

Resolution No. 14

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, ADOPTING AND PLACING ON FILE
POLICIES, PLANS, PROCEDURES AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Glebus, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the respective committees indicated below, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts, adopts, and/or places on file the following:

1. From the Public Safety Committee:

(a) Accepts and places on file the 2003 Annual Report of the Essex County Department of Weights and Measures.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Moses, and adopted.

Resolution No. 15

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2003
ESSEX COUNTY BUDGET**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Morency, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various committees indicated below, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the 2003 Essex County Budget as follows:

1. From the Human Services Committee:

(a) For the Department of Social Services, increase revenues (6010 44611 - Federal Aid FS) and appropriations (60105 5Coop-FS -- Cooperative Extension - FS) in the amount of \$17,000.00 from a food stamp nutritional education plan grant.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Connell, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2757 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

Resolution No. 16

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR,
AND ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF, GRANT FUNDS, AND
AMENDING THE 2004 ESSEX COUNTY BUDGET ACCORDINGLY**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Jackson, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various committees indicated below, with the approval of the Ways & Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes application for and, to the extent specifically noted below, the acceptance and use of the following grants, with the 2004 Essex County Budget to be amended accordingly as noted below:

1. From the Human Services Committee:

(a) For the Public Health Department, accept a \$2,500 grant from the Upper Hudson Prenatal Services Network for HIV counseling and testing, and the budget of said Department is hereby amended so as to increase revenues (4340185 - SA HIV grant) and appropriations (40104 5486 - Educational Materials) each by the sum of \$2,500.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Seney, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2757 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

Resolution No. 17

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
CHARGES FOR IMMUNIZATIONS ADMINISTERED
BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Jackson, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the following charges for immunizations administered by the Public Health Department:

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Price</u>
Hepatitis A*	\$ 30.00
Hepatitis B*	40.00
Twinrix (Hep A & B)*	45.00
PPD	5.00
Meningococcal	70.00
MMR	45.00
Varicella	65.00
IPV	30.00
Tetanus/Diphtheria	20.00
Influenza	15.00
Pneumovax	20.00

* Free with \$10 administration fee if given at ECPH office via STD free vaccine program.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Glebus, and adopted.

Resolution No. 18

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor French, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various committees indicated below, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board or the County Manager to enter into and execute the following contracts:

1. From the Public Safety Committee:

(a) A contract with the Minerva Central School for a School Resource Officer, one day per week, with the school district reimbursing the County the actual costs thereof.

2. From the Ways and Means Committee:

(a) For the new County Jail and Public Safety Facility, a contract amendment and extension with Crandell Associates to include professional architectural, engineering and other related services for the schematic design, design development, construction document, contract bidding/negotiation and construction administration phases of the project, together with additional services for site investigations, the modular jail, geotechnical work, the Town of Lewis water district, and other services, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,065,941.00.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Morrow, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2757 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

Resolution No. 19

February 4, 2004
Regular Meeting

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROPOSED CONTRACTS
FOR NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Seney, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance/Tax Reduction/Mandate Relief Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, North Country Community College has reached an accord with the Civil Service Employees Association and with the North Country Community College Association of Professionals (NCCCAP) on proposed contracts to be effective September 1, 2004, to succeed the current agreements that have been and are in effect from September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, as a sponsoring county of North Country Community College, Essex County is required to ratify proposed contracts before they can be implemented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the following proposed contracts for North Country Community College:

- ▶ Agreement with Civil Service Employees Association for the term of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006; and the
- ▶ Agreement with North Country Community College Association of Professionals (NCCCAP) for the term of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisors Morency and Merrihew, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2757 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

Resolution No. 20

February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE
ENACT AND GOVERNOR PATAKI SIGN INTO LAW SPECIAL
LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVEY A FEE
SIMPLE INTEREST, WITHOUT A REVERTER TO THE STATE, TO
ESSEX COUNTY OF THE FORMER STATE SHED PROPERTY SO
AS TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO COMPLETE ITS SALE OF THE
PROPERTY TO THE ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Merrihew, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation and approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State Legislature enact and Governor Pataki sign into law special legislation authorizing and directing the Commissioner of General Services to convey a fee simple interest, without a reverter to the State, to Essex County of the former state shed property so as to allow the County to complete its sale of the property to the Elizabethtown Community Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to: Governor George E. Pataki; Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson; Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver; Assembly Minority Leader Charles H. Nesbitt; and Assembly Members Teresa R. Sayward and Chris Ortloff.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 21

February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED 2004
MARKETING PLAN AND BUDGET**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Kelly, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, a proposed 2004 Marketing Plan and Budget has been submitted by the Lake Placid/Essex County Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the proposed marketing plan and budget, and the Director of Community Development and Planning recommends that this Board approve the same.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed 2004 Marketing Plan and Budget as submitted by the Lake Placid/Essex County Visitors Bureau.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Connell, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: **2076 votes**
NOES: **681 votes (Glebus, Scozzafava, Moses, Ashworth)**
ABSENT: **86 votes (Both)**

Resolution No. 22

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND/OR COUNCILS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various committees indicated below, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Essex County hereby makes the following appointments:

1. From the Economic Development/Planning/Publicity Committee:

(a) To the Moriah-Port Henry-Essex County Empire Zone Board, Brandy Saxton, to replace William Bryant for a term expiring on 06/30/07.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisors Glebus and Morrow, and adopted.

Resolution No. 23

February 4, 2004
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**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE AND VERMONT
DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK TOGETHER ON
THE LIGHTING PROBLEMS, AND PROVIDE FOR CONTINUED
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, AT THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor French, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Economic Development/Planning/Publicity Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, there are several navigation, airplane and traffic lights out on the Lake Champlain Bridge in Crown Point, New York, creating a serious and significant danger to public safety.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby strongly urges the New York State Department of Transportation and the Vermont Department of Transportation to work together on and correct the lighting problems, and provide for continued maintenance and repair, at the Lake Champlain Bridge in Crown Point, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to: the New York State Department of Transportation and the Vermont Department of Transportation.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 24

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**RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE SALARY GRADES FOR
CERTAIN NURSING POSITIONS IN THE HORACE NYE HOME,
AND INCREASING THE SALARIES OF
SUCH POSITIONS BY \$2.00 PER HOUR**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Jackson, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Essex County Personnel Officer to make the following changes for the Horace Nye Home:

- 1) correct the salary grades for the following positions: Supervising Nurse (Grade 8 M/C); Assistant Director of Nursing (Grade 9 M/C); and Director of Nursing (Grade 10 M/C); and
- 2) increase the salaries of the employees in those positions by \$2.00 per hour each.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Seney, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2102 votes

NOES: 655 votes (Morrow, Scozzafava, Connell)

ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

Resolution No. 25

**February 4, 2004
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**RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE 2004 SALARIES OF CERTAIN
POSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
ACCEPTING A \$34,000 GRANT, AND AMENDING RESOLUTION
NO. 278 OF 2003 ACCORDINGLY**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Moses, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby corrects the 2004 salaries as follows for the management/confidential positions in the District Attorney's Office listed below, with Resolution No. 278 of 2003 being hereby amended accordingly:

Assistant District Attorney (5)	\$ 65,048.00
Assistant District Attorney (7)	52,170.00
Assistant District Attorney (9)	58,930.00
Assistant District Attorney (10)	38,295.00
Secretary to District Attorney	39,811.00
Legal Secretary	16.02 Hr

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Essex County District Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant in the amount of \$34,000 with some or all of such funds to be used to fund a portion of the salaries of employees in his office.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Dedrick, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2757 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

Resolution No. 26

February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §467 PROVIDING FOR AN
INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY
LEVEL FROM \$12,500 TO \$16,500**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation and approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing on February 13, 2004 at 9:45 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Elizabethtown, New York, to hear any and all persons concerning the proposed adoption of a resolution increasing the maximum income eligibility level for persons 65 years of age or older to be entitled to a real property tax exemption under RPTL §467 from \$12,500 to \$16,500.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 27

February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF
RELEVY PENALTIES LEVIED AGAINST PARCELS OF
PROPERTY IN ESSEX COUNTY**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Connell, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance/Tax Reduction/Mandate Relief Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby cancels the relevy penalties, allowable according to NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 1182 for the following parcels:

- ▶ A parcel assessed to Jeremy Jones in the Town of Westport, designated as tax map number 76.2-1-16.000, account number 725J106214, in the amount of \$1,068.27;
- ▶ A parcel assessed to Donald K. Jennett in the Town of Willsboro, designated as tax map number 21.13-1-15.000, account number 735J177022, in the amount of \$145.03
- ▶ A parcel assessed to Wallace W. Foster in the Town of Willsboro, designated as tax map number 11.17-1-37.000, account number 735J102909, in the amount of \$156.64;

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Ashline, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2757 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 86 votes (Both)

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING EDWARD LACOURSE
OF NEWCOMB ON RECEIVING NATIONAL TEACHER
CERTIFICATION**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Canon, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation and approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Edward LaCourse of the Newcomb Central School has received his National Teacher Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, receiving this award is a great achievement and preparation for this certification is very rigorous and challenging as it requires over 200 hours of work to earn this award, involves teacher portfolios, which include student work samples, videotapes and thoughtful, written analyses of the candidates' classroom teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certification is a symbol of professional teaching excellence, and will attest that a teacher was judged by his or her peers as one who is accomplished, makes sound professional judgments about students' best interests and acts effectively on those judgments; and

WHEREAS, the National Board's mission is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; and providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and

WHEREAS, since there are only 395 nationally certified teachers in New York State, this Board wishes to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Edward LaCourse in receiving the National Teacher Certification for Adolescence and Young Adulthood Mathematics.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its heartiest congratulations to Edward Lacourse of Newcomb on Receiving National Teacher Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 29

February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
BEATRICE GRAY

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Moses, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation and approval of the Ways & Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Beatrice Gray passed away on January 25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Gray served on the Aging Services Committee of the New York State Office for Aging; the Advisory Council of the Essex County Office for the Aging; the Council of Retired Seniors Volunteer Program; as a Client Representative on the Board of the North Country Legal Services; as a certified New York State Ombudsman; and she was assigned to the Moses Ludington Nursing Home in Ticonderoga as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Gray was a loving mother, grandmother and friend and will be sorely missed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Beatrice Gray; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Gray family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 30

February 4, 2004
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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF

DANIEL W. MCDONALD, JR.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Douglas, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways & Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Daniel W. McDonald, Jr., the father of Essex County Probation Director Scott McDonald, peacefully passed away on January 12, 2004, with his family at his side; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. McDonald, Jr., known by his friends as "Mac" served as Town Justice in the Town of Jay for several years, was a proud past member of the Jay Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Chief, and he was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2301, serving as Grand Knight and District Deputy, both positions he enjoyed immensely as he had the opportunity to meet people from all over the North Country; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. McDonald, Jr. worked for over 42 years for the United States Postal Service at the Jay post office and was appointed Postmaster in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. McDonald, Jr. and his beloved wife Helen owned and operated the Parkside Motel in Jay for many years while their family was growing up; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. McDonald, Jr. was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend and will be sorely missed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Daniel W. McDonald, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the McDonald family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 31

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF

PATRICIA J. HILL

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Jackson, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation and approval of the Ways & Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Patricia J. Hill, the wife of former Town of Essex Supervisor Wallace W. Hill, passed away on January 20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Patricia J. Hill was active for many years as a member and Chairman of the Essex Youth Commission, a member of the Essex County Youth Bureau and many other community endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Patricia J. Hill was a member of the St. Joseph's Church in Essex, a graduate of the Plattsburgh Business Institute, and the secretary/treasurer of the Lakeview Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, Patricia J. Hill was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend and will be sorely missed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Patricia J. Hill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Hill family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 32

**February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RONALD E. JACKSON
FOR HIS EFFORTS TO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL
CARE AT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTIES MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2, 2004**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Douglas, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians unselfishly serve the public good by being ready, willing and able to administer emergency medical care to others whenever and wherever necessary; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Jackson, Supervisor of the Town of Essex and an Emergency Medical Technician, unselfishly rendered emergency medical care to a person in attendance at the February 2, 2004 meeting of the New York State Association of Counties in Albany, New York.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors and the County Manager hereby recognize, and express their appreciation to, Ronald E. Jackson for his efforts to render emergency medical care at the New York State Association of Counties meeting on February 2, 2004.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 33

February 4, 2004
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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF

DENNIS A. PELLETIER

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor French, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Pelletier, former President of the Monroe County Legislature and current Executive Director of the Monroe County Water Authority, tragically passed away on February 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Pelletier was a dedicated public servant well-respected not only in Monroe County but throughout the State of New York, who was widely known for his gentle and decent manner, good common sense, and ability to work well with persons of diverse and sometimes contradictory political views; and

WHEREAS, Dennis A. Pelletier was an exemplary husband, father, friend and public servant who made a significant and lasting contribution to the People of Monroe County and New York State.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Dennis A. Pelletier; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Pelletier family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 34

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF

WILLIAM H. MCGAHAY, JR.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Morency, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, William H. McGahay, Jr., the father of William H. McGahay, III, a frequent visitor to Essex County and the Executive Director of the New York State Republican State Committee, passed away on February 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, William H. McGahay, Jr. was employed for over 40 years by Local 294 and 1518 of the International Longshoremen's Association, and was a communicant of the Church of St. Francis deSales in Loudonville; and

WHEREAS, William H. McGahay, Jr., was an exemplary husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of William H. McGahay, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the McGahay family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 35

February 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK
TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TOURISM MATCHING
FUNDS PROGRAM AND INCREASE THE
AMOUNT OF FUNDING THEREFOR**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Morrow, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, the New York State Tourism Matching Funds Program was established 10 years ago at a funding level of \$5.7 million annually; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the costs to advertise and promote tourism have more than doubled; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Executive Budget proposes an increase in the overall NYS marketing program (including matching funds) by \$5.5 million but cuts Tourism Matching Funds by \$1 million, or 17%, to \$4.8 million; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pataki has indicated his intent not to cut aid to localities, but the effect of the reduction in Tourism Matching Funds is such a cut since (a) matching fund dollars are used to promote local and regional tourism which result in immediate and predictable sales tax revenues for localities and (b) every \$1 cut in Tourism Matching Funds causes a \$2 cut in statewide tourism spending; and

WHEREAS increasing sales tax revenues is the only revenue source available to most North Country localities to offset rising real property taxes, and Essex County in particular has an economy which is substantially based upon tourism.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully requests that the State of New York establish a dedicated tourism matching funds program as a separate line item under Aid to Localities and that the 2004-05 State funding for the such program be increased above the original funding level of \$5.7 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to: Governor George E. Pataki; Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson; Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver; Assembly Minority

Leader Charles H. Nesbitt; and Assembly Members Teresa R. Sayward and Chris Ortloff..

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor _____, and adopted.

Resolution No. 36

February 4, 2003
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CONSIDERATION OF THE
IMPOSITION OF TOLLS ON CURRENTLY TOLL-FREE INTERSTATES**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Morrow, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its strong opposition to any consideration by the New York State Legislature of any proposal by which tolls would be imposed on interstate highways in New York State which are currently toll-free; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to: Governor George E. Pataki; Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson; Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver; Assembly Minority Leader Charles H. Nesbitt; and Assembly Members Teresa R. Sayward and Chris Ortloff.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Glebus, and adopted with Supervisor Morency being opposed.