

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

James Monty, Chairman
Thomas Scozzafava, Vice-Chairman

Chairman Monty called this Ways and Means meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Robin DeLoria, Stephanie DeZalia, Derek Doty, Shaun Gilliland, Ken Hughes, Steve McNally, Noel Merrihew, Jim Monty, Tom Scozzafava, Matthew Stanley, Michael Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson, Margaret Wood and Mark Wright. Charles Harrington was absent for the roll call – arrived at 10:20 a.m. Roy Holzer and Davina Winemiller were excused.

Department heads present were: Michael Diskin, James Dougan, Judy Garrison, Daniel Palmer, Max Thwaites and David Reynolds. Dan Manning was excused.

News media: Tim Rowland - Sun News

MONTY: Alright, it's 10 o'clock, we'll call the ways and means to order. Would everyone join me in the salute to the flag. Thank you. Roll call, Judy if you would. Thank you, moving on we have no guests I see. Resolutions, Judy.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Monday, March 21, 2022

Chairman – S. McNally Vice-Chairman – I. Tyler

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,292.00, FFY202 SHSP GRANT. Merrihew, Tyler
2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO CREATE A FULL TIME RN POSITION IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO ADMINISTER THE ESSEX COUNTY CORECTIONAL FACILITY MAT PROGRAM. Tyler, Wright
3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, DASNY GRANT. Barber, DeZalia
4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PROBATION OFFICER TRAINEE IN THE ESSEX COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. Tyler, DeZalia
5. RESOLUTION HONORING TROOPER LAWRENCE GLEASON WITH A MEMORIAL SIGN AT THE CHARLEY HILL ROAD BRIDGE THAT CROSSES I-87 TOWN OF SCHROON. Wood, unanimous

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Monday, March 21, 2022

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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SALES TAX AND MORTGAGE TAX ABATEMENT AUTHORIZED BY THE ESSEX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT FOR THE LODGE AT SCHROON LLC. Tyler, Wood

MONTY: Discussion?

DOTY: Could I ask about mortgage tax abatement, that's not a common thing that you see that often at least in my realm any explanation?

PALMER: Typically we do do that with some of these larger projects when we forgive that mortgage tax just for the initial part of the program.

DOTY: And basic terms can you tell me what the scope of that project is, is it a \$10-million-dollar project?

PALMER: I think Meg could give you a better sense.

WOOD: When it's finished, it will be over \$9 million dollars.

DOTY: Okay, thank you.

MONTY: And those are, correct me if I'm wrong Dan, recommended through the IDA.

PALMER: Yes, those recommendations came from IDA as to the project.

SCOZZAFAVA: Does that require – because I know towns get a portion of that mortgage, does that require a separate resolution from a town, to forgive that tax?

PALMER: No, the mortgage tax is generated here at the county.

SCOZZAFAVA: Then the county will distribute the town portion, okay.

PALMER: Yes.

MONTY: Any other questions? No other questions, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

HUMAN SERVICES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Chairman – JP. Wilson Vice-Chairman - C. Harrington

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MICHAEL MASCARENAS TO THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. Scozzafava, Tyler**
8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE WIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1405.58, CARRY OVER 2021 WIC GRANT. Wilson, Stanley**
9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,936.74, CARRY OVER 2021 RURAL COVID FUNDS. Doty, Barber**
10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00, CARRY OVER 2021 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DONATION. Tyler, Doty**
11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,390.94, CARRY OVER 2021 CDPHP DONATION. Doty, Barber**
12. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,318.42, CARRY OVER 2021 COVID VACCINE RESPONSE. Tyler, Stanley**
13. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,303.39, CARRY OVER 2021 MEDICAL RESERVE CORP. DeZalia, Wilson**
14. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,535.29, CARRY OVER 2021 ATKINSON AWARD. Merrihew, Barber**
15. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE HOME HEALTH SERVICES APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) ON 3/1/22. Tyler, DeLoria**

GARRISON: Linda did ask for an amendment to this, she wanted to add Jessica Duhaime also, she forgot to add her at Human Services committee meeting.

PALMER: I don't think you need an amendment we can just revise the one that's there and add that additional name. What was the name?

GARRISON: Jessica Duhaime.

16. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEGAN MURPHY, MORGAN CONLEY, KATIE ALEXANDER, DEREK DOTY, MAX THWAITES AND JESSICA DUHAIME TO THE ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. Stanley, DeLoria**

17. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PHAC) ON 3/1/22. Merrihew, Wilson
18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00, FOR A LIFETIME ARTS INC. GRANT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO A MOU TO HOST TWO CREATIVE AGING PROGRAMS. Scozzafava, Tyler
19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,756.22, CARRY OVER 2021 UNEXPENDED TITLE III E FUNDS. Tyler, Stanley
20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NORTH COUNTRY HOME SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,756.22, FOR TITLE III E RESPITE CARE SERVICES. Scozzafava, Wood
21. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,041.27, CARRY OVER 2021 UNEXPENDED TITLE III C2 ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM FUNDS. DeLoria, Wilson
22. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EARLY SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT THROUGH DOCS FOR TOTS. Wood, DeZalia
23. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNIFER PATCHING AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE 4/1/22 THROUGH 12/31/25 AND FURTHER APPOINTING JENNIFER PATCHING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE 4/1/22 -12/31/23 AND JENNIFER ROWLEDGE (TERM 2/1/22 – 12/31/23) AND VICKIE FERGUS (TERM 4/1/22- 12/31/22) AS MEMBERS OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE. DeZalia, Hughes
24. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SIX (6) MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH STEPPING STONES PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS, PLLC. Merrihew, DeLoria

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Chairman – R. DeLoria Vice-Chairman – C. Barber

25. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FISH HATCHERY INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,816.50, CARRY OVER 2021 NORTHERN BORDERS GRANT. Barber, Doty

26. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,403.63, CARRY OVER 2021 UPGRADE LIGHT FIXTURES TO LED. Tyler, Hughes

27. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER TO ADIRONDACK AUTO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,000.00, FOR TWO (2) NEW AND UNUSED 2022 RAM 1500 4X4 CREW CAB PICK UP TRUCKS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID PURCHASE ORDER. Scozzafava, DeLoria

MONTY: Discussion?

SCOZZAFAVA: That's an excellent buy.

PALMER: It's not bad, I mean it's a lot more than what we were paying. I mean, we were buying these off fleet for \$27,000, and that's the problem you can't get from fleet so you have to take from –

SCOZZAFAVA: We'll take the old ones. *(laughter)*

MONTY: No you won't, we are going to bid on them. Any further discussion?

PALMER: The price of the old ones went up. *(laughter)*

MONTY: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

28. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER TO AIRFLO MANUFACTURING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,029.00, FOR A NEW AND UNUSED 18' STEEL DUMP BODY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID PURCHASE ORDER. Doty, DeLoria

29. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER TO MAC TRAILER MANUFACTURING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,875.00, FOR A NEW AND UNUSED 2023 WALKING FLOOR SOLID WASTE TRAILER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID PURCHASE ORDER. Tyler, Wright

30. RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #27, OF 2/7/22, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE TO INCLUDE AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS OR REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS. DeLoria, Tyler
31. RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #48, OF 3/1/21, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE TO INCLUDE AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS OR REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS. DeZalia, Wilson
32. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO REQUEST QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM CONSULTANTS TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE SOLID WASTE SYSTEM PER REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT. Wilson, Doty

PERSONNEL

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Chairman – S. DeZalia Vice-Chairman – JP. Wilson

33. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND PLACING ON FILE THE 2021 WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE ANNUAL REPORT. Scozzafava, Wood
34. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AND LEGAL ADVICE TO TOWNS OF ESSEX COUNTY ON TOWN MATTERS WHEN NOT IN CONFLICT WITH INTEREST TO THE COUNTY, PURSUANT TO COUNTY LAW SECTION 501(3) AND 504(4). DeLoria, Hughes
35. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND THE VARIOUS TOWNS OF ESSEX COUNTY ON THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED EMT PAYMENT, EQUIPMENT AND FLY CAR USE. Tyler, Stanley

FINANCE/TAX REDUCTION/MANDATE RELIEF

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Chairman – T. Scozzafava Vice-Chairman – N. Merrihew

36. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO CHANGE THE HOURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ESSEX COUNTY TREASURER TO BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2022. Tyler, DeZalia
37. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY

HOSPITAL FOR JAIL NURSING SERVICES AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. Tyler, Scozzafava

- 38. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD BIDS FOR VARIOUS VEHICLES IN THE DPW, EMERGENCY SERVICES, HEALTH & SAFETY, DSS, PUBLIC HEALTH AND OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENTS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY ADDITIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH BIDS TO BE PAID FROM EXISTING FUNDS, CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, OR UNALLOCATED, UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE. Scozzafava, Doty**
- 39. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CSEA PEER TRAINING PROGRAM WITH NO COST TO THE COUNTY. Merrihew, Hughes**
- 40. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH COUNTRY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AND TO PROVIDE REQUIRED ONE-STOP OPERATOR FIREWALL AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30, 2025. Tyler, Barber**

MONTY: Discussion?

SCOZZAFAVA: What is that?

PALMER: I'm not sure why they used that term firewall because when you think firewall you think that's some kind of an IT thing, it's not, it's a person that they are having answer the phone first I think that's what represents firewall to them.

SCOZZAFAVA: Okay.

MONTY: Further questions? No further questions, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

- 41. RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON RECEIVING AN EIGHT (8) YEAR ACCREDITATION FROM MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. Tyler, unanimous**

MISCELLANEOUS

- 42. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESSEX COUNTY TO PIGGYBACK ON A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT CONSULTING GROUP, LLC DATED MAY 29, 2021, AMENDED SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, TO PROVIDE ESSEX COUNTY WITH ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY PLANNING, TRAINING AND EXERCISE (WC 17-21) FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. Wood, Wilson**
- 43. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE; AUTHORIZING A PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (ACAP) ON ESTABLISHING DAY CARE'S THROUGHOUT ESSEX COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM ARPA FUNDS. Wilson, Tyler**

44. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY EVENTS. Doty, Wood

MONTY: Discussion? Now we're looking at picking four out of those five, am I correct Jim? Those are the five that we historically held them at?

PALMER: Yeah, what we've been doing is swapping Ti and Moriah right? So last year it was Ti, it's due to be Moriah this year if that's what you want?

SCOZZAFAVA: I'm good with leaving it in Ti. They obviously had more vehicles there even though we have as many people as they have now they certainly have more people that utilize it.

PALMER: Plus, you want to get them getting used to going to the Ti station instead of yours?

SCOZZAFAVA: Listen, it's not all roses having that believe me.

MONTY: So do we need to –

PALMER: So we'll just cross out Moriah and use the four that we used last year.

MONTY: So, within the resolution should we include North Elba, Lewis, North Hudson and Ti as our four?

PALMER: Yes. Our four locations will be North Elba, Lewis, North Hudson and then Ticonderoga.

MONTY: All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. We have some from the floor.

GARRISON: Everyone has a copy of the packet from the EMS committee, a resolution to enter into and execute an intermunicipal agreement between Essex County and the Town of Jay with the Ausable EMS squad being a third party which will include in the scope of work the reimbursement of medical supplies on a case by case basis.

MONTY: Motion please. Mr. Stanley, second Mr. Merrihew.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY, THE TOWN OF JAY AND THE AUSABLE EMS SQUAD FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. Stanley, Merrihew

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

GARRISON: A resolution to amend the Emergency Medical billing services contract with EMR, Inc., for an additional year, with a period of performance into 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH EMR, INC., FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. Wood, DeLoria

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

GARRISON: A resolution to amend the Elizabethtown-Lewis EMS squad staffing agreement for an additional year, with a period of performance into 2023.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ELIZABETHTOWN-LEWIS EMS SQUAD STAFFING AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. Merrihew, Wood
Monty, Doty - opposed**

MONTY: Discussion? My only question is, is this the second year that's when the communities have to pay?

PALMER: I believe so, yes.

MONTY: I have never seen the contract to this day so I'm going to vote no on this because I haven't seen it. I don't know what it says. Any further discussion?

DOTY: If I agree with you, so we know what we're paying for does this table it until next month?

PALMER: Not unless you move a table.

SCOZZAFAVA: Can't we get those contracts before next week?

PALMER: Yeah, I will ask Dan to get those contracts.

MONTY: I've been a year and a half Tom, so you tell me.

SCOZZAFAVA: Well, if we don't have them in hand to preview by next week we'll table it.

MONTY: The only one that signed the original contract was Noel.

GILLILLAND: I don't know why because we have a contract that three parties signed.

PALMER: I think Max has got them right there so we'll make sure we'll get them out to everyone.

MONTY: My issue is why I'm waiting for the second contract to see the first one, that's my issue.

PALMER: We'll get them all.

MONTY: Any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye, I am opposed.

DOTY: I am opposed.

MONTY: Motion carries.

GARRISON: A resolution to enter into and execute an intermunicipal agreement between Essex County and the Town of Keene with the Keene EMS Squad being a third party, which will include in the scope of work the reimbursement of medical supplies on a case by case basis.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY, THE TOWN OF

KEENE AND THE KEENE EMS SQUAD FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. Wilson, Wood

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

GARRISON: A resolution to enter into and execute an intermunicipal agreement between Essex County and the Town of Chesterfield with the Keeseville EMS Squad being a third party, which will include in the scope of work the reimbursement of medical supplies on a case by case basis.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY, THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD AND THE KEESEVILLE EMS SQUAD FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. Barber, Stanley

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

GARRISON: A resolution to amend the Westport Fire District staffing agreement for an additional year, with a period of performance into 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WESTPORT FIRE DISTRICT STAFFING AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. DeLoria, Merrihew

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

GARRISON: A resolution to amend and execute an intermunicipal agreement between Essex County and the Town of Wilmington with the Wilmington Fire Department being a third party, for an additional year, which will include in the scope of work the reimbursement of medical supplies on a case by case basis.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON AND THE WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR WHICH WILL INCLUDE REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. Wilson, Stanley

MONTY: Discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. Any resolutions from the floor?

WRIGHT: I have one please, a resolution recognizing and congratulating Richard Holland for 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ticonderoga, he will be retiring this Wednesday from the landfill.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING RICHARD HOLLAND FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA. Wright, unanimous

MONTY: Any other resolutions? Shaun, do you have any updates of any kind for us?

GILLILLAND: No, I don't this morning but I think Mr. Barber has something.

MONTY: Clayton, you've got the floor.

BARBER: Last April I approached the Board of Supervisors and DPW in regards to the Upper Mill Hill Bridge on River Street in Keeseville. As there are several new Supervisors, I'd like to take the opportunity to refresh everyone's memory.

Since 2008 the Upper Mill Hill Bridge has been closed. The board of Supervisors at that time had passed a resolution to apply (that was actually a couple years after) for a two million dollar grant to rehabilitate this bridge to reopen it to traffic and to add a pedestrian lane to the bridge. Due to a lack of interest on the Clinton County side, the project was stalled and failed to move forward. After last Wednesday's meeting, Shaun and I went to Community Resources and spoke with Hannah Neilly to apply for funding. I was made aware of community project funding by Jonathan Carmen, from Elise Stefanik's office. This funding could possibly be used to rehabilitate this bridge.

In Keeseville, Clinton County owns 80% of the Swing Bridge, the Arch Bridge and the Old State Road Bridge. They are currently working on a project to rehabilitate the Arch Bridge and are apply for a historical structure report on the Old State Road Bridge. This shows that Clinton County is open to finding solutions, and if the Essex County Board of Supervisors is able to find the funding for our Upper Mill Hill Bridge, as we own 80% of this historic bridge, there will be tremendous pressure put on Clinton County to finally make the right decision. On March 7th we held a meeting with AARCH, The Town of Ausable supervisor, community members, Anna Reynolds was at that also, to discuss possible options. Robbie Timmons from Clinton County mentioned they'd be more likely to act if funding for the bridge was available through grants.

For the last two years, growing community interest in saving this bridge has shown that our community is in favor of rehabilitating this bridge as it still serves a purpose in our community. The Upper Mill Hill bridge is located directly in the cent of Keeseville, and it connects to both sides of our towns that are separated by the Ausable River. We now have a petition with over 3200 signatures to save this bridge. Mind you, that's 1,200 more than this time last year. We have spoken with engineers all across New York state and the country that have given their opinion that this bridge can be rehabilitated and reopened.

In 2008, the AADT estimate was that there were approximately 1900 crossings per day on this bridge. The 2020 census results show a significant population increase since 2010.

We have discussed the historical nature of this bridge and how it is the last remaining through truss bridge built by Murray, Dougal and Company left in the world. The iron from this bridge and its builders have connections going back to the Civil War. This bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places and it is a Civil Engineering landmark. This bridge is rare by itself, but when relating this bridge to all of Keeseville's historic bridges, they all tell a very unique story of civil engineering during an experimental and developmental time period in the late 1800's.

We have discussed the traffic issues in Keeseville, and how all traffic routes through one dangerous intersection at the Arch Bridge. Since the Upper Mill Hill Bridge closed traffic conditions continue to get worse every year. There have been numerous close calls with car accidents and pedestrians nearly every day here and we've tried to express that opening the Upper Mill Hill Bridge would help with the flow of traffic in our town. There has been at least one recorded fatality along this route that involved a motorcycle being hit by a pickup truck. We've also discussed with the Board, the need for emergency traffic to cross this bridge. We have spoken with multiple professional engineers including Jim Barker from VS Engineering who are experienced in historical bridges, who claim that the Upper Mill Hill Bridge can be brought up to a limit of 12-15 tons. This would allow ambulances to cross the bridge if necessary. I'd like to remind the Board that in 2011 Hurricane Irene forced the closure of the Arch Bridge and the New Bridge by the fire department, and that left half of Keeseville who was then isolated and emergency vehicles couldn't come to the Town of Chesterfield without an extreme detour. If the

Upper Mill Hill Bridge, which is much higher, this would've allowed traffic to cross during this very difficult time.

Today I bring to this board several ideas on how to fix this bridge, and I ask that we come together and take action to finally rehabilitate this bridge.

Option 1: complete historical restoration (preferred and most cost effective) There are companies that this board can reach out to, to have conversations about a complete historical rehabilitation. This would leave the bridge as it is, addressing any issues with it, and bringing the weight limit to 12-15-ton rating. Keep in mind, that this bridge sits on two side roads directly in the center of town, and has only been used in the past for light vehicles such as cars and pickup trucks.

Historic bridges are labeled as "functionally obsolete". Don't be fooled by this term. What it means is that these bridges are safe to use once rehabilitated. The term obsolete is in regards to current state highway standards for bridges which calls for a no weight limit bridge. Historic bridges are safe and functional; they are just built in a different time period.

Option 2: updating the bridge to a no weight limit bridge (more costly, but also solves problems) Many historical bridges such as the Hadley Bow Bridge in Saratoga which recently have been rehabilitated by using steel I-beams under the bridge, essentially creating a new deck for historic bridges, while using the original truss as only an architectural design this keeps the historic bridge in place but elevates the status of the bridge to a no weight limit. The Hadley Bow Bridge is a perfect example of how this is done and won awards on how well it was done. This would allow easier funding through DOT because it meets all requirements necessary to bring the bridge up to modern standards. Many historians and engineers will push back on this idea, because it essentially destroys the historic nature of the bridge. We still request that a complete historical rehabilitation be researched before trying this.

Option 3: New bridge. A new bridge would be extremely costly and historical rehabilitation is a more cost effective alternative. Today I'm asking this board to finally address an issue that has been with Keeseville for over 15 years. The community support is strong in both Essex and Cling counties. I'm asking this board to vote today in favor to save this bridge, find the necessary funding through DOT funding, bridge bonds, Elise Stefanik's Community Funding, Federal grant funding or infrastructure programs through the state or federal programs.

It is time for this board to act, to vote yes in support of this project and to do the right thing for the people of Keeseville and the residents of Essex County. To show that this board does care about the history of our county, voting yes on this project would make a big statement that yes, we do care.

The Town of Chesterfield, the Town of Ausable, Keeseville Community Development Corporation, Keeseville Business Association and Save Keeseville's Historic Bridges are willing to help at any stage. There are many letters of support from local businesses who'd benefit from this bridge being opened.

At this time, I make a motion that Essex County find any funding to rehabilitate this bridge. To do the necessary engineering studies, inspections and to finally restore this bridge correctly so that it can be in place for future generations to use and enjoy. I honestly believe that if this bridge was in your town, that you would be requesting the same support. Thank you.

MONTY: Okay so you've got a motion on the floor, is there a second? Mr. Stanley. Open floor for discussion.

GILLILLAND: I guess I was under the impression that we were simply going to vote to today on applying for the earmarks, the Federal earmarks through Stefanik's office and Senator Gillibrand's office but what Mr. Barber is putting on the floor is committing ourselves to a lot more financial commitment without having anything approved already through bonds so I'm leery of that of us committing ourselves to paying bonds or applying for DOT yet because there's zero for this bridge

right now. I would feel that a resolution in spirit toward the rehabilitation of the bridge for the commitment of this board to pursue from it through other sources would be more appropriate and also to allowing Community Resources to move forward to commit the county to applying to earmarks for the rehabilitation of that bridge.

SCOZZAFAVA: Yeah, our Chairman pretty much wrapped it up. I have no issues with supporting trying to find dollars to rehabilitation that bridge, trying to find dollars for engineering costs and so on but I certainly cannot sit here and commit to use county highway dollars to support this, I just can't we've got too much infrastructure and cars that are getting you know, highways and bridges that are getting two or three cars a day but I certainly would support to go out and try to find money and have Community Planning work on the project.

McNALLY: Yeah, I'm in favor of applying for some funding for this bridge because I would love to see the bridge built, but I think it has to be done through funding sources besides our typical county bridge fund. Another thing is at one time we were talking and we didn't get the buy in from Clinton County on this and I'm just concerned that we will get some help from Clinton County on his project?

BARBER: So I totally understand, back then Clinton County did not come forward and I'm just curious and I talked to Jim Dougan about this, earlier too and asked him how this works because obviously Clinton County is going for funding on the Arch Bridge and the Old State Bridge, if they get the funding, correct me if I'm wrong but aren't they going to be coming to Essex County for our 20% of that bridge? Right?

PALMER: Yeah, they will.

BARBER: I don't want to sit here and make a statement that you know, if Clinton County doesn't come forward with their 20% that the Town of Chesterfield wouldn't find a way to pay for it obviously if we open up that door then they are obviously going to say well, then why wouldn't we put in 20% we didn't back then, why would we now? But again, why can't we tell them we're not going to give our 20% towards their bridges?

GILLILLAND: This is the beauty of going to Federal funding and when we put together that package and we are going to go out for the earmarks I mean I can call Mark Henry in Clinton County and say, we are putting in for Federal funding, we need a letter from you guys that this is a dual request from the two counties which probably would give us a lot more fire power in getting that earmarked. That would be my idea.

BARBER: And I totally understand and I believe that's why Robbie Timmons made the statement in our last meeting.

GILLILLAND: But if they are going tit for tat they should be, if they are going for Federal funding for their other bridges they probably should ask us for a letter to apply dually as well. I was just thinking since it was our bridge, 80% our bridge they are going to handle their bridges and we are going to handle our bridge but we've got to get commitment from the Federal funding I think before we can do anything else.

McNALLY: So the resolution that is on the floor right now I think I would have to vote no on but I'm not opposed to looking for funding to move forward with this but as the resolution is stated out to use Bridge New York funds and everything like that I'm going to have to oppose.

HUGHES: Can we have a restatement of the motion please, that is on the floor?

MONTY: Did you want to add anything Clayton?

BARBER: No

MONTY: Does anybody else?

PALMER: Just to restate the resolution, I think the resolution is that this board would vote to support the funding of the bridge from any source either Federal funds, State funds or county funds I think that's what the resolution – if I'm wrong, say so but I believe that's what the resolution is that if we don't get it from Federal funds or we don't get it from state funds we are getting it from county funds.

DOTY: Would it be logical and all, I've been reviewing a document that certainly I wasn't here for that Jim's put together on all bridges within the county and certainly it would make sense at this point that Clayton's area of bridges be included in that list and have some conditional things that we are all talking about, find the Federal money and so on but certainly to recognize that bridge on a countywide document I think probably would be a good first step and then work through that process. Now I don't know if it means Jim needs to work with Clayton and accept the boundaries of what needs to be done there but I'll tell you, population wise, Keeseville is growing. How many of us are losing people? There's definitely some growth there and some need for first responders to use that bridge, we all recognize the importance but funding is critical.

PALMER: Again I think what you're really asking is that Jim develops a bridge plan based upon what he believes is the appropriate bridge to fix based upon either traffic or conditions or access or all those things that go with it once that bridge plan is developed if you decide to substitute a bridge that means somebody else's bridge is coming out.

DOTY: I guess that's where I'm looking for clarification then is it in or is it out?

PALMER: It is out now. It is not part of the bridge plan right now. We could ask Jim but if you're going to revise that plan then a bridge in some other town has got to come out.

MONTY: These bridges have been closed for multiple years too.

GILLILLAND: I'm not opposed to looking at this in the long term for other things, the critical thing right now is we have about two weeks in getting this application in for Federal funds so to me, we should get going here with this is a resolution supporting an application to Senator Gillibrand and representative Stefanik to try and get these on the list. We may go to Washington and push this as well so you know, the hard point at this point is how much money are we asking for from the Feds and additional, unfair at this point how much of a match we may have to put up but I think if we get this in the 2023 budget bill and it's earmarked on there and it survives I think the more appropriate time to figure out how much the county investment is once we have the Federal funds committed.

DELORIA: Clayton I really feel that your motion that you want us to vote on is going to fail. I think we want to institute to amend that motion to specific funding opportunity that's available from both Stefanik and Gillibrand. There's no money mentioned in any of your three proposals. The first

proposal is probably the best because it's the least expensive and it puts a little a weight limit of 12,000 lbs. on it?

BARBER: Twelve to fifteen.

DELORIA: So, I think we need to take this in steps. I agree with Shaun, that long term project if we can get partial funding from the 2023 fiscal year funds from Gillibrand and or Stefanik that at least puts us in good standing to maybe seek out funding from ARCH. ARCH went out and received funding for the Santanoni Gate Lodge, the roof through the Save Americas Treasures Plan. I don't know if that's still available but you know, ARCH facilitated that whole grant application and then the Town of Newcomb and DEC cosponsored it to take in funding for that so I'd like to move forward but in baby steps not the big bite that you're asking us to take today.

BARBER: Okay, I'm somewhat willing to do this for a vote, my whole plan I want to make is if Senator Gillibrand and Elise's funding we don't make it, I don't want this board to stop there or I should say Essex county to stop there to try to find funding for this bridge at some point in time. I believe I made that in my last statement when I addressed this board is that I didn't want to compare bridges to me, if anybody has looked at Jim Dougan's bridge and I totally understand the way to do things is to have a plan and go forward, I didn't want to compare bridges then, I don't want to compare bridges now but if you look at his plan there's a lot of bridges that get very little use that is on this plan compared to this bridge and the historical value of this bridge. I just think it should get some notice to go forward on this bridge at some point.

DELORIA: To compare historic preservation to public safety is something our engineers do on a countywide basis so they develop this list of bridge priority which your bridge doesn't –

BARBER: And I totally understand that but if you look at like I said, Jim's plan and you look at the detour that you have to take to this bridge to some of his bridges that are closed, the detour is a lot less than mine into Keeseville. If another hurricane was to happen or another emergency flood where they had to shut down the two bridges that will separate the Town of Chesterfield from the fire and ambulance services.

DELORIA: I just wonder Clayton if this first step is going to be in securing the funding for engineer costs? We don't even know what needs to be done or what that price tag is on that first step and I do not believe that the total funding amount to replace or repair this bridge is going to come from those two individuals but it's a good first step but somehow the resolution needs to be modified so we can support that and even, continually seeking out grant funding.

BARBER: And I totally understand that this is to check to see what has to be done to the bridge but then again, if the costs comes up I understand that you are trying to get outside funding to rehabilitate this bridge and I'm fine with that but I just don't want to stop if these two fail.

HUGHES: We are already long on time but I just want to say a couple of things, first of all I like what Chairman Gilliland said about the spirit of intent. I think a resolution showing our interest to do something I think moves it a long way.

With respect to Jim's plan, Jim gave a really good presentation last year which I have not forgotten the charts, the colors, the whole thing is super tight, I mean it's water tight when it comes to how you determine every year and I just can't imagine throwing another bridge in there because something would have to sacrifice but my recommendation is that this board pass a resolution expressing its intent as Chairman Gilliland did express but also, let's apply for that Federal

funding, let's apply for that money from Stefanik's office. We have a lot of friends of Congresswoman Stefanik in this room and you've got a lot of signatures already and I feel like we can just go for that money right away that's not saying we won't do something in a year once we figure out the omnibus package passes for '24, but let's focus on that which is safer for everybody in this room and let's make sure that Clinton County knows what we are doing too because if you take a look at all of the money that was awarded, this past year they were collaborative, consortium type projects, multiple county projects, multiple organization projects, no individual town received any money from that omnibus bill and if we can convince from our actions today or next week what we're going to do Clinton County can hopefully jump on board and we can put together an even bigger package that the Federal Government can fund and hopefully we don't have to match it all, hopefully it's fully taken care of. Those are my thoughts, thank you.

SCOZZAFAVA: Ken pretty much said it. I would fully support an earmark application.

PALMER: Alright so here's where your options are, you can, the resolution is on the floor, it's seconded it involves as an alternative, county funds. If you vote on that and it passes it moves to regular. The other option you have is you can amend that resolution that is on the floor and remove the county apportion of the funding source within the wording and then it would then move forward to the regular board and after that you would have the opportunity I think to submit applications for grant funding through the federal and state sources so I think at that point it's really those two. I mean if you vote on it currently how it's on the floor, then it fails in order to bring it back up again and you would have to have somebody from the prevailing side so that means that the only people that could re bring that resolution back up later is those ones that opposed it if it failed.

BARBER: I will withdraw my motion and I'll go back to the resolution to earmark the support for Federal funding.

PALMER: Okay, Mr. Barber has offered to reword his wording to take out the county portion of the funding, if that is acceptable to both the mover and the seconder then you don't have to do anything, all you have to do is have it revised.

STANLEY: I'm in support of that.

PALMER: Alright so the mover and the seconder are both in favor of revising that resolution, the wording that it was currently at and now is on the floor without county funding as part of the portion of the request.

MONTY: Do you want to read the whole resolution Judy so everybody is fully aware? If you can find it.

SCOZZAFAVA: I would just simplify it, it's a resolution of support this County Board of Supervisors supports the earmark application for Federal funding correct Shaun?

GILLILLAND: At the Community Resources needs.

SCOZZAFAVA: Yes.

PALMER: If the mover and seconder are okay with that, that can be the resolution on the floor.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPLY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE REHABILIATION OF THE UPPER MILL HILL BRIDGE, IN THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD. Barber, Stanley

TYLER: Would it be just Federal or would it be State also?

PALMER: State and Federal funding yes.

HUGHES: It is worthwhile to put language in here to encourage Clinton County in any way, shape or form.

GILLILLAND: I would just recommend let me do that informally.

HUGHES: That's fair.

MONTY: Okay so we've got a resolution on the floor. Further discussion? No further discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

BARBER: Thank you.

MONTY: Thank you. Anything else to come before the board? We stand adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this ways and means committee it was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors