FINANCE/TAX REDUCTION/MANDATE RELIEF COMMITTEE

Monday, April 20, 2026 - 10:30 AM

Michael Tyler, Chairperson
JoePete Wilson, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Tyler called this Finance Meeting to order at 11:00 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Chris Clark, Ken Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Tracie McGill, Clayton Menser, James O'Bryan, Timothy Pierce, Richard Preston, , Matt Stanley, Ike Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Margaret Wood. Matthew Brassard, Timothy Follos, Steve McNally, Cathleen Reusser and Davina Thurston were excused.

Department Heads present: Angie Allen, Hannah Carson, Laura Carson, Micheal Diskin, Judy Garrison, Michael Mascarenas, Chelsea Merrihew and Jim Dougan.

Deputies present: Bill Tansey

Also present: Joe Keegan and Renee Bruno.

TYLER: Finance committee, we'll start with County Clerk.

MERRIHEW: Good morning. I have two resolutions for your consideration today. First is acceptance of the semi-annual mortgage tax report that covers basic mortgage tax collected from October through March and that's the portion of mortgage tax that gets transmitted back to the town where the mortgaged property is located. The report has been approved by New York State Tax & Finance and that is showing on the page after the resolution request.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT, OCTOBER 2025 – MARCH 2026 PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW 261. Preston, Hughes

TYLER: Discussion? All in favor, opposed.

MERRIHEW: Thank you. And my second I am looking for authorization to observe summer hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in June, July and August. County Law 206 allows me to observe hours in July and August so this resolution is just to add on June.

RESOLTUION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND DMV TO OBSERVE SUMMER HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2026 PURSUANT TO COUNTY LAW 206. Barber, Hughes

TYLER: Discussion? All in favor, opposed.

MERRIHEW: Thank you. That's all I had for today unless there is any questions?

TYLER: Any questions? I don't see any. Have a fun day.

MERRIHEW: Thank you.

TYLER: Laura Carson, Auditor

L. CARSON: I do have a few things to touch on but I guess we'll talk about my report first. Does anybody have any questions?

TYLER: Questions on the report? I don't see any.

L. CARSON: I'm waiting for Mr. Menser.

MENSER: We just finished our quarterly report and we did everything well so I'm pretty happy.

L. CARSON: Okay perfect. I was asked recently as I am going through my transition here of learning some of what the Treasurer's office is doing more in depth; I was asked to and took kind of deep dive into adult use cannabis. Does anybody have any questions about that right now on the reporting and the payments you are getting? I'm not very satisfied on the reports we are getting from OCM, the Office of Cannabis Management. It seems that they weren't very well prepared.

TYLER: Surprised.

L. CARSON: So, I am working with them to try to get some sort of more formalized report but what they are sending is very basic. It's really just a lump sum of here's your sales for this town and village and here's the sales for this town but it's not broken down by your dispensaries it's just the town or the village. Right now it's not so much of an issue but it will be when you start to see more dispensaries open up and I guess we'll just have to try and figure it out from there.

WILSON: So the cannabis office has been nothing but problems everywhere across the state. Do you feel like you're getting enough information to at least monitor if we are being short changed or not?

L. CARSON: I'm working on that.

WILSON: So that is a no basically then. It's good that you're paying attention to this.

L. CARSON: They haven't convinced me yet but I am on it. I am working on it.

WILSON: So, keep us posted because if we need to do some political pressure because that whole endeavor has been a huge disaster.

L. CARSON: Every county in the state is having the same issues.

TYLER: It's not just the counties either the individual owners are having issues. We have one opening in Westport.

MASCARENAS: Can we get a show of hands of those of you that know whether you have one that will be opening soon in your town.

TYLER: I'm the only one.

MASCARENAS: So it's not a ton.

BARBER: Mine is open and my understanding from the owners they have to do a weekly report

of sales so I don't understand why the state is still –

TYLER: It still has to go to the state that is the issue.

BARBER: Right, exactly I mean if they are making a weekly report I just don't see why the state is not being able to get you a report. If they are making all cannabis dispensaries file a weekly report –

TYLER: You have too much common sense.

PRESTON: We have one in our town and we just put another one online and thank you for all your work I got more in the last week than the previous three months but we went a full six months without receiving a penny and what the Governor's office, cannabis nobody can answer why so if you do have dispensary keep your eye on the funding.

BARBER: Right and I know I only received one check so far and that was for a three-month period.

L. CARSON: They just seem like they are playing catch up. I think they were really just unprepared.

BARBER: They are doing well from my understanding.

TYLER: Anything else?

L. CARSON: I also wanted to touch on procurement. I'm not sure, we have a lot of new supervisors so I just wanted to touch base and I know that we have some new town clerks and I don't know who does the purchasing in your towns but Government municipalities have access to these state contracts so for example Staples and Pon and Lindenmeyer Monroe which is where we get our paper from anything that you purchase for your town you are supposed to be using the state contracts. The pricing is significantly lower. It's sometimes extremely significantly lower than if you're just going to the website on Staples and ordering something from the. For example, a normal chair mat might cost somebody $40 but we can get them for $10.80 so if you do not have access to the Government pricing for your vendors contact Linda Wolf, Leslie Smith you can even reach out to me and I can get you the information. It's as simple as just speaking with their representative and getting log in information so you can go online and you can order things like this yourself at the contract pricing. Everything from fuel oil, food for the summer camps –

MASCARENAS: Yes, some of that. Almost anything you can imagine really between that and what we bid the towns are mostly covered provided they don't have specialized projects in your own communities but.

L. CARSON: You will save your towns a lot of money by doing that, by knowing that so I just wanted to make sure that you were all aware about that.

STANLEY; I'm not on this committee but I'm glad you brought that up because we just bought a new desk for my clerk and we went through Linda she got us the approved price. We actually found out our Staples was not a municipal account so we were able to change that over and it was like a $1800 desk for $1400 it's definitely worth it. It's not just new supervisors, I've been here for four years it's definitely a good thing to bring up. Thank you.

L. CARSON: And then on a personal note, I tried to keep everybody appraised of my breast cancer journey. Next Monday I'm having another surgery. I plan to do my six week recovery within a week and be back on the office, knock on wood. I hope this is the last one so I will be available though by email. I'm always available by email and phone so anything you need. I'm still working. I may not be in the office but I will be available.

STANLEY: I will also mention good luck on your recovery but you are, you're always there every time I ask a question or email it gets answered that day if not, within the hour so I appreciate that very much but remember to take care of yourself.

L. CARSON: Oh, I do. Always, always.

TYLER: There's a way to get rid of that beep, just push a button and you don't have to listen to him.

STANLEY: I think it is block sender.

L. CARSON: No, I just like to keep everybody up to date on all that. Any questions at all? Now I'm done.

TYLER: Real Property, Hannah Carson.

H. CARSON: Good morning. So I just have a couple things that I want to talk about May 1st is coming up quickly and for the new assessors that are not aware, by law that is the date the assessors need to have their tentative assessment roll filed with the town clerk's office. We've already had a few assessors that picked their rolls up. I feel like we're ahead of schedule this year which is good and I think that most towns are set with their BAR numbers besides Wilmington but he is not here. So I was going to state that just a reminder, we are having our training here on May 7th from 1:30 to 4:30 and that is here in this room so if you have any members that you acquire between now and then if you could just let them know when the training is because they are required by law to attend the train in order to sit on grievance day. If that date and time is a conflict for them there is a YouTube video that is available for them to watch and that can make up their training. Does anybody have any questions?

STANLEY: I guess I should be probably be on this committee. Do BAR members also have to come to that training in it's a reval year even though it's not the time of their training?

H. CARSON: They don't. We invite all the members if it's a reval at the town just because it would be good to have that refresher but they are not required to come.

STANLEY: I think most of mine are coming.

H. CARSON: Okay. That's all I have.

MENSER: The assessors have turned stuff in I know Crown Point has when will that actually effect the overall town's assessment? When will we know?

H. CARSON: May 1st.

MENSER: Okay thank you.

H. CARSON: Any other questions? Thank you.

TYLER: Mr. Diskin, Treasurers.

DISKIN: I'll start with our sales tax. Sales tax continues to grow as we see. We haven't had any down months at all this year. We are about six and half percent up from last year so doing very well in sales tax. I'm not sure what it attributed to probably the higher prices of fuel and gas but some of it probably is short term rental sales tax that is showing up although I tend to think it is more of the fuel. Any questions on sales tax?
Occupancy is also growing we did very well last month. March is a very busy month because that's when everybody reports annual, quarterly and monthly so we usually always have our biggest month that month in March but it was even bigger this year and we are picking up more and more with short term rentals that are reporting and now that we're getting those third-party people out there reporting for us we'll start to see more money coming in. Any questions on the occupancy so far? I want to go back to it afterwards but I just want to finish the rest of the agenda. We got five new registrations in March. I gave you my expenses and revenue for the month. I do have a resolution for summer hours. It's a little different than Chelsea's. I spoke to her just before the meeting and our hours a little different because her customers as I would call them tend to want to be in here during the day during May because more kids are getting drivers' test and permits and so on. In our case we have found that people that come to our office like to be able in the warmer weather get in early and get out early not come late after 3 o'clock we see hardly anybody in our offices so that's why we've always have gone May, June, July and August. What I've done to try and simplify it this year, go by the calendar and say May 4 to September 4 just so we have a time then beginning Labor Day we go back to 5 o'clock so that's my request this year is to have summer hours between May 4 and September 4th.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO OBSERVE SUMMER HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. BEGINNING MAY 4, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2026. Hughes, Clark

TYLER: Any discussion? All in favor, opposed.

DISKIN: I wanted to go back to occupancy just a minute. I know there has been some questions on short-term rentals and the Deckard proposal and what's going on with that. We are working or way through. We've had weekly, if not twice a week meetings with the Deckard people getting up and running and have everything online by May1st provided everything is on that they need is there. Their model is based on a monthly basis so we're having everybody report monthly. They've had a request, I was one of the ones that requested it I know a number of other New York counties that requested them to try and modify their model so that they could report either quarterly or monthly make it a little easier but the way it is set up now we are going to report monthly. When it's up and running you'll report into a website that is going to be set up for the county's website, a website specifically for the county. You'll go online, you'll click on your facility, you'll report what you took in that month and there will be a follow-up question. It will actually calculate. If you report in what your sales are that does the calculation for you the 5% is right there, if it's late if you go in after the 20th of the month and report it, it will calculate your late charges as well. It will say this is how much you owe. It will give you a choice do you want to pay by check or do you want to pay by debt or credit card. We also have an option for ACH which I don't think very many people use but a lot of people these days will use debt cards it is easier for them, there's an option to use it through a company called full pay. It's very similar to what we get with our debt, credit cards I believe it's 2.75% charge for the credit cards it's a flat rate like $3.50 for a debit card you put that

in and it notifies us that that payment will be coming by way of debit card. It's a pretty simple. If you don't have any sales that month a lot of the smaller people that don't have anything you just go in click zero and you're done. If you don't report anything by the 20th of the month they will send out a reminder to you saying, we haven't heard from you yet this is a reminder, please report. It's a pretty simple process once it's done.
The other thing that we are going to do is we are going to start a campaign where we will re-register everybody which is a requirement a new law that everybody re-register every two years rather than send it all out in mass over 1500 and sending them back we are doing that in waves of about three to four hundred at a time a week send them out so that everybody will get them at the same time and it will set a new registration and a new registration number for them and everything.
The other thing and this is something I didn't realize until I looked through the contract this part of the rental state program it's not something that the towns are going to be able to look at. I know in Mr. Stanley's case that's probably discouraging because you want to be able to look at it however, they do have an option if a town or maybe as countywide you want to do this they said, for $5,000 per town they can make this all available to everybody, each town. I don't know if that is something the county wants to look at as a way of funding it through either fund balance or something where it's open to every town and you can get to it but I think a lot of towns would like it. I think it is well worth what you would pay for it to get it. What we can do for each town is we can report to you who's reported and who's registered in your town but as far as going online and looking at all those little dots on there to tell you where they are and who's there that's not available except through the county's program so for towns it will be an additional charge. I didn't realize that when we wrote our contract that that wasn't in it. It is something you might want to consider whether you want to make it available for each town and whether it is funded through the county or each town wants to do that themselves.

STANLEY: So, are we still going to be able to get a list of who is actually registered in the county?

DISKIN: Yes we send that out to every town.

STANLEY: I think you answered this question but, registrations are all going to be through Deckard now?

DISKIN: Yes.

STANLEY: I had somebody come into my office and they felt it was a little confusing because it says hotel/motel occupancy tax on top of our registration form I guess and clearly we are short term rentals it's good that it will be going through them. I guess I shouldn't expect an email from Deckard when they said we'll get you that information in a couple weeks when I saw them in New York.

DISKIN: Probably not. I don't know what it was that you asked them but is it something I can help you find?

STANLEY: She went through the whole program and said, "We'll get you that information and I said here's my card can you email it to me? Absolutely.

DISKIN: If you let me know what you want I'll get it for you.

STANLEY: Thank you.

TYLER: Ms. Carson, did you want to add something?

H. CARSON: Yes, so my suggestion to the supervisors is when you get those reports share them with your assessor because I know in the Town of Jay there was a woman who had been renting her house since 2022 and she has gotten the enhanced STAR every single year so it's a good thing to want to check for exemptions on any of those short-term rentals.

DISKIN: Good point. I do remember that. Somebody claimed they were getting the enhanced STAR we found out that they were renting it out, when we found out through Deckard they were renting it out at least –

H. CARSON: Seventy-five percent of the year.

DISKIN: More than half the year, probably 32 out of the 52 that it was rented or more.

TYLER: Anybody else?

STANLEY: When people don't register will Deckard be the one that chases them down to pay the penalty for not registering?

DISKIN: We are sending out a series of letters around the first of many, there will be three letters. The first one will be simply a re-register letter saying you need to register here's what you need to do. About twenty days after that if they haven't registered yet the second notification will go out to them, this will all be done by Deckard it's on our letterhead but it goes through them. A second notice will say, hey we haven't heard from you yet please don't forget you need to register. After thirty days if they haven't a little stronger letter goes out under my name saying, here's the local law saying you have to register, here's the penalties for not registering, this is what you need to do if you don't register we will enforce the penalties. Some of the penalties in our local law including going out and estimating what their business was which we can do now with Deckard because they can get data on that information and see how many rentals they had over the last, actually can go back two years. So there's a series of three letters that are going to go out that is going to remind them to register.
And if I could add one more thing and I know you're going to have a question. I know that you have a moratorium and they are aware of it, and they are flagging that so any registrations that come through Essex we won't register them, we will notify you of that.

HUGHES: Actually that was one of my questions, the other one was would you consider sending out the third correspondence as a certified return receipt? Just to make sure they received it.

DISKIN: I think it goes out through email but I'll find out exactly how it goes out.

HUGHES: Okay because emails can go to spam or emails go to junk or something like that and if we actually have a return receipt.

DISKIN: Well, I can tell you about return receipt letters when people see certified mail they tend not to pick it up.

HUGHES: That's alright we did our job.

DISKIN: We find that very much with the foreclosures where people do not pick up their mail it

comes back unclaimed nobody receives the certified letter, well not everybody does.

HUGHES: Understood.

O'BRYAN: That's what I was wondering Mike, what has been the feedback that you've heard or they have heard on this? What kind of feedback is coming back for those who are trying to get in compliance? Are we hearing anything?

DISKIN: No, everybody has been pretty good about it. We have some new registrations and we're taking them in. We are registering them and we're also notifying them there's going to be a re-registration very shortly.

O'BRYAN: I've heard nothing in Ti on my end so I was just wondering if you've heard anything. Good.

CLARK: Well, I guess I misunderstood when we decided to hire this Deckard that we were not going to be able to see our own towns online. It's $9,000 for eighteen towns, isn't that what you said $5,000?

DISKIN: Five thousand.

CLARK: More than $10,000 to Deckard. That changes quite a bit financially so when we want to find out what is going on in our town we have to go to your office and find out?

DISKIN: I don't know what information other than we can tell you who is registered.

CLARK: That would be great.

DISKIN: But we can also, our program that's only available through this rental program allows us to go on and actually look at the different dots and see where they are.

CLARK: They showed us all the dots when they gave the presentation and I just thought I was going to be able to see myself.

DISKIN: They did and to be honest with you I thought that was something that was going to be available. We didn't know that until we finalized everything and was going through and I said, when are the towns going to start to be able to get this? They said, oh, no it's not available under the contract. I wanted to bring that to you. It may or may not be worth something if the county wants to invest it for each town or each town wants to invest in it. I'm not sure the value, the $5,000 would gain you or whether or not it would be a return on investment if it would be worth it or not?

MENSER: I'm not on the committee but that's $5,000 per town, correct?

DISKIN: Yes.

TYLER: Anything else? Thank you Mr. Diskin, have a great day. County Manager.

MASCARENAS: Alright let's do this. We've got quite a few so I'm going to go as quickly as I can. A resolution to amend the budget to increase revenue and appropriations by $93,743.00 from

New York State to run the New York State summer youth employment program.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPT. INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $93,743.00 FROM NEW YORK STATE FOR NYS SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. Clark, Barber

TYLER: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – carried.

MASCARENAS: Details from that program will come from Ms. Bruno and/or Ms. Allen. This is a program that we're taking over that was run through ACAP in previous years but they no longer have the capacity to do which is why you're seeing this in our budget and haven't in the past. The second one, a resolution amending resolution No. 75 of April 6, 2026 to authorize a budget amendment in the Information Systems department in the amount of $6,539.73, transferred from the contingent account to cover the contract with Black Creek for an upgrade of the Maxxess card access software.

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF APRIL 6, 2026 TO AUTHORIZE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPT. IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,539.73 TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO COVER THE CONTRACT WITH BLACK CREEK FOR AN UPGRADE OF MAXXESS CARD ACCESS SOFTWARE. Barber, O'Bryan

TYLER: Discussion?

MASCARENAS: You did this last month, the resolutions amounts were wrong which is why we are amending that. This is a system that was followed by the Sheriff's department which is why it was kind of missed. We are now transferring that to the responsibility of our IT department and it will be budgeted in the future for us to manage.

TYLER: All in favor, opposed – carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESSEX COUNTY SOIL & WATER ACCESS TO ESSEX COUNTY'S REFORESTATION PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNS OF KEENE, LEWIS, JAY, MINERVA & ESSEX TO CONDUCT EVALUATIONS OF THE PROPERTIES. Wilson, Clark

TYLER: So, soil and water is actually not going to be doing this they are going to hire somebody.

MASCARENAS: That is correct. So, basically what they are asking for this really isn't permission to do anything other than hire a consultant for a few extra bucks that they would like to look at our property and make determinations whether those properties could be logged, etc. earn some revenue, other appropriate uses, anything that is identified by the consultant an issue and/or something we can utilize property for will be brought back to this board for future approval. This is just giving them access for the reporting process.

TYLER: Any further discussion? All in favor, opposed – carried.

MASCARENAS: Two more small ones. Essex County WIC will be applying for the Elizabethtown Community Hospital Community Health Investment grant in the amount of $5,000. Would like permission to approve the application and accepting of the grant award.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY WIC TO APPLY FOR THE ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL COMMUNITY HEALTH INVESTMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00. Wilson, Barber

TYLER: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – carried.

MASCARENAS: One more this is for our public health department to accept a $1500 grant award from Excellus Health Equity Innovation award for 2026.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE ESSEX COUNTY WIC DEPARTMENT INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1500.00, EXCELLUS HEALTH EQUITY INNOVATION AWARD FOR 2026. Hughes, O'Bryan

TYLER: Discussion? All in favor, opposed – carried.

MASCARENAS: One more, resolution supporting the Franklin County municipal broadband deployment capital project for purposes of NYSDEC review and attesting to required conditions.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT CAPITAL ($138,086) PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF NYSDEC REVIEW AND ATTESTING TO REQUIRED CONDITIONS. Hughes, Clark

TYLER: Discussion?

MASCARENAS: This is a resolution that we are simply supporting Franklin County's broadband project there's no cost allocation for Essex County as part of that project.

HUGHES: But the reason it was brought to us is because it is going through the Town of St. Armand.

MASCARENAS: Correct. There is some Essex County properties as part of their project, correct. Just no cost associated.

TYLER: All in favor, opposed – carried. Joe Keegan. Hi Joe, how are you today? Come on down?

KEEGAN: Good morning everyone. Nice to see you all. Beautiful ride over in the banana belt in the Town of Keene where it was green. I want to as always accept my thanks to you of your ongoing support of the college and our students. It is that time of the year where we are nineteen instructional days away from the end of the semester and commencement is right around the corner. It's been a really good year for the college. I want to thank you for your contributions and support.
A few updates we had Chancellor King visit, the State of University of New York Chancellor. Mr. McNally was able to join us and also we had our board of trustee member and your public health director Linda Beers was able to join us so Essex County had a good showing and we had a really spirited discussion with the Chancellor laid out with him what he saw as the strengths of the college, he heard from students, he heard from faculty, he heard from workforce representatives and partners and he heard from our county supporters as well and I would say it was a really nice moment to have the Chancellor on campus and to see what North Country is doing for the residents of Essex and Franklin County and also look for opportunities to continue to build upon

that good work. We'll see. As you all know the efforts that we have been doing recently around advocacy around community colleges is in the works as the New York State budget works its way through. It being late our hopes are that when we come out the other side we see some increases in our operating support. We'll see retention of the floor funding, SUNY re-connect hours which will help our adult students which we know Essex County has a number of those 22-55 come into college and re career as well as we've got our eye on an accelerated pathways in associates degree programs called ASAP which provides economic supports to wrap around students who we know increasingly are a flat tire away, they are a gas bill away, they are a fuel oil bill away to be able to keep college and so we've applied for that and we're hoping that that will also be included in the budget.

As we look forward to fall '26 it's really early days still but the indicators are positive. We are seeing upticks in our applications which is good and we're seeing upticks in our students that have decided they are going to come to school, notified us and planning to register. A lot can happen between now and the end of August but we'll continue to keep on that that's really positive things.

We will be celebrating our students at the end of the year celebrations, things like nursing pinning's one at each campus, our student award ceremony and commencement on May 16 you are welcome to attend any or all of those as you would like. If you are interested please let me know. We would love to have you there. I know that some of the supervisors have already indicated committing to the commencement we will put forward the person who is hosting that.

On some not so good news the county was really supportive last year and helped us to have the Governor veto a bill that came forward from the Assembly and Senate that sought to add another board of trustee member to the community college boards only SUNY community college boards. And this was to come from the faculty and the staff and it was to be voted on by them. On the surface it sounds like a great idea that you want faculty voices at the table. Community colleges already have many instruments to be able to give faculty and staff voices we share governments that's sort of in our DNA but this bill is really rifted with a number of conflicts of interest where individuals would have access to executive session, they would access to things that really put them into a deep conflict of interest around personnel or around remediation contract what have you. The Governor vetoed it in December and it has been re-introduced by the Senate so we will be working on hopefully not seeing it get passed any further but if it does we'll keep you a breasted. It just is not a great government bill and I will leave it at that. I will keep you in the loop as more comes forward.

I shared with you in the past we've had a number of capital projects underway to make the school more attractive. As students come they are learning in the conditions that are really 21st century and some of the things we are doing are very, very elementary at this point. We've got a new vestibule, some new doors just button it up and make it a more appealing spot for students to come. That's happening in our gym. We have a number of other projects under way including a feasibility study for a building that we are looking to consider down by the rail trail which will allow us to make some other moves that are more costly for us to operate currently and then as you all know we continue to offer EMT we'll be doing that again. We are offering childcare associate certificate and one thing that might be of interest, we've got a hack the box penetration testing and incorporation with SUNY Plattsburgh happening in early May in Saranac Lake which we are hoping we'll drive some great cyber security program which we have joined and registered with Herkimer. That's a lot for the end of the finance committee Mr. Tyler. I would be happy to take any questions.

TYLER: Any questions? Thank you Joe. Anything else for this committee? Have a good day. See you later.

As there was no further discussion to come before this Finance tax reduction mandate relief committee it was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors