

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**  
Monday, February 22, 2021 - 10:00 AM

***Clerk's note – This meeting was held virtually.***

James Monty, Chairperson  
Thomas Scozzafava, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Monty called this Ways and Means Meeting to order at 10:00 am with the following Supervisors virtually in attendance: Clayton Barber (arrived after roll call), Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Stephanie DeZalia, Shaun Gilliland (in person), Joseph Giordano, Charlie Harrington (arrived after roll call), Roy Holzer, Kenneth Hughes, Jim Monty, Noel Merrihew, Jay Rand, Tom Scozzafava, Jeffrey Subra, Ike Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Davina Winemiller. Steve McNally was previously excused.

Department Heads present: Dan Palmer (in person) Patty Bashaw, Michael Diskin, Laura Carson, Jim Dougan, Judy Garrison, Sue Montgomery-Corey, David Reynolds and Michael Mascarenas.

Also virtually present: Sun News - Tim Rowland, Margaret Bartley, Dan Tedford and Max Thwaites.

MONTY: I will call this meeting to order. Please stand while we salute the flag. Roll call Judy.

*Clerk's note – Mr. Barber and Mr. Harrington arrived after the roll call.*

MONTY: Thank you Judy, we have no guests. Shaun would you like to give us an update on Covid or anything you may have?

GILLILLAND: We got the word yesterday that this next week we're going to be getting a total of 300 vacs and so that includes what was missed from the weather related delays this week and then there's going to be 100 that are designated for OPWDD but if the OPWDD list is gone through then it will go basically for comorbidities. Linda is working up pods for these. The plan at this point tentative, is to have a pod along with Franklin County at North Country Community College possibly on Thursday a pod in conjunction with Hamilton County which has a lot of vaccine as well as a joint pod in Newcomb possibly on Saturday. Those are not hard yet. You know, you still have to wait to make sure you get vaccine in hand to move forward. It looks like the vaccine numbers are coming up. We have a statewide conference with Larry Schwartz, the vaccine distribution czar for the state this afternoon at 3:00, but those do look up but at the same time I think you may have seen too, the State of New York now we have the South African variant in the state. So, we got to keep these things on you know and try to lead the way on that as you can see nationally and in the state stuff and in the county, CVPH the numbers are down quite a bit. As of this morning, things are all, everything is pointing in the right direction. Anybody have any questions or anything?

SCOZZAFAVA: I have one. North Country Community College which campus Shaun?

GILLILLAND: The Saranac Lake campus because it's going to be a joint with Franklin county Public Health.

SCOZZAFAVA: So, nothing down at the southern end of the county?

GILLILLAND: Newcomb.

SCOZZAFAVA: Newcomb? Which is an hour and 20-minute drive for Moriah, Ti and Crown Point.

GILLILLAND: If the numbers keep coming up on the vaccine we're going to be start rolling around the county to the various pod sites that were established in the early on planning. I'll add one thing, I've also been working with the state with the possibility of putting us on the list of having a mass vaccination site possibly at the Emergency Services building or a facility just like that, that will be open like 5 to 7 days a week, on state provide vaccine basically on a constant basis. I did sign the county up you know when the Governor said that it in his Zoom call any county that wants it I'll give it to you I took him up on his offer. So, let's see if he comes through with that.

SCOZZAFAVA: These 300 vaccines will be earmarked for the same group? Will senior citizens be included in it?

GILLILLAND: Senior citizens are not included unless they are comorbid. Senior citizens still on the State program need to go to like Kinney's and I do not have an answer right not as to whether Adirondack apothecary got an allocation this week or not I'll probably find out sometime today.

SCOZZAFAVA: Okay I wish we could get something closer down at the southern end of the county.

GILLILLAND: Well we've had them in Moriah.

SCOZZAFAVA: No, I understand that but I'm saying for the mass set up. I mean between Moriah, Ticonderoga, Schroon you are talking half the population but anyway I understand your hands are tied on a lot of this.

GILLILLAND: I mean we have not had one in the North Elba either and that's actually an area that where you get the most of the clusters right now so that's why public health wanted to try to get up there with it but we're not looking at massive numbers of vaccines available to do these kind of things in fact that is one of the reasons that we decided to try to team with Franklin county and with Hamilton County you know, to try to get the best use of these vaccines.

SCOZZAFAVA: I just read an article I think it was Hamilton County; I think it was over 50% of their population are vaccinated.

GILLILLAND: That's true. They've only got 5000 people and the state was –

SCOZZAFAVA: I saw that yes.

GILLILLAND: They got a lot more basically because they have no hospital and they have not FQHC's so they didn't get the influxes in Hamilton County like they did at Hudson Headwaters or they got at ECH or no other hospital capability to do whatever 1A's they had so they do have a lot but when they do get this increase in their vaccine numbers as we're all going to get, their public health system is already maxed out so they approached us about doing a joint as well because they've got a labor problem which Essex County doesn't have. But on the good news

side, Hamilton County is number one in the state for percentages of people vaccinated and Essex County is number two.

SCOZZAFAVA: Okay, thank you.

MONTY: Anything else for Shaun? Okay, thank you Shaun. Moving onto resolutions, Judy.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

**Monday, January 8, 2021**

**Chairman – J. Giordano Vice-Chairman - C. Harrington**

1. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WRITE OFF \$27,636.71, IN BAD DEBT. Merrihew, Giordano**
2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2200.00, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING TRAIN-THE-TRAINER FOR QPR (QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER) SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR TWO PEOPLE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID MOU. Depo, Rand**
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 CARES ACT FUNDS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,795.10. Hughes, Giordano**
4. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH VANESSA FUNFSINN, LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST FOR ONE DAY A WEEK IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT \$75.00/HOUR. Giordano, Tyler**
5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH HUGHES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. Giordano, Rand**
6. **AMENDED: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00, JINGLE BELL RUN DONATION FROM ADIRONDACK HEALTH. DeZalia, Rand as amended.**

GARRISON: This will need to be amended to \$300. The paperwork that Linda submitted was actually \$300, but they anticipated receiving \$400, so that's why she moved through committee the amount of \$400.

TYLER: I will move to \$300.

MONTY: Second by Jay Rand. All in favor of the amendment signify by saying aye, opposed – carried. Back to the resolution with \$300, do I have a motion? Moved by Stephanie, second by Jay. All in favor signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00, UNSPENT 2020 GRANT AND DONATION FUNDS. Hughes, Barber**
8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING APPLY FOR A SPECIAL AND URGENT NEEDS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00. Tyler, Holzer**

MONTY: Discussion?

RAND: What exactly is an Urgent Needs Grant?

PALMER: I'm sorry Jay I don't recall what she said at the Aging meeting but I'll find that out before regular.

RAND: Okay that's fine. Just curious. Thank you.

MONTY: Thank you Jay. Any further discussion? No further discussion signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

9. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRED SHAW, WILLIAM DOLBACK, SUZIE DUBAY AND MARY WELCH TO THE ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE TERM 1/01/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2023. Monty, Merrihew**
10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 DSRIP FUNDS IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,089.33, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Scozzafava, Rand**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Monday, January 8, 2021**

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

11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT CONFIDENTIAL SALARIES IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, INCREASING AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY FROM \$70,201.00 TO \$83,000.00 AND DECREASING AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY FROM \$70,201.00 TO \$63,201.00. Tyler, Rand**
12. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE MURRAY LAW FIRM CONTRACT NO. MISC-10-006, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM SCIG-17 AND THE RADIO PROJECT. Depo, Holzer**

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A MINI BID TO CSG FOR MOBILE COMMAND CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,632.73, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM SHSP18 GRANT. Winemiller, Giordano
14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A MINI BID TO BEARCOM FOR COMMAND POST RADIO EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,415.84, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM SHSP-18 GRANT. Depo, Hughes
15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A MINI BID TO BEARCOM FOR RADIO INTERFACE SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,724.43, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM SHSP-18 GRANT. DeLoria, Holzer
16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT APPLY FOR A 2021 PSAP GRANT. Subra, Tyler
17. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND PLACING ON FILE THE 2020 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ANNUAL REPORT. Tyler, Giordano

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Monday, January 8, 2021

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

NO RESOLUTIONS

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Tuesday, January 16, 2021

Chairman – R. DeLoria Vice-Chairman – A. Depo

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO GO OUT TO BID FOR THE FOLLOWING BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS; TRACY ROAD OVER NEW POND BROOK, WATER STREET OVER THE BRANCH BRIDGE AND TRACY ROAD OVER ASH CRAFT BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT. DeLoria, DeZalia
19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER TO WASTEQUIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,248.00, FOR (2) NEW AND UNUSED 42 CUBIC YARD HEAVY DUTY FULL EJECTION CONTAINERS WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID PURCHASE ORDER. Scozzafava, Rand
20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER TO CERTIFIED STAINLESS SERVICE INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,050.00 FOR A 2021 INTERSTATE MODEL 40TDL 20 TON TILT TRAILER WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID PURCHASE ORDER. Depo, Subra

21. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO REALE CONSTRUCTION FOR CIVIL/SITE WORK CONSTRUCTION AS NEEDED AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT. Rand, Holzer**
22. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SCHODER RIVERS ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,300.00, FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE LOUKES ROAD OVER BOQUET RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ESSEX WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. DeLoria, Depo**

MONTY: Discussion?

HUGHES: I just had a quick question about bridge maintenance. This is obviously not a county road but is it correct in saying that the county's responsible for all bridge's in Essex County or is that incorrect?

DELORIA: That is correct.

PALMER: Well, it's not specifically. It's bridges over 20 feet in length. I'm not sure if it was originally twenty, they may have changed that. Jim is on but any bridge over the twenty feet.

MONTY: Jim?

DOUGAN: Yes, the technical definition is, it's not considered a bridge by DOT until it's over 25 feet but DOT starts inspecting them when they're a 20-foot span so here in Essex County when it gets to you know, 20 foot, 1 inch it becomes Essex County's jurisdiction to oversee it.

HUGHES: Thank you very much.

MONTY: Any other questions?

SCOZZAFAVA: So, what you need to do if you're replacing a town bridge that's less than 20 feet make sure the new one you put in is 20-feet, 1 inch.

DOUGAN: And you get to pay the first instance cost for it Tom.

MONTY: Is that only in Moriah Tom? (laughter)

SCOZZAFAVA: Only in Moriah.

MONTY: Any further questions? No further questions, signify by saying aye, opposed – carried.

23. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$296,650.00, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MACHINERY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Giordano, Subra**

24. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,117.89. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FISH HATCHERY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Rand, DeLoria**
25. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,707.50, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MACHINERY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Scozzafava, Depo**
26. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,696.31, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COUNTY ROAD AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Rand, DeZalia**
27. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,396.36, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Tyler, Rand**
28. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2020 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,816.50, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FISH HATCHERY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. DeLoria, Giordano**
29. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT FEDERAL TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,016,930.00, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SAME. Tyler, Depo**

MONTY: Discussion?

WINEMILLER: Was that a grant Judy?

GARRISON: I think it is a grant.

WINEMILLER: Can you read that again. I'm sorry.

GARRISON: It's a Federal transit capital project funding, but it's part of a five year grant I believe, isn't it Jim?

MONTY: Jim, can you answer that question for us please?

DOUGAN: Yeah, that's correct. It's part of a five-year plan that actually goes from 2017 into 2022. DOT wanted an updated resolution. It's the same dollar amount that you've seen in the past and in this year's budget there's two busses and a vehicle lift that are already carried in the budget to be purchased with some of these funds.

WINEMILLER: Okay, thank you.

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

30. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS APPLY FOR ACCEPT A 2020 NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO 50%. Hughes, Barber**
31. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INCREASING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,988.00, TOWN OF WILMINGTON FOR CONTRACTING SERVICES. DeLoria, Rand**
32. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TOWN AND COUNTY BRIDGE AND RAIL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$93,988.00, FOR WATERLINE REPAIRS UNDER A BRIDGE ON NYS ROUTE 86 IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM BUDGETED FUNDS. Rand, Winemiller**
33. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER EXECUTE A CREDIT CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$205,887.06), WITH LUCK BROTHERS, INC. FOR THE BLUE RIDGE ROAD PAVEMENT AND PRESERVATION PROJECT. DeLoria, Subra and DeZalia**

MONTY: Can you bring us more of those credit resolutions Jim?

DOUGAN: I will do my best.

34. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING 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. (TAHAWUS ROAD OVER SANFORD LAKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT) Gilliland, DeLoria**
35. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FOIT-ALBERT ASSOCIATES, PC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$337,000.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TAHAWUS ROAD OVER SANDFORD LAKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NEWCOMB. Barber, Giordano**

**PERSONNEL**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2021**

**Chairman – S. DeZalia Vice-Chairman – J. Giordano**

36. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GIORDANO TO THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023. Scozzafava, Tyler**



**FINANCE/TAX REDUCTION/MANDATE RELIEF**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2021**

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

**37. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT, SUBJECT TO CIVIL SERVICE TESTING, OF DANIEL J. WOODS AS ESSEX COUNTY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIRECTOR AND OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTOR. DeZalia, Giordano**

**38. RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF OTIS W. GAY. Gilliland, unanimous**

MONTY: Any miscellaneous resolutions Judy?

HARRINGTON: I have one. A resolution of condolence for the family of councilman Walt Worth in regards to the untimely death of his son, Ryan Michael Worth.

**39. RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF RYAN MICHAEL WORTH. Harrington, unanimous**

MONTY: Thank you Charlie. Anything else?

PALMER: I have a couple Jim.

MONTY: Okay Dan.

DELORIA: Jimmy, to the family of Robert Wick. I will have to get some specifics on it but his father recently deceased. I'd like to offer that as a resolution of condolences.

**40. RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF GREGORY PAUL WICK. DeLoria, unanimous**

MONTY: Thank you Robin. Go ahead, Dan.

PALMER: Yes, that was one of mine but the other one was a resolution adopting, accepting and placing on file the Essex County Sheriff's policy, entitled, The reform and reinvention of policing. I sent that out late to you on Friday but as you're aware the Sheriff's been working on that process for quite some time. We are required to provide this reform and reinvention policy to the state division of budget before April 1<sup>st</sup> of we will be subject to loss of state revenue state aid. So I'm asking for a resolution approving the plan that Dave had done and just as a side note, I think Dave did a terrific job of that, he put a huge amount of time and effort into it. if any of you saw the presentations I know it went well and I think the Sheriff did a lot of work on it.

**41. RESOLUTION ADOPTING, ACCEPTING AND PLACING ON FILE THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICY ENTITLED, "THE REFORM AND REINVENTION OF POLICING" Monty, unanimous**

MONTY: Unanimous second, thank you. Anything else Dan?

PALMER: That's all I had.

MONTY: Judy, do you have anything?

GARRISON: That's all I had.

MONTY: Anyone else from the board have anything? If we have nothing else, we stand adjourned. Thank you.

As there was no further discussion to come before this ways and means committee it was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors