMS program and providing that type of curriculum. It seems to me that they're more focused on sprucing up and buying new curtains for the place or whatever they plan on doing than they are what they are designed to be there for and that is the education of our county. That's my two cents.

HARRINGTON: Yes, we heard Dr. Summers saying this morning that the local producers in agriculture are looking to hire locals which is telling me is that they are looking for more expertise than what the locals presently have. There is an example of a gap that North Country could be assisting in filling also I don't know how many towns have passed local laws for small scale solar installations but I do know that there's going to be a need for technicians as a result of that. I did hear that Hudson Community College is developing programs specifically for solar installations so I believe that North Country needs to put its ear to the ground and take a gage as to what the needs are. We pushed and pushed and pushed until they finally listened to us in regards to the needs for EMT also we know that our fire departments are going to be in as much trouble as EMT's are because of all of the certifications that is needed. There is a gap there also so we certainly need to have a program on whereby the leadership of North Country will listen to what the needs of the populous is.

MARNELL: Our schools are down you know in Schroon Lake we are down to 200 students. We are turning into second home communities I think a lot of the other towns are so I can see to make a plan for special projects, special training you need students to attend or it's going to cost you a fortune. I don't think no matter if you spend \$25 million on the grounds and buildings anybody who lives in Schroon Lake or Chestertown or Minerva or Newcomb there's no way they are going to go cross country over to North Country when you've got ACC which is really a modern facility, very easy to access to get to it if you want to commute they have dorms there they are all brand new so it's tough make the facility 2018 I mean kids today want a lot more than they had twenty years ago when they do go to college. It's a tough deal. I mean it may come to a time, I've got to agree with you may have to get out of the business.

GILLILLAND: Thank you. Further discussion on this issue? Okay, Mr. Manning.

MANNING: I just have a couple of quick things. We have a request from the estate of Iona Dubay relative to the execution by either the County Chairman or the County Manager of a release of a social services lien upon our receipt of sales proceeds of a piece of property which is estimated to be about \$60,000. We do this routinely so I'm asking for that resolution coupled with that resolution in 1949 Essex County conveyed this property to this Dubay person and there was an error in the description they left out a great lot that was supposed to go along with it so in order for this all to occur for the property sold and us to redeem our social services lien we would also need to execute a quick claim deed cleaning up that omission where in Essex County then will join the conveyance of the property that should have been conveyed in 1949. So I would ask for a motion, a second and just a voice vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER OF A RELEASE OF AN ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LIEN AND THE EXECUTION OF A CORRECTION DEED WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTATE OF ELLEN IONA DUBAY WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF LEWIS, BEARING TAX MAP #46.2-1-48.110. Scozzafava, Marnell. Monty – abstain.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MONTY: Where is the property located?

MANNING: It's located in the Town of Lewis.

MONTY: That's what I thought. First I heard of it. Okay, just curious first I heard of it.

POLITI: Is this a full pay off lien?

MANNING: It's just, these things happen often you know there's social services liens filed against property.

MONTY: I understand that aspect of it but it's the first I heard of them seeking this.

MANNING: Yes. This just came down the pike last Thursday when I wasn't here and they asked if we could get it passed at today's meeting so that they can make the transaction.

POLITI: Is this a full pay off Dan?

MANNING: I don't believe so Dave Scaglione the Social Services Attorney has been dealing with it but it's, they are getting all the money from the sale they are only asking for the estate so often times let's say this is an \$80,000 social services lien what we do, is we do the balancing we're going to get \$60,000, sixty is better than nothing this is an opportunity to sell that piece of property.

POLITI: What is the sale price?

MANNING: I'm not sure. I will have to get that information but we can get –

POLITI: I find it troubling if they are selling the property for \$200,000, we're taking \$60,000.

MANNING: Not going to happen. We are not going to let that happen, we never do. We always verify that we get the best that we can, bang for the buck.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed.

MONTY: I abstain.

GILLILLAND: Mr. Monty abstains.

MANNING: And then just two other things I don't know if I apprised you of this but the sale of the piece of property located in the Town of North Hudson which is probably old Frontier Town

property to Paradox Brewery occurred on February 15 and this was the result of a lot of hard work by Chairman Preston and Vice-Chairman Gilliland who really shuffled this through and pushed it through and they deserve a lot of credit for this. This is an exciting project you know a four to five million dollar brewery it's going to bring a lot of business to Essex County, lot of sales tax.

Lastly I'd like to ask for an executive session relative to the eminent domain question it's relative to legal advice in that regard and I ask that Jim and Chris come in. This won't take long.

GILLILLAND: Moved by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Scozzafava. All in favor, opposed – we are in executive session.

THE COMMITTEE MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:20 AM. TO RECEIVE LEGAL
ADVICE ON PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY EMINENT DOMAIN.
THEY MOVED BACK INTO SESSION AT 11:27 AM.

GILLILLAND: The time is now 11:27 am and we are out of executive session. No decision or action was taken.

As you all got the letters on, we brought up earlier about the assignment to Essex County OTB Director on the Capital region OTB Board. As you know we had two persons who requested to be assigned that position. One is Lori Lee Sheehan of Willsboro, teacher, member of the ACAP Board and a town board member and the other was Monica Young who is a resident of Newcomb and the widow of George Canon who was a long time OTB representative. So I have been approaching people about this position for a while on the bequest of Mr. Bill McGahay's sister who is the Chair of that Board of Directors to fill this position. So I did approach Monica in December at the AATV meeting and in early January I approached Lori Lee Sheehan. Lori Lee Sheehan gave me an immediate yes please and put in a letter and a resume which I passed on to you. At about approximately a week later Monica Young contacted us through Mr. Moore with desires to do it as well. That's kind of the back ground so at this time I would ask for motions one way or another for appointment.

MONTY: With due respect to Mr. Canon I would like to nominate Lori Lee Sheehan as the representative.

JACKSON: I'll second that.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI LEE SHEEHAN AS CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB REPRESENTATIVE FOR ESSEX COUNTY. Monty, Jackson. Moore, Preston and Scozzafava opposed.

GILLILLAND: We have a motion for nomination for Lori Lee Sheehan and a second. Any discussion on this motion? Being none, all in favor, opposed -

MOORE: Opposed.

GILLILLAND: One opposed.

PRESTON: I am opposed.

GILLILLAND: Two opposed.

SCOZZAFAVA: I'm opposed.

GILLILLAND: Three opposed. So it passes, we'll bring it up at full board. Any further business to come before the ways and means today?

MANNING: I'm sorry not to jump the gun but I'd like to bring back the resolution authorizing the County Attorney to acquire a piece of property in the Town of Minerva through the power of eminent domain bring this before the board. We didn't pass that.

PALMER: We did pass that. We passed it through committee.

JACKSON: I was kind of expecting a motion or a resolution opposing the PILOT program to the State on the property sale.

MANNING: We did that last –

PALMER: I think we did that from the floor at regular that was my confusion.

JACKSON: I'm sorry I thought we postponed it.

MANNING: And we sent by email copies to you Ron if you want to use at your town.

JACKSON: Thank you.

DELORIA: I ask the Chairman to reach out to Assemblyman Little because we had a meeting on Friday and there's word that we got that that was pretty well killed and she indicated that it would not be on the Senate.

PALMER: I hope so.

DELORIA: So if you could verify that for us?

GILLILLAND: Yes. Any further business to come before ways and means? Sheriff.

CUTTING: I believe Dan has got a contract.

MANNING: Do you want to come on up Sheriff so you can explain this? The Sheriff just gave me a contract with the Clinton County Sheriff's office mutual aid compact for multi-jurisdiction tri-county SRT team. I'd ask the Sheriff to explain it.

CUTTING: Clinton County has a very active special response team basically a SWAT team, CERT Team whatever and Sheriff Favro has been discussing this in Albany and apparently there are funds available to support that team if we make it a tri-county team between Franklin, Clinton and Essex. What they are looking for right now is one, maybe two members from Essex and Franklin to join their team. They would be available immediately on training for any incident in the three counties either inside the jail or in the public. They have already had meetings with Lake Champlain Ferry Company as far as any lake disasters they have done assessments of every public building in Clinton County as far as coming into like this building they would bring their team in, they would assess the safety aspects, they would do public education, education of employees on active shooter drills the whole works and basically we've been invited to join

that team and make Essex County a part of that tri-county team. Especially now with the NYS Police relocating their team to Albany. This is a contract that authorizes me to be a part of that team and assign people to it.

PALMER: Will it require additional man power?

CUTTING: No.

JACKSON: I will move it. I think it will be valuable if you had some of these incidents at the jail in the past and if they escalated beyond that having that resource right here you can save your deputies lives and stuff like that in a different circumstance so I think it's worth doing.

CUTTING: Part of that training is training in our jail, Franklin County jail and they are already training in Clinton but it's also all the schools and they've even gone to the Pyramid Mall at night and done night exercises in the mall looking at weak spots, hide and seek if you will with night vision just a full safety assessment of public areas.

PALMER: Has the Warren County shown any interest in this as well?

CUTTING: Dave Favro hasn't gone as far as Warren. I don't know if they have their own?

PALMER: It just seems that Warren County might be important for the southern part of our county in terms of response.

CUTTING: We have a meeting next week as far as school safety goes with the BOCES and located schools in that area I can find out.

MORROW: I'll second it.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ESSEX ON BEHALF OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CLINTON AND COUNTY OF FRANKLIN INCIDENT TO A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL CONTRACT FOR A TRI-COUNTY SRT TEAM AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY MANAGER AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY INCIDENT TO PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTRACT.
Jackson, Morrow.**

MANNING: Is this SRT team what exactly do they do Sheriff? Is it an exchange of manpower for whatever reasons they need?

CUTTING: Right we would be a part of that team that special response team for active shooters, for searches, for special warrant response it's just a more highly trained team. Training requirements are roughly two days a month and it is a very highly technical qualifications if you can get people into it.

MANNING: Okay but the agreement doesn't say any of that so we have to get that in there but that's not hard to do just basically says we are going to exchange people for SRT.

CUTTING: Right and they would also be cross certified as far as long enforcement purposes go.

MONTY: So how many members from Clinton and Franklin County? You are looking to send two?

CUTTING: I'm looking to send one or two. Franklin he's going to make up his mind whether he's going to send one or two.

MONTY: Okay so it's going to be basically, it could be three-man to a six-man team?

CUTTING: Whatever Clinton County has now.

MONTY: Okay.

CUTTING: I mean they have a pretty comprehensive team and as with anything if you've got ten people and you do a call out you get five, six, seven.

MONTY: That is what concerns me I'm hearing two man and stuff, three counties that's only six people and responding to that type of event six people isn't going to amount to a lot depending on the size of, obviously others would respond with them and stuff.

CUTTING: Right.

MONTY: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? We have a motion on the floor and seconded. All in favor, opposed - carries.

CUTTING: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Further business to come before ways and means? Being none. We are adjourned.

As there was no further business to come before this Ways and Means it was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors