

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF CHENANGO COUNTY

2017

**Monthly and Annual
Sessions 2017**

**of the Board of Supervisors
of Chenango County
New York**

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Supervisor Blanchard offered the invocation.

The County Attorney led the flag salute.

Mr. Woodford read the Call of the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Woodford asked for nominations for a Temporary Chairman of the Board.

Supervisor Lawrence moved, seconded by Supervisor Nabinger, to nominate RC Woodford as Temporary Chairman. The motion to appoint RC Woodford as Temporary Chairman of the Board was carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR 2017

Mr. Woodford opened the polls for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2017.

Supervisor Khoury thanked Mr. Woodford for the opportunity to speak in front of the Board this morning. He said that he would like to take a moment to recognize the leadership in this room. He said that it has been strong and knowledgeable.

Supervisor Khoury said that it is his privilege to make a motion to nominate Lawrence N. Wilcox as Chairman of the Board of Chenango County Supervisors for the year 2017.

Supervisor Wansor seconded the motion.

Mr. Woodford asked if there were any further nominations for Chairman of the Board. Hearing no further nominations Mr. Woodford declared the polls closed.

Mr. Woodford called the roll.
 Results of a roll call vote were: Yes – 1555, No – 0, Absent – 172
 Absent: Supervisors David Law and Peter Flanagan

Mr. Woodford declared Lawrence N. Wilcox, Supervisor of the Town of Oxford, as Chairman of the Board of the Chenango County Supervisors for the year 2017.

Supervisor Khoury and Supervisor Wansor escorted Supervisor Wilcox to the Chair.

CHAIRMAN WILCOX’S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

“I once again thank you for your continued support and vote of confidence in electing me to be your Chairman for the year 2017.

We, as a Board of Supervisors, have accomplished many good things in the past five years. Number one in my book is the maintaining of a fiscally sound county based on the precepts set forth by the Board of Supervisors several years ago. We have once again abided by the state imposed tax cap, we’ve remained debt free, we’ve reduced the application of surplus funds in our operation and have maintained a status quo of no fiscal stress. Bill Craine and his staff need to be commended for guiding us along this path that keeps Chenango County an icon for all counties in New York. Thank you, Bill.

The cooperation of all department heads and each standing committee has made the past few years an enjoyable time for me, and I sincerely thank you for your support.

Each year brings new challenges that we must be ready to meet. I feel confident that we, as a team, will meet all of these challenges with the best interest of all Chenango County residents and taxpayers in our minds.

My door is always open. Please feel free to talk to me about ideas you have may have. We may not agree, but I will listen.

Once again, thank you for your support and let’s go forward as one Board making decisions that are best for the Chenango County citizens.”

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1-17

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

Mr. Khoury offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That Lawrence N. Wilcox be and hereby is appointed Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County for the year 2017.

Seconded by Dr. Wansor.

Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Yes – 1555, No – 0, Absent – 172

Absent: Supervisors David Law and Peter Flanagan

The Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #2-17

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF YEAR 2016 FUNDS FOR
EXTRA HIRE AND OVERTIME EXPENSES – PRESTON
MANOR**

Mr. Blanchard offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of year 2016 funds, in the amount of \$1,000.00, from Appropriation Account #A6030.115 – Residential Aide, to Appropriation Account #A6030.130 – Extra Hire, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of year 2016 funds, in the amount of \$5,000.00, from Appropriation Account #A6030.115 – Residential Aide, to Appropriation Account #A6030.190 – Overtime, in order to provide the funds necessary for overtime expenses for 2016.

Seconded by Mr. McNeil and duly adopted.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. Blanchard said that he has received a request for out of state travel from Mental Health. He said that Ms. Roberts is requesting permission for Lorenda Rush to attend Trauma Recovery EMDR (Eye Movement and Desensitization Reprocessing) Humanitarian Assistance Program Part I Training in Hamden, Connecticut. He noted that the county does not have anyone trained in EMDR at this time and interested individuals are currently being referred to other providers. Mr. Blanchard stated that the training is to be held from January 6th through January 10th, 2017.

Mr. Blanchard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wansor, to approve the out of state Travel Request. Carried.

REMINDERS

Mr. Woodford asked everyone to review the address and contact information list and let him know as soon as possible if there are any changes. He noted that the directory he placed on the supervisors' desks is what will be published. Mr. Woodford also asked the supervisors to let him know if there are any changes to their nonpublished contact information.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. to the Second Day of Annual Session to be held Monday, January 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present except Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan.

Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Sixth Day of Annual Session 2016 – Monday, December 12, 2016
First Day of Annual Session 2017 – Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Supervisor Brown moved, seconded by Supervisor McNeil, to approve the minutes of the above meetings of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Woodford said that there were no additional communications.

Supervisor McNeil moved, seconded by Supervisor Outwater, to receive and file all of the communications. Carried.

**APPOINTMENTS
STANDING COMMITTEES**

Agriculture, Buildings and Grounds:

*Dolores Nabinger
Fred J. Heisler, Jr.
John H. Lawrence
Evan T. Williams
Robert T. Starr
Marion L. Ireland

Health & Human Services:

*Jeffrey B. Blanchard
James J. McNeil
Robert M. Jeffrey
Robert E. Wansor
Michael R. Khoury
Grace A. Nucero-Alger

Planning & Economic Development:

*Michael R. Khoury
James J. McNeil
Dolores Nabinger
Thomas P. Grace
Fred J. Heisler, Jr.
Peter C. Flanagan

Finance:

*Wayne C. Outwater
Dennis Brown
Jeffrey B. Blanchard
Charles A. Mastro
George G. Raymond, III
George Seneck

Personnel:

*George Seneck
Wayne C. Outwater
David C. Law
Robert T. Starr
Robert M. Jeffrey
Robert E. Wansor

Public Works:

*Dennis Brown
Peter C. Flanagan
Arrington Canor
Thomas P. Grace
Evan T. Williams
Marion L. Ireland
Daniel S. Jack
George G. Raymond III

Safety & Rules:

*Charles A. Mastro
 Arrington Canor
 John H. Lawrence
 Daniel S. Jack
 Grace A. Nucero-Alger
 David C. Law

VARIOUS BOARDS AND COUNCILS**Administrative Board of Cincinnatus Lake Small Watershed Protection District**

James Utter Term Expiring 12/31/21

Administrator, Self-Insurance Plan

RC Woodford Term Expiring 12/31/17

Agriculture Development Council – Indefinite Terms

Shane Butler	Director/Chenango County Planning Board Appointee
Steve Craig	Commerce Chenango Representative
Kenneth Smith	Chenango County Cooperative Extension, Executive Director
Jim Kern	NBT Bank Employee
Alice Andrews	Chenango County Cooperative Extension Employee
Rich Taber	Chenango County Cooperative Extension Employee
Bradd Vickers	Chenango County Farm Bureau Representative
Kim Cook	Ag Producer
Todd Dreyer	Former City of Norwich Employee, Interested Party
Sandy Pierce	Ag Producer

Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board

Ken Dibbell	Farmer's Representative	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Terry Ives	Farmer's Representative	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Stanley Davis	Farmer's Representative	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Bradd Vickers	Agri Business Representative	Term Expiring 12/31/20

Alternatives to Incarceration Board – Indefinite Terms

Kristin Snow	Acting Probation Director
Rodney Marsh	City of Norwich Chief of Police

Capital Projects Improvement Committee

David Law	Term Expiring 12/31/17
James McNeil	Term Expiring 12/31/17

Chaplain of the Board

Wayne Outwater	Term Expiring 12/31/17
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Chenango County Cooperative Extension

Peter Flanagan	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Marion Ireland	Term Expiring 12/31/17

Chenango County Planning Board

Sally Chirlin	Term Expiring 12/31/19
Alex Larsen	Term Expiring 12/31/19
C. Paul Thomsen	Term Expiring 12/31/19

Community Services Board

Grace Nucero-Alger	Term Expiring 12/31/20
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Fish & Wildlife Management Board

Robert Brenzel	Term Expiring 12/31/18
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Senior Citizens Council

Christine Carnrike	Term Expiring 12/31/17
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Youth Board

Haywood Edwards, III	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Janice Burt-Ashton	Term Expiring 12/31/18
Kristin Snow	Term Expiring 12/31/18
James Mullen	Term Expiring 12/31/19
Erica Anderson	Term Expiring 12/31/19

Mr. Woodford said that both the standing committee appointments and various other council and board appointments are before the Board today.

Supervisor Outwater moved, seconded by Supervisor Wansor, to approve the above appointments. Carried.

REPORTS

Cornell University Cooperative Extension Chenango County – Annual Report for 2016

Supervisor McNeil made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Canor, to receive and file the Annual Report. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Health & Human Services/Personnel Committee Meeting 12/12/16

Supervisor McNeil made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Mastro, to approve the Committee Report. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

RESOLUTION #3-17

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN COUNTY SUPPORTED NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS

Mr. Wilcox offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango does offer financial support to several not-for-profit organizations, boards and agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign contract agreements with the following not-for-profit organizations, agencies and boards under the same terms and conditions as heretofore agreed, and in the amount so designated in the Year 2017 Budget:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>YEAR 2017 APPROPRIATION</u>
Development Chenango	\$108,750.00
Chenango County Chamber of Commerce	\$ 4,000.00
Chenango County Tourism	\$ 45,300.00
Chenango County Council of the Arts	\$ 9,000.00
Chenango County College Center Contract	\$ 36,587.00
Chenango County Historical Society (Museum)	\$ 8,000.00
Chenango County Cornell Cooperative Extension	\$252,000.00

Seconded by Mr. Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan

RESOLUTION #4-17**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE – PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Outwater offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That upon receipt of State funding for the maintenance and improvement of snowmobile trails in Chenango County, Revenue Account #A3847 – State Aid Snowmobile Trails, be and hereby is credited to the total amount of \$90,540.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon receipt, an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$90,540.00, be made from Revenue Account #A3847 to Appropriation Account #A7110.46 – Park Development (Snowmobile Trails), in order to provide the funds necessary to reimburse snowmobile clubs that provide snowmobile trail maintenance and improvements in Chenango County.

Seconded by Mr. McNeil and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan

RESOLUTION #5-17**DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES**

Mr. Outwater offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the investment policy adopted by the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to deposit the funds coming into his hands, and conduct business through both electronic and non-electronic means, in his official capacity, in any Federal Reserve Bank authorized to do business in New York State pursuant to Section 11 of General Municipal Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County hereby designates Community Bank, N.A. as the Official Depository for Chenango County Court and Trust funds, and the County Treasurer is hereby instructed to deposit such funds coming into his hands, in his official capacity, in said banks and conduct business through both electronic and non-electronic means, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County hereby designates NBT Bank and M&T Bank as the Official Depositories for Chenango County Clerk funds and the County Clerk is hereby instructed to deposit the funds coming into her hands in said bank, and, in her official capacity, conduct business through both electronic and non-electronic means, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County hereby designates NBT Bank as the Official Depositories for statutory Chenango County Sheriff funds and the County Sheriff is hereby instructed to deposit the funds coming into his hands in said bank, and, in his official capacity, conduct business through both electronic and non-electronic means, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County hereby designates NBT Bank as the Official Depositories for Chenango County Mental Health and Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services funds and the Director of Community Services is hereby instructed to deposit the funds coming into her hands in said bank, and, in her official capacity, conduct business through both electronic and non-electronic means, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the total deposits to any said Federal Reserve Bank shall not exceed the maximum amount of \$50,000,000.00.

Seconded by Supervisor Wansor and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan

RESOLUTION #6-17**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS – BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND PROBATION OFFICE**

Mr. Mastro offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango has received notification that funds through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant have been awarded to the County for the purchase of soft armor vests for Chenango County law enforcement, corrections and probation personnel in the amount of \$11,250.00, of which a 50% match is required, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate said grant proceeds, minus appropriations budgeted for 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A4388 – Federal Aid BVP, by \$3,725.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$3,725.00 be made from Revenue Account #A4388 to Appropriation Account #A3110.48 – Purchase Soft Body Armor Vest, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the remaining 50% local match for said soft armor vests shall be made from existing Chenango County appropriations.

Seconded by Supervisor Khoury and duly adopted.
Absent: Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan

RESOLUTION #7-17

**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR YEAR 2016
ASSIGNED COUNSEL EXPENSES – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S
OFFICE**

Mr. Mastro offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase year 2016 Revenue Account #A1287 - Tobacco Settlement (Shared Revenues), by \$25,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of year 2016 funds, in the amount of \$25,000.00, be made from Revenue Account #A1287, to Appropriation Account #A1170.47 – Assigned Counsel Conflict.

Seconded by Mr. McNeil and duly adopted.
Absent: Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #7-17 Mr. McNeil asked if this clears us up through the end of the year. Mr. Woodford said that it should. He said the Public Defender’s office is pretty confident that this is going to get them through 12/31/16. Mr. McNeil asked if we know where we are going to end up for 2016. Mr. Woodford said that we should be very close to where we were a year ago.

RESOLUTION #8-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Supervisor Outwater offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of **December 2016** against Chenango County in the amount of \$2,252,313.95.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$2,796,399.23, are accepted and made a part of the following summary:

GENERAL:

Bills and Claims	\$837,568.01		
Supervisors’ Salaries		\$	39,937.25
Certified Payroll		\$	1,151,961.26
Sheriff Payroll		\$	691,079.31
Social Services Payroll		\$	546,537.60
Self-Insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 1,167.36	\$	3,034.71
			\$ 3,271,285.50

HIGHWAY:

County Road Bills & Claims	\$ 241,397.47		
County Road Paving & Machinery Rentals	\$ 220,791.25	\$	296,776.38
Road Machinery Bills & Claims	\$ 68,699.18		
Road Machinery Payrolls		\$	67,072.72
			\$ 894,737.00

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 32,435.73
Administration	\$ 172,998.50

Preston Manor	\$ 15,217.55	
Services for Recipients	\$ 39,541.17	
Medical	\$ 24,068.76	
Special Needs	\$ -	
Family Assistance	\$ 195,352.82	
Child Care	\$ 308,472.01	
Juvenile Delinquent Care	\$ 102.60	
Payment to State Schools	\$ -	
Safety Net Assistance	\$ 93,205.54	
HEAP	\$ 196.00	
Burials	\$ -	
EEA	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 882,690.68
TOTALS	\$2,252,313.95	\$ 2,796,399.23
TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS for DECEMBER 2016		\$ 5,048,713.18
TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS TO DATE		\$53,408,600.83

Seconded by Supervisor McNeil and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Seneck, Starr, Law, Jeffrey and Flanagan

REMINDERS

Mr. Woodford reminded the Board that Standing Committee meetings will begin this week. He reported that Planning & Economic Development will meet tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Woodford also noted that the Public Works Committee will be meeting one week earlier than normal this month and is scheduled for this Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Brown mentioned Resolution #3-17. He said that he knows that he beats this drum a lot but he would like to bring it up again as the contract agencies receive over \$400,000 per year from the county and much of that is supposed to go to Economic Development. Mr. Brown said it doesn't seem as if we have a real live strategy for Economic Development. He said that he would like to see such a strategy developed and he believes that begins with the Planning & Economic Development Committee. Mr. Brown said that he would like to see a strategy in place that this Board has actually developed. He said that until we can actually point and say "This is what we want done" all we can do is react.

Mr. Brown made a motion to the Planning & Economic Development Committee to develop a specific strategy for Economic Development in Chenango County.

Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

Mr. Grace said that in looking at the amounts within the resolution it seems to him that \$9,000 for the Arts is a paltry sum. He said that the effects of the Arts on economics can be understated. Mr. Grace said that contributions to the Arts not only support the artists but can make the community a more attractive place to be.

Mr. Grace asked about the money for the Chenango County College Center Contract. Chairman Wilcox explained that this was our attempt to reduce community college costs by supporting Morrisville College. Mr. Grace asked if this is our total support to Morrisville. Mr. McNeil mentioned the costs for Chenango County residents attending classes at Morrisville. Mr. Wilcox explained that there are dual high school/Morrisville students receiving funding from Chenango County also. Mr. Khoury said that we are in a way supporting the college by supporting the students. Mr. Grace said he doesn't want to be interpreted as saying that he thinks this is a bad idea because he thinks it is a great idea. Mr. Woodford said that it is much more attractive to the county to pay Morrisville what it charges as opposed to three times that amount for a resident to attend a community college.

Ms. Jones mentioned a plan that she is putting together for Economic Development. She noted that part of her plan will include the county's goals.

Mr. Khoury said that he is new to the Planning & Economic Development Committee. He said that he would like to state on a broad level that we should be reviewing exactly what the programs are doing and if they are meeting the intended results. Mr. Brown said we have been through that numerous times and every time we just get another report from people trying to justify

receipt of the money. He said that something as important as Economic Development requires us to be the people that direct it. Supervisor Brown said we should be the ones saying "this is what we want done" and he doesn't think we have ever done that. Chairman Wilcox said he believes that Mr. Brown's proposal gets us to the point that Mr. Khoury is talking about. Mr. Brown said that he thinks economic development is more of a salesman's tool whereas you make a thousand stops and sell your product at one of them. He said we may have a thousand failures before we get to a success. Mr. Khoury said he would hope that we would evaluate on the up front level.

Mr. Palmatier said he senses that much of this revolves around the things he is involved with. He said that workforce development is a critical need in this area; we don't have enough employees. Mr. Palmatier also mentioned the broadband study. He said they found errors, omissions and opportunities during their review of that study. Mr. Palmatier said that the Planning Committee will be receiving a notebook with information on the five top issues they are currently working on. He mentioned the revolving loan fund and the opportunity to better utilize that. Mr. Palmatier mentioned potential grant dollars for a transportation study in Chenango County. He said there are two ways to look at what they do; #1) looking for the opportunities and #2) the execution. Mr. Palmatier said they are going to have misses; there's no way around that.

Mr. Heisler said that Mr. Brown began this conversation last month. He said that as a member of P&ED he welcomes the frustration of the whole board. Mr. Heisler said they have been pushing for the last few months to be a little less ethereal and a little more specific in their motives; more pragmatic. He said it is easy to throw out all these wonderful things but the ideas tend to be rather scattered and loose. Mr. Heisler said he does want to say that the Board may want to be careful about what it is wishing for. He said that the Planning & Economic Development Committee will do a better job. Mr. Brown said that he doesn't think P&ED has done a bad job and he isn't placing blame on anyone. He said that as a Board we have never been as involved with economic development as we should be. Mr. Brown said that he just isn't sure that the Board has ever been in the driver's seat.

Ms. Jones said that she has thought about this recently. She said that it might be a good idea to look at this the way we look at an engineering contract which has specific tasks and requirements. Ms. Jones said she doesn't know if we can have deadlines for tasks because sometimes it takes a lot longer to do things when it comes to Planning.

Mr. McNeil said that he is extending an invitation to all of the Supervisors to contact Ms. Jones with any of their wildest dreams for economic development. He said if they have an idea they should contact the Planning Department. Mr. McNeil said that looking back at history we once had an opportunity for a community college in Chenango County and today we are paying over a million dollars in community college charges.

Mr. Heisler said that when you meet once a month for a couple of hours it is difficult. He said that an idea comes up and before you know it a year has gone by and no action has been taken. Supervisor Heisler said that he becomes very frustrated by the lack of progress. Mr. Heisler said that both the Board and the standing committees need to meet as often as necessary to make actual progress. Chairman Wilcox said that as supervisors we are elected to serve for two year terms not for six hours per month. Mr. Heisler asked if there is a limit as to how often a committee may meet. Chairman Wilcox said that is up to the Chairman of the committee.

Carried.

REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING

**New York State Office of Community Renewal
Manufactured Housing Replacement Initiative II Program #227HR61-13
First Time Homebuyers VI Program #227H069-13**

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford read the Notice of Public Hearing. Chairman Wilcox declared the Public Hearing Open at 11:00 a.m. and asked anyone who wanted to address the Board to step forward and state their name.

Chairman Wilcox repeated his request for anyone wishing to speak on the issue.

With no one wishing to be heard Supervisor Outwater made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Canor to close the public hearing at 11:02 a.m. Carried.

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors scheduled for February 13th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present except Supervisors Canor, Williams, Nucero-Alger, Flanagan and Heisler.

Supervisor Charles A. Mastro offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

Chairman Wilcox mentioned how nice it is to have Supervisor Law back today. The Supervisors welcomed Mr. Law back.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Second Day of Annual Session 2017 – Monday, January 9, 2017

Supervisor Outwater moved, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to approve the minutes of the above meeting of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Woodford said that there were no additional communications.

Supervisor Mastro moved, seconded by Supervisor Wansor, to receive and file all of the communications. Carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. Blanchard said that this request is from the Department of Mental Health for Lorenda Rush to travel to Hamden, Connecticut for EMDR Part II Training.

Supervisor Wansor made a motion to approve the Out of State Travel request. Supervisor Lawrence seconded the motion. Carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Stop DWI Coordinator

Faye Pierce	Effective 01/01/17 - Indefinite Term
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Community Services Board

John Bennett	Term Expiring 12/31/18
Lauren Clarke	Term Expiring 12/31/18

Professional Advisory Committee

Teresa Blenis	P&G/Community Health Retiree	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Rev. Joseph Connolly	UCC	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Robin Cotter	Catholic Charities Director	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Jeni Demarais	Chase Health Rehab & Res. Care	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Kendall Drexler	Hospice of Chenango	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Marjorie E. Ketzak, D.O.	Osteopathic Medicine - Greene, NY	Term Expiring 12/31/20
Patricia Whitmore	Community Representative	Term Expiring 12/31/20

Supervisor McNeil moved, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to approve the above appointments. Carried.

REPORTS

Chenango County Historian – Annual Report for 2016
 Chenango County Youth Bureau – Annual Progress Report for 2016

Supervisor McNeil made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Starr, to receive and file the Annual Reports. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Economic Development	01/10/17
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Personnel	02/01/17
Finance	02/02/17

Supervisor Outwater made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to approve the Committee Reports. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS
 PREFERRED AGENDA**

1. AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO POSTLER & JAECKLE CORP., OF ENDICOTT, NEW YORK FOR COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING-RELATED HVAC REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS – PUBLIC FACILITIES
2. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR CONSUMER DIRECTED EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP) – AREA AGENCY ON AGING
3. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS FOR HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM — AREA AGENCY ON AGING
4. AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC., OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK FOR FISCAL REPORTING SUPPORT AND TRAINING – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
5. AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH REHABILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INCORPORATED, OF ALTAMONT, NEW YORK – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SALLY GEORGE, PH.D. FOR CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
7. AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH CONFERENCE OF LOCAL MENTAL HYGIENE DIRECTORS IN THE FORMATION OF INDEPENDENT PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATION (IPA) – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
8. CALLING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CHENANGO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
9. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BUFFALO COMPUTER GRAPHICS, INC. FOR DISASTER LAN (DLAN) INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
10. AMENDING RESOLUTION #50-16P AS IT RELATES TO POSITIONS APPLICABLE FOR REFILL PROCEDURE FOR EXISTING NON-COMPENSATION SCHEDULE PERSONNEL – PERSONNEL OFFICE
11. APPOINTMENTS - CHENANGO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE YEAR 2017
12. AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN M. SNOW AS DIRECTOR OF CHENANGO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
13. AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH VITAL ACCESS PROVIDER (VAP) PROGRAM PHASE 2 AWARD FOR FREESTANDING ARTICLE 31 CLINICS – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
14. AUTHORIZING CREATION OF TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
15. AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH CHENANGO COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR SUPPORTED HOUSING SERVICES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
16. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM CAREGIVER FUNDS – AREA AGENCY ON AGING
17. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR IN-HOME PERSONAL CARE SERVICES – AREA AGENCY ON AGING
18. AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF CELL NO. 5 AT THE COUNTYWIDE LANDFILL IN PHARSALIA, NEW YORK
19. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR YEAR 2016 ASSIGNED COUNSEL EXPENSES – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE

20. AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT – POLICE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM – PROJECT #PP16-1112-D00
21. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT – FY 2016-2017 – CONTRACT C198572 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE
22. AUTHORIZING REAPPROPRIATION OF UNEXPENDED YEAR 2016 FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS
23. AUTHORIZING CREATION OF SIX (6) CORPORAL POSITIONS AND ELIMINATING TWO (2) SERGEANT AND FOUR (4) CORRECTIONS OFFICERS POSITIONS – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS
24. AUTHORIZING THE CHENANGO COUNTY TREASURER TO APPROVE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR CORRECTIONS – REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
25. CHANGING 2017 TAX ROLLS PERTAINING TO CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR VARIOUS TOWNS - REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DEPARTMENT
26. PERTAINING TO CORRECTION OF ERRORS FILED FOR 2017 FOR TOWN OF BAINBRIDGE - REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

27. APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FROM THE CHENANGO COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT THEREFORE – T-SQUARED CUSTOM MILLWORK, INC., TOWN OF OXFORD, NEW YORK
28. RESOLUTION FOR A HOME RULE REQUEST IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE EXISTING AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES
29. RESOLUTION FOR A HOME RULE REQUEST RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS IN CHENANGO COUNTY

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Preferred Agenda Resolutions. Supervisor Law seconded the motion.

Supervisor Brown requested that Resolutions #7 and #9 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Supervisor McNeil requested that Resolution #19 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #9-17P

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO POSTLER & JAECKLE
CORP., OF ENDICOTT, NEW YORK FOR COUNTY OFFICE
BUILDING-RELATED HVAC REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS –
PUBLIC FACILITIES

The Agriculture, Buildings & Grounds Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Director of Public Facilities, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Buildings & Grounds, did advertise for bids for the award of contract for replacement of the Chiller system in the 1991 Wing of the County Office Building, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid amount of \$117,500.00 was submitted by Postler & Jaeckle Corp., of Endicott, New York,
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the Chenango County Attorney, and the Public Facilities, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a contract with Postler & Jaeckle Corp., of Endicott, New York, for replacement of the Chiller system in the 1991 Wing of the County Office Building, at a total base bid amount of \$117,500.00, plus required roof work, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract shall be made from Capital Project Account #H1620.85 – COB Renovations.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-17**RESOLUTION FOR A HOME RULE REQUEST IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE EXISTING AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES**

Mr. Outwater offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution, the County of Chenango hereby requests the enactment of Senate Bill # S4088 and Assembly Bill #A4130, entitled "An Act to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Extending the Authorization of the County of Chenango to Impose an Additional One Percent of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes", and

WHEREAS, it is hereby declared that a necessity exists for the enactment of such legislation and that the County of Chenango does not have the power to enact such legislation by local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That upon approval by a majority of the membership of this Board of Supervisors, the Chairman of the Board and the Clerk of the Board be and hereby are authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a Municipal Home Rule Request for the enactment of Senate Bill #S4088 and Assembly Bill #A4130, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board, as required by statute, forward certified copies of said Home Rule Request: two (2) with the Senate and two (2) with the Assembly for the Senate Bill and two (2) with the Assembly and two (2) with the Senate for the Assembly Bill.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown and duly adopted with Supervisor Grace opposed.

Absent: Supervisors Evan Williams, Grace Nucero-Alger, Peter Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #10-17 Supervisor Jeffrey said he has spoken of this before. He said that the City of Norwich provides ambulance services to other municipalities as it participates in Chenango County's Mutual Aid Program. Mr. Jeffrey said that it is his understanding that this Home Rule Request relates to Public Safety. He asked if that is correct. Chairman Wilcox said this Home Rule legislation is specifically for the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Jeffrey said that there are various municipalities within the county that have paid ambulance services and he doesn't know what their financial situations are but providing such a service is very costly. He said that the City of Norwich is not financially sound. Mr. Jeffrey said that the ambulance service is costing the city a great deal of money and they will not be able to continue to provide this service. He said he believes that this additional sales tax revenue should be broken up. Mr. Jeffrey said that the City of Norwich taxpayers will no longer be able to afford to provide services to other townships. He said he will vote for this resolution but this needs to be looked at very quickly.

Mr. Grace said that during budget time he mentioned that he thought it was a mistake to use this sales tax revenue for one department as he believes it gives a false impression. He said he sees nothing wrong with funding at the current levels but he thinks this money should be used to fund other departments also. Chairman Wilcox said that the legislation is very specific in regard to the use of the additional sales tax revenue. He said that as Chairman of this Board he is not willing to take the chance involved in changing this. Mr. Grace asked if we believe that the state would not approve the additional one percent of sales tax if we changed our intended use. Mr. Wilcox said that is what they have been hearing, that no further Home Rule legislation will be approved for additional sales tax.

Mr. Jeffrey asked if the county collects sales taxes for Internet sales. Chairman Wilcox said he believes it depends on where it's coming from. Supervisor Brown said that places such as Amazon collect sales tax but there are sites that don't. He said he also understands that the Comptroller's Office is trying to get a better handle on that in order to obtain the appropriate collections. Mr. Jeffrey said that the issue sounds very complex. He said brick and mortar is going away and these internet based companies are making a lot of money.

Mr. Grace asked if the eight percent sales tax originated for the construction of the jail or for its operations. Chairman Wilcox said that it was intended to be used for both purposes. Mr. Woodford said it was initially for construction and subsequently for O&M.

Mr. Khoury said that in his opinion this relates to transparency and our motivation for a review of operations. He said he thinks it is helpful to have the additional sales tax used in this manner.

Mr. Grace said he would disagree. He mentioned the pie chart used during the budget presentation. Mr. Grace said he thinks that chart misrepresents where county tax dollars are being used. Mr. Brown said he has to agree with Mr. Grace on that. He said that he thinks the chart can be corrected to directly reflect the cost of operations and the amount of taxes used in funding the facility.

RESOLUTION #11-17**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR YEAR 2016
ASSIGNED COUNSEL EXPENSES – PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
OFFICE**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase year 2016 Revenue Account #A1287 - Tobacco Settlement (Shared Revenues), by \$6,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of year 2016 funds, in the amount of \$6,000.00, be made from Revenue Account #A1287, to Appropriation Account #A1170.47 – Assigned Counsel Conflict.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Evan Williams, Grace Nucero-Alger, Peter Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #11-17 Supervisor McNeil asked if this is the final appropriation. Supervisor Outwater said that it is. He said that this is also the only time we have ever been caught up through the end of the year.

Mr. McNeil asked if we have the final figure yet. Chairman Wilcox said that the Treasurer's Office is in the process of closing out the books for 2016 and that number will be available shortly.

RESOLUTION #12-17P**AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
RELATED TO NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL
HEALTH VITAL ACCESS PROVIDER (VAP) PROGRAM
PHASE 2 AWARD FOR FREESTANDING ARTICLE 31 CLINICS
– COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #58-16, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors authorized appropriation of New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) Vital Access Program (VAP) funds, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) Vital Access Program (VAP) is to preserve critical access to Article 31 Mental Health Clinic services, such as that operated by the County of Chenango, and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Mental Health Clinic has been notified that the 2017 award for the New York State Office of Mental Health Vital Access Program (VAP) has been decreased due to a \$86,981.00 reduction of the federal participation in the program, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to decrease Revenue Account #A4595 - Fed Aid Vital Access, by \$86,981.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a reduction in appropriations, totaling \$86,981.00, be made from the following appropriation accounts, in the amount set opposite each:

Account#	Title	Amount
A4320.444	VAP Other Expense	(\$ 40,500.00)
A4320.534	VAP CCSI Contract	(\$ 20,000.00)
A4320.574	VAP CNYS Contract	(\$ 26,481.00)
	Total:	(\$ 86,981.00)

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #13-17P**AUTHORIZING CREATION OF TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL
ACCOUNT CLERK AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS
THEREFORE – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create Appropriation Account #A4320.117A – Principal Account Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said temporary position shall be six weeks, 16 hours per week, at \$16.83 per hour, and be it further
 RESOLVED, That a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$1,615.68, be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.112
 – Account Clerk Typist, to newly created Appropriation Account #A4320.117A – Principal Account Clerk.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #14-17P

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH
 CHENANGO COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR
 SUPPORTED HOUSING SERVICES – COMMUNITY MENTAL
 HYGIENE SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Community Mental Hygiene Services Program desires to renew their contract with
 Chenango County Catholic Charities for services which provide assistance to people with serious mental illness in locating and
 securing main stream (generic) housing, and

WHEREAS, said services may include assistance with choosing housing, roommates and furniture; help with initial
 and ongoing affordability; and linkage with a comprehensive community support system of case management, mental health,
 rehabilitation, respite, social, employment and health supports, and

WHEREAS, Chenango County Catholic Charities has the professional staff to provide said services,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, upon the approval of the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized
 to sign a contract, on behalf of the County of Chenango, with Chenango County Catholic Charities to provide support housing
 services within the Chenango County Community Mental Hygiene Services Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the total cost for said program shall not exceed \$324,398.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms of said contract shall be January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract shall be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.51 – Catholic
 Charities Contractual, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A3490
 – State Aid Mental Health, by \$2,484.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$2,484.00, be made from Revenue Account #A3490, to
 Appropriation Account #A4320.51 – Catholic Charities Contractual, in order to provide the additional funds necessary for said
 contract.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #15-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF BALANCING
 INCENTIVE PROGRAM CAREGIVER FUNDS – AREA
 AGENCY ON AGING

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to credit new Revenue Account #4813
 – Federal Aid BIP Caregiver by \$20,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$20,000.00, be made from Revenue Account #4813, to new
 Appropriation Account #A7610.441 – Other Expense – BIP Caregiver.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #16-17P**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR IN-HOME PERSONAL CARE SERVICES – AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A3805 – State Aid EISEP by \$6,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$6,000.00, be made from Revenue Account #A3805 to Appropriation Account #A7610.55 – Personal Care/Respite Contract.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #17-17P**AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF CELL NO. 5 AT THE COUNTYWIDE LANDFILL IN PHARSALIA, NEW YORK**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the plans for the design and operation of the Countywide Landfill in Pharsalia, New York, it is necessary that the County begin the process of setting aside funds for the expansion of said landfill to Cell No. 5, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Capital Project Account be created for said Cell No. 5 development and construction, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create Capital Project Account #H3997.80 – Countywide Landfill Cell 5 Development, and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon completion of Development of Cell 4, and notification by the Director of Public Works, the County Treasurer is further authorized to transfer any remaining balance in Capital Project Account #H3997.78 – Countywide Landfill Cell 4 Development, to Capital Project Account #H3997.80 – Countywide Landfill Cell 5 Development, and close Capital Project Account #H3997.78.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #18-17P**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT – POLICE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM – PROJECT #PP16-1112-D00**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #206-16P, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors authorized an application to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Police Protective Equipment Program, and

WHEREAS, said program application involves protective equipment for all county law enforcement, including the Sheriff's Office, for a total of \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Chenango County has received notification from DCJS that the County has been granted an award in the amount of \$12,210.00 for the Sheriff's Office, with the remaining \$12,790.00 to be distributed to other local law enforcement agencies by separate agreements with DCJS, and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the program, it is necessary to appropriate the funds for expenditure, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Police Protective Equipment Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to credit new Capital Revenue Account #H31112 – DCJS Protective Equipment 2016, by \$12,210.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$12,210.00, be made from Revenue Account #H31112 to new Capital Project Account #H3110.0112 – DCJS Protective Equipment 2016.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #19-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT – FY 2016-2017 – CONTRACT C198572 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Sheriff has received notification of the award from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications State Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant, in the amount of \$166,657.00, to be used for eligible PSAP operating expenses, and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the program, it is necessary to appropriate the funds for expenditure,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to credit new Capital Revenue Account #H38572 – PSAP 2017 C198572, by \$166,657.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$166,657.00, be made from Revenue Account #H38572 to Capital Project Account #H3110.8572 – PSAP 2017 C198572.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #20-17P

AUTHORIZING REAPPROPRIATION OF UNEXPENDED YEAR 2016 FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That a reappropriation of funds, in the amount of \$51,000.00 be made from Account #A599 – Unappropriated Fund Balance to year 2017 Appropriation Account #A3170.21 – Equipment.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #21-17P

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF SIX (6) CORPORAL POSITIONS AND ELIMINATING TWO (2) SERGEANT AND FOUR (4) CORRECTIONS OFFICERS POSITIONS – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in order to satisfy New York State Commission of Correction mandates, the Chenango County Sheriff desires to create six (6) corporal positions, while eliminating two (2) sergeant and four (4) corrections officers positions at the Chenango County Jail,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the title Corrections Corporal be and hereby is officially authorized to be established in the Chenango County Sheriff's Employees Association (CCSEA) Labor Agreement, at the 2017 start rate of \$22.16 per hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create the following appropriation accounts:

Account #	Title
A3170.1771	Corrections Corporal
A3170.1772	Corrections Corporal
A3170.1773	Corrections Corporal
A3170.1774	Corrections Corporal
A3170.1775	Corrections Corporal
A3170.1776	Corrections Corporal

and be it further,

RESOLVED, That upon filling of said new Corrections Corporal positions, the Sheriff shall notify the Chenango County Treasurer, who in consultation with the Chenango County Sheriff, is authorized to make transfers of funds, as necessary to fund said positions for the remainder of 2017, including existing appropriations for Corrections Officers, as well as available funds from:

Account #	Title	Available
A3170.10	Corrections Sergeant	\$50,664.00
A3170.103	Corrections Sergeant	\$50,664.00
A3170.189	Shift Supervisor Pay	\$ 8,000.00

RESOLVED, That at the completion of the filling said six (6) Corrections Corporal positions, two (2) Corrections Sergeants and four (4) Corrections Officers positions shall remain vacant, to be eliminated.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #22-17P

AUTHORIZING THE CHENANGO COUNTY TREASURER TO APPROVE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR CORRECTIONS – REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Sections 554 and 556 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law allow for the appointment, by resolution, of an official to approve applications for correction through the office of Real Property Tax Services,

WHEREAS, it is recommended the approval of certain corrections be delegated by resolution appointing said official with the authority to grant certain corrections,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to approve corrections in amounts up to \$2,500.00, through December 31, 2017 and be it further

RESOLVED, That said authority, if any, shall be extended by further resolution of this Board each year henceforth, and be it further

RESOLVED, That declination of applications will remain the sole purview of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors; the Treasurer is not authorized to issue declinations, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Real Property Tax Services shall make regular reports to the Board of Supervisors of those corrections approved as prescribed above.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #23-17P

CHANGING 2017 TAX ROLLS PERTAINING TO CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR VARIOUS TOWNS - REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, Correction of Errors have been filed for the 2017 tax roll,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer and the Real Property Tax Services Department are hereby authorized and directed to correct the following parcels, and charge accounts as listed below plus any unaccrued interest.

<u>Town/Assessed To</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Parcel ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Afton/Pezzino, Heriberto	2017	289.11-1-15	Remove School & Village Relevy Bankruptcy	\$3,557.67
DR. \$ 232.75 A342				
DR. \$2,085.24 A260 Afton Central School				
DR. \$1,239.68 A260 Village of Afton				
CR. \$3,557.67 A250				
Afton/Hoblin, Athena & Edward	2017	285.-1-10	Add Enhanced STAR Correct School Relevy	\$621.59
DR. \$ 40.67 A342				
DR. \$ 580.92 A440 Afton Central School				
CR. \$ 621.59 A250				
Greene / Pezzino, Heriberto A. & Jarius, Lawrence	2017	236.2-1-32	Remove School & Village Relevy - Bankruptcy	\$1,242.87
DR. \$ 81.31 A342				
DR. \$ 623.82 A325 Greene Central School				
DR. \$ 537.74 A325 Village of Greene				
CR. \$1,242.87 A250				
Guilford/Smith, Roberta M	2017	223.-1-15	Add Veterans Exemption Erroneously Removed	\$142.08
DR. \$ 103.33 A342				
DR. \$ 38.75 A430				
CR. \$ 142.08 A250				
Oxford/Village of Oxford	2017	182.16-1-42	Remove Erroneous Tax on "0" Bill	\$2.33
DR. \$.15 A342				
DR. \$ 2.18 A295 Village of Oxford				
CR. \$ 2.33 A250				
Oxford/Williams, Derik	2017	170.-1-6.5	Mobile Home Was Removed Prior to 3/1/16 School Did Not Correct	\$499.37
DR. \$ 32.66 A342				
DR. \$ 466.71 A440 Oxford Central School				
CR. \$ 499.37 A250				
Oxford/ Costa, Anthony	2017	170.-1-49.4	Remove School Relevy-Bankruptcy	\$194.90
DR. \$ 12.75 A342				
DR. \$ 182.15 A320 Oxford Central School				
CR. \$ 194.90 A250				

<u>Town/Assessed To</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Parcel ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Oxford/ Costa, Anthony	2017	182.-1-9.1	Remove School Relevy-Bankruptcy	\$406.03
DR. \$ 26.56	A342			
DR. \$ 379.47	A320	Oxford Central School		
CR. \$ 406.03	A250			
Smithville/Coleman, Stanley D. & Vanessa S	2017	202.13-1-4	Mobile Home Gone Prior to 3/1/2016	\$587.46
DR. \$ 367.42	A342			
DR. \$ 220.04	A430			
CR. \$ 587.46	A250			

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #24-17P

PERTAINING TO CORRECTION OF ERRORS FILED FOR 2017 FOR TOWN OF BAINBRIDGE - REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Correction of Errors have been filed for 2017 tax roll and the County Director in consultation with the standing committee on Finance has recommended that they be denied as being uncorrectable under Sections 550, 554 & 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer and the Real Property Tax Services Department are hereby directed to make no corrections to the following parcels, for reason(s) specified.

<u>Town/Assessed To</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Parcel ID#</u>
Bainbridge/Van Will Trust	2017	286.06-1-6

Reason: Property Owner failed to file Enhanced STAR exemption by March 1, 2016 (Taxable Status Date).
Non filing of an exemption is not correctable under correction of errors.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #25-17

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH CONFERENCE OF LOCAL MENTAL HYGIENE DIRECTORS IN THE FORMATION OF INDEPENDENT PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATION (IPA) – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, an independent physician association (IPA) is a business entity organized and owned by a network of independent physician practices for the purpose of reducing overhead or pursuing business ventures such as contracts with employers, accountable care organizations (ACO) and/or managed care organizations (MCOs), and

WHEREAS, the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc., represents a network of independent clinic practice in the fields of Mental Hygiene and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc., (CLMHD) desires to form an Independent Physician Association (IPA) for the purpose of aggregating mental hygiene services statewide, and strengthen the IPA's position with respect to care organization contracts, and

WHEREAS, the first year cost of participation in the formation of the IPA is \$5,000.00 for the County of Chenango,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board and Director of Community Services be and hereby is authorized to proceed, in concert with the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc., (CLMHD) in the formation of an Independent Physician Association (IPA) for the clinics of Mental Hygiene and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, at the first year cost of participation of \$5,000.00, to be made from existing appropriations.

Seconded by Supervisor Blanchard and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Williams, Nucero-Alger, Flanagan and Heisler
 (Supervisor Canor arrived during the discussion of this proposed resolution.)

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #25-17 Supervisor Brown asked what type of mechanism will be used to determine if taking part in this is successful.

Director Roberts said that this is a brand new endeavor. She said that as they move further into a Managed Care environment and eventually into a Value Based Payment system the county operated clinics will be at great risk. Ms. Roberts said that there are nine counties with county operated clinics that want to come together to negotiate as a group to increase their negotiating power. She said that they will assess the success of being involved in this on a year to year basis. Ms. Roberts said that she will be looking to see if we are getting the biggest bang for our buck. She said that in her personal opinion the clinics stand to lose a whole lot more if they don't join this effort. Ms. Roberts said this is not a lifetime commitment. She explained that if this doesn't work as we hope it will there will always be the option of pulling out.

Supervisor Brown said that he still doesn't know how the measurement of success will occur. He asked if Director Roberts will be using empirical data. Ms. Roberts said that they will be comparing the reimbursement rates they negotiate through the IPA with what they have been receiving or would have received. Mr. Brown asked if Director Roberts will be able to create a chart showing comparisons at the end of the year. Ms. Roberts said that she doesn't anticipate much change this first year. Mr. Brown said that his concern is that we often get into these things and a few years down the road we ask why we are involved at all and the answer is because this is the way we do it. Ms. Roberts said that she will be providing data to the supervisors.

RESOLUTION #26-17P

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR CONSUMER DIRECTED
 EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PROGRAM
 (EISEP) – AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the State of New York has provided funding through the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging Office to provide In-Home Services under the Expanded In-Home Services for Elderly Program (EISEP), and

WHEREAS, in order to provide Consumer Directed EISEP Services, the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging Office desires to contract with agencies to secure said services,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, agreements with EISEP services agencies, as recommended by the Director of the Area Agency on Aging, for a period ending December 31, 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #27-17P

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH MANAGED CARE
 ORGANIZATIONS FOR HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM
 — AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a segment of the elder population of Chenango County is serviced by a Managed Care Organization, several of which operate in this region of New York State, and

WHEREAS, a common component of the individual recipient's program is the provision of nutrition/meal services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Area Agency on Aging has received inquiries from managed care organizations seeking to enter into an agreement, whereby said individual recipient would be serviced by the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging's Meal Program versus other out-of-county alternatives, and

WHEREAS, said Managed Care Organization would pay Chenango County for said meal services,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, agreements with Managed Care Organizations, as recommended by the Director of the Area Agency on Aging, for Home Delivered Meal Services, for a period ending December 31, 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #28-17P

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC., OF ROCHESTER,
NEW YORK FOR FISCAL REPORTING SUPPORT AND
TRAINING – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Community Mental Hygiene Services departments routinely are required to prepare Consolidated Financial Reports (CFR) for the purposes of collecting claims for financial aid, and

WHEREAS, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI), of Rochester, New York, has the expertise to assist in the preparation of said CFR, county reporting and budgeting and other state and federal financial deliverables,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an Agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI), of Rochester, New York for fiscal support, at the cost of \$66,670.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the term of said contract shall be from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said services shall be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.53 – CCSI Fiscal Support Contract.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #29-17P

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH
REHABILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INCORPORATED,
OF ALTAMONT, NEW YORK – COMMUNITY MENTAL
HYGIENE SERVICES

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Community Mental Hygiene Services program desires to renew the contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Incorporated (RSS) for the furnishing of reinvestment vocational funded community mental health services, including adequate, qualified and trained personnel, and

WHEREAS, said RSS services will be used in the following reinvestment programs: the Psycho-Social Club Program, the Affirmative Business Employment Training Program (a.k.a. the Serendipity Café) at the Eaton Center, Crisis Outreach and the Three (3) County Forensic Program, Chenango County Administrative Planning, Engagement & Transitional Support Services (Delaware and Chenango) and Single Point of Accessibility (SPOA),

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign a contract, on behalf of the County of Chenango, with Rehabilitation Support Services, Incorporated (RSS) of Altamont, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the term of said contract shall be from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the total estimated cost for said Contract shall be \$977,128.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract services shall be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.50 - Reinvestment Comm./Contract (Mental Health) and Appropriation Account #A4320.52 – Reinvestment RSS Voc. Svcs. (Mental Health).

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #30-17P

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SALLY GEORGE, PH.D. FOR CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Health and Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Mental Health programs desires to utilize the services of a contractual consultant psychologist, Sally George, Ph.D., of Oneonta and Delhi, New York, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors, upon the approval of the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an Agreement with Sally George, Ph.D., of Oneonta and Delhi, New York, for consultant psychologist services for the Chenango County Mental Health Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement shall be through December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said services shall be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.47 – Consulting Psychologist.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #31-17P

AMENDING RESOLUTION #50-16P AS IT RELATES TO POSITIONS APPLICABLE FOR REFILL PROCEDURE FOR EXISTING NON-COMPENSATION SCHEDULE PERSONNEL – PERSONNEL OFFICE

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That, effective immediately, Resolution #50-16P is amended to exempt existing, mandated corrections personnel refills from the refill procedure detailed in Resolution #271-10P, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said exemption shall remain in effect until rescinded by further resolution of this Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #32-17P

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN M. SNOW AS DIRECTOR OF CHENANGO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #108-16, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors appointed Kristin M. Snow to temporarily assume the duties of Probation Director II,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That effective immediately, this Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Kristin M. Snow as Probation Director II, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the salary for said appointment shall be in accordance with the adopted 2017 Compensation Schedule for Acting Director, Probation Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said appointment shall be subject to the requirements necessary for the appointment of a Chenango County Department Head.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #33-17

APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FROM THE CHENANGO COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT THEREFORE – T-SQUARED CUSTOM MILLWORK, INC., TOWN OF OXFORD, NEW YORK

Mr. McNeil offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on March 21, 1994, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, by Board Resolution #94-94, did authorize the establishment of an Economic Development Loan Program for Chenango County, and

WHEREAS, T-Squared Custom Millwork, Inc., located in the Town of Oxford in the County of Chenango, desires to participate in the County's Revolving Loan Fund to purchase machinery and equipment for their facility in the Town of Oxford, and

WHEREAS, the Development Chenango Corporation Finance Committee, acting as the Economic Development Loan Committee, has reviewed and determined that this request for funding is appropriate for expenditure according to the guidelines established for the creation of said Revolving Loan Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors ratifies the utilization of the Development Chenango Corporation Finance Committee acting as the Economic Development Loan Committee in the subject instance, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a loan from the Chenango County Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of \$57,500.00, to T-Squared Custom Millwork, Inc., for the purchase of machinery and equipment at their facility in the Town of Oxford, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to establish Revenue Account #CI2191 – T-Squared Millwork II, and Appropriation Account #CI8668.60 – T-Squared Millwork II, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said Appropriation Account shall be funded in the amount of \$57,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make payment from said newly created Appropriation Account, upon approval by the County Attorney, of all necessary paperwork associated with said loan, including certain assurances as set forth by the Development Chenango Corporation Finance Committee/Economic Development Loan Review Committee.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Evan Williams, Grace Nucero-Alger, Peter Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #33-17 Supervisor Outwater asked what T-Squared does. Chairman Wilcox said it is a cabinetry related business. He mentioned that T-Squared contracted to do a lot of the cabinetry for the county's Public Safety facility.

RESOLUTION #34-17P

CALLING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CHENANGO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That a Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to the Chenango County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund shall be held on March 13, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Supervisors' Chambers, County Office Building, Norwich, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall give notice of said Public Hearing by publishing the same in the official newspapers of Chenango County in accordance with law.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #35-17

RESOLUTION FOR A HOME RULE REQUEST RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS IN CHENANGO COUNTY

Mr. Mastro offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution, the County of Chenango hereby requests the enactment of Senate Bill # S4087 and Assembly Bill #A3914, entitled “An Act to amend the public officers law, in relation to the residency of correction officers employed by the County of Chenango,” and

WHEREAS, it is hereby declared that a necessity exists for the enactment of such legislation and that the County of Chenango does not have the power to enact such legislation by local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That upon approval by a majority of the membership of this Board of Supervisors, the Chairman of the Board and the Clerk of the Board be and hereby are authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a Municipal Home Rule Request for the enactment of Senate Bill #S4087 and Assembly Bill #A3914, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board, as required by statute, forward certified copies of said Home Rule Request: two (2) with the Senate and two (2) with the Assembly for the Senate Bill and two (2) with the Assembly and two (2) with the Senate for the Assembly Bill.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

Opposed: Supervisor James McNeil

Absent: Supervisors Evan Williams, Grace Nucero-Alger, Peter Flanagan and Fred Heisler

RESOLUTION #36-17

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BUFFALO COMPUTER GRAPHICS, INC. FOR DISASTER LAN (DLAN) INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc. offers DisasterLAN (DLAN), a web-based incident management system that provides information, workflow, and communication tools to assist in emergency response events, is accessible from most mobile devices; and is secure,

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Fire Coordinator/Director of Emergency Management recommends the County of Chenango procure DLAN, and enter into a license agreement with Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc. for said system, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors, upon the approval of the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an Agreement with Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc., of Buffalo, New York for DisasterLAN (DLAN), a web-based incident management system, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the initial cost of said system is \$58,853.78, with an annual maintenance fee of \$9,602.01, and be it further

RESOLVED, That cost of said system shall be paid from existing State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant awards.

Seconded by Supervisor Mastro.

Prior to the vote on proposed Resolution #36-17 Mr. Brown said that he is aware that this has been through committee twice but he has a real problem with it. He said that this seems to be a way just to spend money. Supervisor Brown said it seems to be a gimmick and he thinks there are much better places to put this money. He mentioned Director Ericksen's proposed project to improve Information Technology services for the county.

Mr. Brown mentioned the example used regarding what type of bucket loader might be needed in the event of a disaster. He said that it is not as if we have a plethora of different types of bucket loaders.

Supervisor Brown said that he finds it hard to believe that this is something we cannot live without. He said he truly believes that there is a better way to spend this money.

Supervisor Khoury said that the minutes mentioned their concerns about the initial cost and the recurring costs. He said the response was that we are already paying \$13,000 per year for an annual maintenance fee for another software program. Mr. Khoury said this is not a good argument in support of entering into another costly annual maintenance agreement.

Mr. Khoury said that he also isn't sure that this is the best use of federal dollars. He said he believes it is up to us (as a Board) to evaluate this. Supervisor Khoury said that this is a module based upgrade option. He said it was suggested that if we couldn't afford the annual maintenance costs for our total software package then we could choose to upgrade only certain modules. Mr. Khoury said that could indicate that maybe we're buying a lot more than we need if we wouldn't upgrade every module we had put in place. He said he has never seen the program in action and he would love to see a demonstration before any decision is made to enter into any type of agreement for the software.

Mr. Jeffrey asked if this program would be used in a flood situation. He asked if it would help us recover the cost of damages that occurred. Mr. Beckwith said yes. He said that it would be used for the documentation of specific disasters. Director Beckwith said that we could document and even take pictures and submit everything directly to FEMA. He said it could also be used in the same for bridges and roads. Mr. Jeffrey said that there is a potential benefit to purchasing this software then. He said that's the thing with disasters, you don't use this type of thing until you need it. Supervisor Jeffrey asked if this would help receive money sooner than we do now. Mr. Beckwith said it is a documentation based software accepted by FEMA.

Mr. Brown said we have all been through various disasters and we have all worked with FEMA many times. He said that FEMA always has questions. Supervisor Brown said he doesn't think this program is going to magically answer those questions. He said that the localities are the ones that would be responsible for using this. Mr. Brown said we are already doing what this software would do. He said he doesn't see where this is going to do anything but be a pain in the neck. Mr. Brown said that the minutes said that mobile devices would be used. He stated that a mobile device isn't going to work in Pharsalia. He said that maybe getting a mobile device to actually work in Pharsalia or similar areas is something we should be spending \$70,000 on. Mr. Brown said we are already doing everything we are supposed to be doing to receive the FEMA monies we are eligible to receive.

Mr. Khoury asked for clarification as to whether this software system is FEMA mandated or FEMA accepted. Mr. Beckwith said it is not mandated but it is accepted.

Chairman Wilcox called for a Roll Call vote on Resolution #36-17.

Results of a Roll Call Vote Were: Yes – 137, No – 1406, Absent – 184

In Favor: Supervisor Charles Mastro

Absent: Supervisors Evan Williams, Grace Nucero-Alger, Peter Flanagan and Fred Heisler

The Resolution failed for lack of a Simple Majority.

RESOLUTION #37-17P

APPOINTMENTS - CHENANGO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE YEAR 2017

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Sheriff, in compliance with the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Commissioner of Correctional Services and under the requirements of Article 20 of Correction Law, has made a recommendation for appointment for the Chenango County Correctional Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the following appointments be and hereby is made for the Year 2017:

Donald MacIntoshCorrectional Facility Chaplain
 Dr. Martin Masarech.....Correctional Facility Physician

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1512, No – 0, Absent – 215

Absent: Supervisors Arrington Canor, Evan Williams, Grace A. Nucero-Alger, Peter C. Flanagan and Fred Heisler
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #38-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Supervisor Mastro offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of January 2017 against Chenango County in the amount of \$3,115,003.93.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,748,011.52, are accepted and made a part of the following summary:

GENERAL:

Bills and Claims	\$1,962,927.27		
Supervisors' Salaries		\$	27,107.16
Certified Payroll		\$	710,283.16
Sheriff Payroll		\$	423,163.55
Social Services Payroll		\$	334,396.22
Self-Insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 792.96	\$	2,061.04
			\$ 3,460,791.36

HIGHWAY:

County Road Bills & Claims	\$ 114,440.23		
County Road Paving & Machinery Rentals	\$ 153,720.11	\$	213,222.77
Road Machinery Bills & Claims	\$ 90,058.00		
Road Machinery Payrolls		\$	37,777.62
			\$ 609,218.73

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 37,470.75		
Administration	\$ 202,751.02		
Preston Manor	\$ 42,733.13		
Services for Recipients	\$ 39,792.02		
Medical	\$ 24,658.37		
Special Needs	\$ -		
Family Assistance	\$ 191,688.28		
Child Care	\$ 128,444.57		
Juvenile Delinquent Care	\$ 3,715.22		
Payment to State Schools	\$ -		
Safety Net Assistance	\$ 119,396.30		
HEAP	\$ 126.00		
Burials	\$ -		
EEA	\$ 2,289.70		\$ 793,065.36

TOTALS \$3,115,003.93 \$ 1,748,011.52

TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS for JANUARY 2017 \$ 4,863,015.45

TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS TO DATE \$ 4,863,015.45

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisors Evan Williams, Grace Nucero-Alger, Peter Flanagan and Fred Heisler

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #38-17 Clerk of the Board RC Woodford mentioned that late last year Supervisor Brown was discussing the county's Bills and Claims procedure. He said that the Finance Committee has suggested that current procedure should not change but because the process can be an eye opening experience there should be a standing invitation issued to other Supervisors to sit in on the process. Mr. Woodford noted that the Bills and Claims schedule is listed within the Finance Committee minutes of 02/02/17. He did mention that the Bills and Claims meetings are usually scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. but sometimes that is adjusted. Mr. Woodford noted that Supervisor Mastro's scheduled start time tends to be later than 10:00 a.m. due to his work schedule. He stated that his office is more than willing to work out the times with the Supervisors. Mr. Woodford asked the Supervisors to please check with him regarding the scheduled start time for any particular date they would like to attend.

Reminder

Mr. Woodford said we are two supervisors short for the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting tomorrow. He stated that he wanted to ask if the other four supervisors will definitely be attending the meeting in order to ensure a quorum. Supervisors Khoury, McNeil, Nabinger and Grace stated that they will be present for tomorrow's committee meeting.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Brown mentioned communication difficulties being faced by some Town Highway departments. He said that Pharsalia has a contract with Tri-County Communications for communication between their trucks but it only works one-third of the time. Supervisor Brown said that when the county employees are in Pharsalia they have no issue communicating with one another and he would like some information as to what could be done to enable the towns to have the same ability to communicate as needed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to refer this issue to the Safety & Rules Committee to review his request and possibly come up with a recommendation. He said that Pharsalia pays Tri-County Communications somewhere between \$200 and \$300 per year but the system only works a third of the time. Supervisor Brown noted that the county guys seem to have no issue.

Mr. Palmatier said that the county just had a high speed internet study done and there may be some options coming up during the next couple of months. He said that one of the reasons Finger Lakes Technology is here is to connect through some towers. Mr. Palmatier discussed the push for all areas to have access to high speed internet and broadband coverage. Mr. Brown said that he isn't sure Mr. Palmatier is talking about the same thing he is asking about. He said that his town employees cannot communicate with one another when they are in the Town of Preston trucks. Mr. Brown said that if one of his employees goes into a ditch in the wrong spot he is out of luck, he cannot get in touch with anyone to come and help him.

Mr. Law seconded the motion.

Carried.

REFERRAL TO SAFETY & RULES

Chairman Wilcox mentioned that Mr. Palmatier could possibly assist Mr. Mastro with this referral.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors scheduled for March 13th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present.

Supervisor Fred J. Heisler, Jr. offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2017

Supervisor Law moved, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to approve the minutes of the above meeting of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Woodford said that there were no additional communications.

Supervisor Wansor moved, seconded by Supervisor Mastro, to receive and file all of the communications. Carried.
Supervisor Mastro asked to refer Communication #8 to the Safety & Rules Committee.
Supervisor Flanagan asked to refer Communication #2 to the Planning Committee.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Hon. Frank B. Revoir, Jr. – Annual Irish Flag Raising Ceremony in Honor of St. Patrick’s Day
Request for Use of East Park, City of Norwich – Friday, March 17, 2017

Supervisor Flanagan made a motion to approve the Special Request. Supervisor McNeil seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Woodford reported that another Special Request arrived this past Friday.

Annual Safety Patrol Trip – May 13th through May 16th, 2017 – Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Request for One Deputy and One Patrol Car

Supervisor Seneck made a motion to approve the request. Supervisor Starr seconded the motion. Carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Chenango-Delaware-Otsego (CDO) Workforce Investment Board

Constance Hasko, Chobani	Term Expiring June 30, 2019
Alicia Terascavage, Unison	Term Expiring June 30, 2019
Heidi Curry Titchener, Kerry Bio Science	Term Expiring June 30, 2019
Daniel Auwarter, DSS	Term Expiring June 30, 2020
Audrey Benkenstein, DCMO BOCES	Term Expiring June 30, 2010

Chenango County Youth Board

Kathleen Campbell, Community Member	Term Expiring December 31, 2019
Daniel Goldman, OET	Term Expiring December 31, 2019
Laura Parker, Assistant District Attorney	Term Expiring December 31, 2019

Supervisor Outwater moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to approve the above appointments. Carried.

REPORTS

Chenango County Board of Elections – Annual Report for 2016
 Chenango County Weights and Measures – Annual Progress Report for 2016

Supervisor McNeil made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wansor, to receive and file the Annual Reports. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Economic Development	02/14/17
Safety & Rules	02/15/17
Public Works	02/16/17
Health & Human Services	02/28/17
Personnel	03/01/17
Finance	03/02/17

Supervisor Mastro made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Starr, to approve the Committee Reports. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS
PREFERRED AGENDA**

1. AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH COTT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR SOFTWARE LICENSING AND SERVICES – COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
2. RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO FULLY FUND ALL COSTS RELATED TO RAISING THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENSURE THAT ANY STATUTORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES FULLY RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCALLY ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, MAINTAIN VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
3. AUTHORIZING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LIAISON AGREEMENT – WALKING RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, LLC – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
4. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH RURAL HEALTH NETWORK OF SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY, PLAN AND PROMOTION PROJECT FOR CHENANGO COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT – FY 2017 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
6. AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC. – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
7. AMENDING RESOLUTIONS #91-10P, #162-12P, #21-13P, AND #228-13P RELATIVE TO STANDARD WORKDAY REPORTING
8. AMENDING RESOLUTION #55-92 AS IT RELATES TO MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT – CHENANGO COUNTY HEALTH PLAN
9. AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRISVILLE LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM – OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
10. ESTABLISHING INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AND SLIDING FEE SCALES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
11. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF TABLET AND PROJECTOR – PUBLIC DEFENDER
12. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT – PUBLIC TRANSIT
13. AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO CHENANGO COUNTY TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
14. AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES – CHENANGO HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, INC.
15. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AGNL RX, LLC OF NORTH NORWICH, NEW YORK FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

- 16. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM FOR CHENANGO COUNTY
- 17. AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF LAND OWNED BY THE COUNTY AT THE LT. WARREN E. EATON/CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT
- 18. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INFO QUICK SOLUTIONS, INC., OF LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK FOR A PISTOL PERMIT WEB INQUIRY SYSTEM – COUNTY CLERK
- 19. PROCLAIMING APRIL 3 - 9, 2017 PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN CHENANGO COUNTY

Supervisor Outwater made a motion to approve the Preferred Agenda Resolutions. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion.

Supervisor Grace requested that Resolution #3 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.
 Supervisor Brown requested that Resolution #4 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.
 Supervisor Khoury requested that Resolution #5 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.
 Supervisor Flanagan requested that Resolution #13 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #39-17

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO CHENANGO COUNTY TRAFFIC DIVERSION PROGRAM – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, the Chenango County District Attorney has made presentations to the Board of Supervisors, as well as appropriate Standing committees regarding the inception of a Chenango County Traffic Diversion Program, and
 WHEREAS, administered by the Diversion Program Administrator in the District Attorney’s Office, the intent is that a portion of the positive net proceeds derived from the program, if any, will be distributed to local justice courts on a periodic basis (e.g., semi-annually), and
 WHEREAS, in order to initiate the program, it is necessary to create a Diversion Program Administrator position, and related budget be established,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That there be and hereby is created the full-time position of Diversion Program Administrator, at the annual salary of \$27,000.00, and be it further
 RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create the following accounts in the amount set opposite each:

Appropriation			
Account #	Title		Amount
A1165.150	*Diversion Program Administrator		\$21,000.00
A1165.211	Equipment – Diversion		\$ 5,000.00
A1165.421	Supplies & Materials - Diversion		\$ 2,000.00
A1165.441	Other Expense – Diversion		\$ 2,000.00
A1165.82	Fringes – Diversion		\$10,000.00
		Total:	\$40,000.00
Revenue			
Account #	Title		Amount
A1290	Traffic Diversion Fees		\$40,000.00
		Total:	\$40,000.00

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #39-17 Mr. Flanagan asked District Attorney McBride what options the local judges have if they do not wish to participate in this program. Mr. McBride said that if a case is dismissed it is dismissed; the judges do not make that call. He said that with all deference due to the local justices they don’t have the option to say no to this program. Mr.

McBride said that he sent a letter to all of the justices and had his Assistant District Attorneys speak personally with each of them. He said that he hasn't had any feedback. Mr. McBride said that if there is a difference of opinion then there are legal processes that may be used. He said that this is a policy decision on the part of his office and also on the part of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors to some degree. Mr. McBride said that if Judge Hosford has any issues he would be happy to discuss them with him. Mr. McBride noted that in every other county where this program has been effectuated it has been at the discretion of the District Attorney.

Mr. Brown asked who determines which violations will be a part of this program. Mr. McBride said that all ticketing officers are currently telling drivers to contact the District Attorney's office if they are interested in a reduction of charges and he expects that to continue. He said that the receiver of a ticket has four options: plead guilty, plead not-guilty, request a reduction of the charges or request a trial.

Supervisor Brown confirmed that the first \$40,000 worth of revenue will be used to pay for the employee and the program expenses and then after that any remaining money will be divided between the county and the individual municipalities. Mr. McBride said that is correct for 2017. He noted that this was not how he originally proposed the program as Otsego County pays for all of its program's associated expenses. Mr. McBride noted that this county's committee members wanted the county and the towns to share in the costs equally as they will be benefiting equally.

Mr. Flanagan asked if the employee's position will be a starred position. Mr. McBride said it will be.

Mr. Flanagan asked about the fringe amount. Mr. McBride said that those numbers were projected by the appropriate personnel. Mr. Woodford said that at this point the fringe amount can only be estimated.

Mr. Khoury said that the towns will share in the expense. He asked if each town will receive a bill. Mr. McBride said no. He said that his office will have a contact person setting eligible ticketed people up with the program. Mr. McBride said that his office will collect the entire program fee from each individual up front. He explained that the first \$40,000 worth of those fees will be used to pay for the program's administrative expenses. Mr. McBride said that after the program expenses have been paid in full then any further revenues will be split between the county and the towns where the tickets were issued.

Chairman Wilcox explained that all of the revenue will be accumulated at the Treasurer's Office and be distributed from there.

Mr. Khoury asked what mechanism will be used to determine if the program is working financially or not. Mr. McBride said that he can return to the Safety and Rules Committee periodically to report on the progress of the program. He said that he can report back however the Board would like to see him do so. Chairman Mastro said that it would be fine for Mr. McBride to report to the Safety & Rules Committee.

Ms. Ireland asked if the towns will still be sending money to the state. Mr. McBride said that no money will be sent to the state for the tickets associated with the Traffic Diversion program.

Mr. Lawrence said that the Public Defender has stated that his office may lose grant funding because of the implementation of this program. He asked if there is any understanding that some of this revenue earned will be directed to the Public Defender's Office.

District Attorney McBride said that he would respectfully disagree with the Public Defender. He said that he doesn't know of any Public Defender's Office that has lost funding because of a Traffic Diversion Program. Mr. McBride said that he has also never heard of tying revenue from a District Attorney's office to a Public Defender's Office as those offices are independent of one another.

Supervisor Flanagan asked if the revenue gained by the county from this program will go to the general fund or our regular surplus or something to that effect. Chairman Wilcox said that he would defer to the Finance Committee to answer that question. He commented that whatever the mechanics are for this revenue the county is the entity that is responsible for funding the Public Defender's Office. Mr. Brown mentioned revenue budget line A1290. He said that there would also be an associated expense line. Mr. McBride said that he has no control (or any desire to have any control) over where this revenue goes.

RESOLUTION #40-17P

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
MORRISVILLE LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM –
OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #280-12P, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors authorized an agreement with the Morrisville State College Liberty Partnerships Program, whereby the Chenango County Office of Employment and Training (OET) assists in the coordination in the workforce development component of the program, and

WHEREAS, the Morrisville State College Liberty Partnerships Program desires to renew said agreement to provide services to students to encourage their development into fully functioning members of society, including educational and occupational attainment, and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Partnerships Program will pay OET \$20.46 per hour, 294 hours annually, totaling \$6,015.00 per year for said services, for a period of five (5) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a Renewal Agreement with the Morrisville State College Liberty Partnerships Program for a youth workforce development program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement shall be for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022,

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #41-17P

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF TABLET AND PROJECTOR – PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$1,000.00, be made from Appropriation Account #A1170.411A – Conferences & Training, to Appropriation Account #A1170.21 – Equipment, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$100.00, be made from Appropriation Account #A1170.44 – Other Expense, to Appropriation Account #A1170.21 – Equipment, in order to provide the funds necessary for the purchase of a tablet (\$600.00) and projector (\$500).

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #42-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT – PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in October 2013, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) implemented the takeover of Medicaid the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program in this region of New York, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the takeover, county public transportation systems throughout rural New York were severely impacted by the marked reduction in transports, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOH and the New York State Department of Transportation devised the Transitional Assistance Program, the NYSDOH program funded by the state share of Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, said assistance is an effort to aid local public transit systems in this transition phase, and

WHEREAS, Chenango County is in receipt of \$970,519.00 in NYSDOH Transitional Assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to appropriate revenue received, in the amount of \$970,519.00, from Revenue Account #A3597A – State Aid Transitional Assistance, to new Appropriation Account #A5630.49C – Transitional Assistance 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #43-17P**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES – CHENANGO HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, INC.**

The Finance Committee offered the following and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, the Chenango Housing Improvement Program, Inc. (CHIP), owns a low income, twelve (12) unit housing project in the village of Bainbridge at 48 South Main Street, and
 WHEREAS, such property is tax exempt due to its not-for-profit status, and
 WHEREAS, CHIP desires to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the County of Chenango,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the Chenango Housing Improvement Program, Inc. (CHIP) for Parcels #265.1-6-6.2 and #265.1-6-6.3 in the Village of Bainbridge.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #44-17P**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AGNL RX, LLC OF NORTH NORWICH, NEW YORK FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, at the request of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, the New York State Legislature did create the Chenango County Industrial Development Agency, hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”, and
 WHEREAS, the County Board has appointed certain members to the Board of said Agency, and
 WHEREAS, said Agency was organized for the purposes of which it was created, and
 WHEREAS, the Agency is the fee owner of three (3) parcels of land, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon in the Town of North Norwich, County of Chenango, and State of New York (the “Premises”), and
 WHEREAS, pursuant to a lease extension agreement, effective February 27, 2017, the Agency has net leased all three said parcels of land, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon to the Company for purposes of allowing the Company to conduct its business thereon, which said business consists of the manufacturing and packaging of pharmaceutical products and other products, and
 WHEREAS, the Agency as an agency, instrumentality and public benefit corporation of the State of New York is exempt from taxation, including taxes levied on real property to which it holds title in accordance with the provisions of §412-a of the Real Property Tax Law and §874 of the General Municipal Law, and
 WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that AGNL RX, LLC should have a ten (10) year extension of its partial exemption from real property taxes on the premises at the flat rate of 50%, with the property 100% taxable in year eleven (11), and
 WHEREAS, said ten (10) year exemption period extension would commence on March 1, 2017 and terminate on March 1, 2027,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That the County of Chenango enter into an agreement with AGNL RX, LLC and the Chenango County Industrial Development Agency for tax payments on the above described property, and be it further
 RESOLVED, That during said ten (10) year tax period, AGNL RX, LLC will make payment in lieu of taxes as prescribed above, and be it further
 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the terms of said agreement, the Chenango County Department of Real Property Tax Services will administer the agreement on behalf of the County and all other tax jurisdictions, and be it further
 RESOLVED, That each year the Chenango County Department of Real Property Tax Services in conjunction with the Treasurer’s office shall calculate taxes due, mail out the bills, collect the payment and remit to the County its share of the payment.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #45-17

PROCLAIMING APRIL 3-9, 2017 PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN CHENANGO COUNTY

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is an annual observance in April that recognizes the value of public health in protecting and improving the well-being of individuals and of communities; and
 WHEREAS, this year’s theme is making the United States the Healthiest Nation in One Generation – by 2030; and
 WHEREAS, when compared to other high-income countries the U.S. has higher rates of poverty, and poorer outcomes on most measures of health, from infant mortality to obesity and chronic disease; and
 WHEREAS, the work to become the healthiest nation will require making health a priority in all policies, from housing, education and income to community design, transportation and the environment; and
 WHEREAS, improving the nation’s health will require shifting the focus of our healthcare system from the treatment of sickness and disease to one that emphasizes wellness and prevention; and
 WHEREAS, the Chenango County Health Department engages with a broad range of county, community and regional partners to support efforts that promote equity and improve the economic, physical and social environments that affect everyone’s health within the Chenango Community;
 NOW THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Chenango County, does hereby proclaim April 3-9, 2017 as Public Health Week in Chenango County, and urges all residents to engage in activities and take actions that improve the health of our community.

Seconded by Mr. Blanchard and duly adopted.

Public Health Director Marc Flindt accepted the proclamation certificate from Chairman Wilcox.

Director Flindt thanked Chairman Wilcox and the supervisors. He stated that Dr. William Little was a physician from Sherburne who started Public Health Nursing Services. He said that as part of the proclamation they will have an Open House in the Board Room on April 7th at 2pm to rededicate a plaque to Dr. William Little. Director Flindt said they will also have some historical displays relating to the Chenango County Health Department over the years.

Chairman Wilcox mentioned the wonderful job that Director Flindt and the Public Health Department do for our county.

RESOLUTION #46-17P

ESTABLISHING INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AND SLIDING FEE SCALES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 RESOLVED, That the following sliding fee schedule is hereby adopted for the Chenango County Department of Public Health:



Chenango County Health Department

Sliding Fee Scale

2017

(Based on the 2017 HHS Poverty Guidelines)

	1	2	3	4
<u>Poverty %</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>200%</u>	<u>225%</u>	<u>250%</u>
<u>Family Size</u>				
<u>1</u>				
Weekly	232	464	522	580
Monthly	1,005	2,010	2,261	2,513
Yearly	12,060	24,120	27,135	30,150

<u>2</u>				
Weekly	312	625	703	781
Monthly	1,353	2,707	3,045	3,383
Yearly	16,240	32,480	36,540	40,600
<u>3</u>				
Weekly	393	785	884	982
Monthly	1,702	3,403	3,829	4,254
Yearly	20,420	40,840	45,945	51,050
<u>4</u>				
Weekly	473	946	1,064	1,183
Monthly	2,050	4,100	4,613	5,125
Yearly	24,600	49,200	55,350	61,500
<u>5</u>				
Weekly	553	1,107	1,245	1,384
Monthly	2,398	4,797	5,396	5,996
Yearly	28,780	57,560	64,755	71,950
<u>6</u>				
Weekly	634	1,268	1,426	1,585
Monthly	2,747	5,493	6,180	6,867
Yearly	32,960	65,920	74,160	82,400
<u>7</u>				
Weekly	714	1,428	1,607	1,786
Monthly	3,095	6,190	6,964	7,738
Yearly	37,140	74,280	83,565	92,850
<u>8</u>				
Weekly	795	1,589	1,788	1,987
Monthly	3,443	6,887	7,748	8,608
Yearly	41,320	82,640	92,970	103,300
<u>For each additional person, add</u>				
Weekly	80	161	181	201
Monthly	348	697	784	871
Yearly	4,180	8,360	9,405	10,450
PROGRAM				
Multiplier for all others	0.00	0.00	0.50	1.00
Nursing	0	0	73	145
Lead	0	0	10	20
Administration Adult/Child	0	0	11	22

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #47-17P

AMENDING RESOLUTIONS #91-10P, #162-12P, #21-13P, AND #228-13P RELATIVE TO STANDARD WORKDAY REPORTING

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, Resolutions #91-10P, #162-12P, #21-13P, and #228-13P incorrectly reported Days/Month based on Records of Activities, and require correction,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That the following entries of Resolutions #91-10P, 162-12P, #21-13P, and #228-13P of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby are amended as follows:

	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hours/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (Based on Record of Activities)	Original Resolution
Elected Officials								
Appointed Officials								
Commissioner of Social Services	Bette Osborne	6792	37067188	7	10/15/2007 – 10/14/2012	N	21.67	#91-10P
Commissioner of Social Services	Bette Osborne	6792	37067188	7	10/15/2012 – 10/19/2017	N	21.67	#21-13P
Assistant County Home Administrator	Cindy L. Brown	2861	38943916	8	10/15/2007 – 10/14/2012	N	21.67	#91-10P
Assistant County Home Administrator	Cindy L. Brown	2861	38943916	8	10/15/2012 – 10/19/2017	N	21.67	#21-13P
Director of RPTS	Stephen R. Harris	4270	34528901	7	10/01/2007 – 09/30/2013	N	21.67	#91-10P
Director of RPTS	Stephen R. Harris	4270	34528901	7	10/01/2013 – 09/30/2019	N	21.67	#228-13P
Director of Public Works	Shawn G. Fry	1472	37450343	8	04/01/2012 – 03/31/2018	N	21.67	#162-12P

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.
 Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #48-17P**AMENDING RESOLUTION #55-92 AS IT RELATES TO
MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT – CHENANGO
COUNTY HEALTH PLAN**

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Resolution #55-92 of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors states: “A Chenango County retiree participating in the County medical insurance plan who has Medicare B coverage as his or her primary coverage shall be afforded reimbursement of that individual retiree’s monthly Medicare B premium; provided, however, that in no event shall the County expend more on Medicare reimbursement and supplemental insurance coverage for a retired employee than the amount otherwise payable as the employer’s contribution for medical insurance coverage for an active employee. Any spouse or active employee becoming eligible for Medicare, Part B coverage on or after February 1, 1992 shall not be eligible for the Medicare, Part B premium reimbursement,” and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has instituted an income-based five (5) Tier Medicare Part B premium system, based upon an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), and

WHEREAS, the majority of Medicare Part B recipients will pay a Standard Medicare Part B premium, which is reduced for those receiving Social Security benefits, and

WHEREAS, there are currently approximately 175 Medicare Part B recipients receiving premium reimbursement through the Chenango County Health Plan, and

WHEREAS, the accurate reimbursement of each individual’s actual Medicare Premium will create a significant administrative burden, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended the reimbursement policy be amended to provide for reimbursement of the Standard Medicare Part B for an eligible retiree as if that individual was enrolled in Social Security, whether they be enrolled or not,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That Resolution #55-92 of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is amended to provide for reimbursement of the Standard Medicare Part B for each eligible retiree as if that individual was enrolled in Social Security, whether they be enrolled or not, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said policy shall be effective January 1, 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #49-17**AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF LAND
OWNED BY THE COUNTY AT THE LT. WARREN E.
EATON/CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT**

Mr. Khoury offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 215 of County Law, that upon determination by the Board of Supervisors, county real property that is not required for public use may be leased for a term not to exceed five years, and

WHEREAS, there is approximately 28 acres of land, more or less, located on the easterly side of the runway at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/Chenango County Airport that can be leased by the County for agricultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, Public Notice has been given for the lease of said land and two (2) responses have been received by the County of Chenango for said lease of land,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Airport Administrator and the Chenango County Attorney be and hereby are authorized to prepare any and all documents necessary to lease approximately 28 acres, more or less, of agricultural land located on the easterly side of the runway at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/Chenango County Airport, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary for the lease of said land to Southtown Dairy, LLC of the Town of Butternuts, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the term of said new lease shall commence upon execution in 2017 and continue for a period of five (5) years, at a total five (5) year lease amount of \$12,180.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That, as required by Federal Aviation Administration and New York State Department of Transportation regulations, that the proceeds from the lease of said land be used in the development of the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/Chenango County Airport.

Seconded by Supervisor McNeil and duly adopted.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #49-17 Mr. Flanagan said that this seems to be a significant increase and he is glad to see it. Mr. Woodford said it was \$6,250 before. Mr. Flanagan questioned if this is a reasonable amount.

RESOLUTION #50-17

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
LOAN PROGRAM FOR CHENANGO COUNTY**

The Planning and Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolutions #94-94 and #364-98, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of an Economic Development Loan (Industrial) program prepared by the Department of Planning and Development, and

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the program are deemed prudent to improve its effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 13, 2017 relative to proposed amendments to the Economic Development Loan program,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the following amendments to the Economic Development Loan program prepared by the Department of Planning and Development be and hereby are approved for implementation:

1. Increase from one job created or retained/\$10,000.00 to one job created or retained \$35,000.00 for economic development projects. Also create a criterion of one job created or retained/\$10,000 for investments in a public facility, such as roads or infrastructure to an industrial park. (CFR 570.209(b)(1)(i))
2. Change the requirement from providing loans to manufacturing firms with SIC Codes 20-39 to providing loans to firms for economic development purposes.
3. Designate the Finance Committee of Development Chenango Corporation to act as the Loan Review Committee.
4. Institute a 50% matching requirement to obtain a loan.
5. Increase the maximum loan amount from \$75,000 to \$150,000.

Seconded by Mr. Khoury and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #51-17

**AUTHORIZING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LIAISON
AGREEMENT – WALKING RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, LLC –
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

The Planning and Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, for 2017, the County of Chenango desires to enter into a Workforce Development Liaison Agreement with Walking Ridge Development, LLC

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a Workforce Development Liaison Agreement with Walking Ridge Development, LLC, of Preston, New York for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, at the cost up to \$35,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said agreement shall be made from Appropriation Account #A6410.51 – Workforce Development Liaison.

Seconded by Supervisor Khoury and duly adopted with Supervisor Grace opposed.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #51-17 Supervisor Grace mentioned that what he would like to say might require an Executive Session.

Mr. Gordon explained that if the Board will be discussing the particulars of a contract or any performance issues then an Executive Session should be held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Grace made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the particulars of a contract.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Khoury made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

Carried.

RESOLUTION #52-17**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH RURAL HEALTH NETWORK OF SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY, PLAN AND PROMOTION PROJECT FOR CHENANGO COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

The Planning and Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mobility Management of South Central New York, a program of the Rural Health Network of South Central New York, Inc. (RHNSCNY), issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek an organization in each county to conduct outreach and public education, conduct an inventory of transportation services and needs and development of increased transportation capacity and coordination at the county level and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Department of Planning & Development has responded to said RFP and entered into discussions with representatives of the Mobility Management Program of RHNSCNY to complete said project, and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed further with the project, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with RHNSCNY, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an agreement with the Rural Health Network of South Central New York, Inc. for a transportation services-related study, plan and promotion project with the Mobility Management of South Central New York Program.

Seconded by Supervisor Khoury and duly adopted.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #52-17 Supervisor Brown said that some questions have come up in his mind about this. He asked who is being studied. Ms. Jones said that the county will be studied. She said they will determine what is already in place and what may be needed. Mr. Brown asked if this will be reviewed from a business point of view. Ms. Jones said that it will be. She said that they will determine what is needed in order to get people back and forth to work. Mr. Brown asked if it will also look at how to get goods and services in and out of the county. Ms. Jones said yes. Supervisor Brown asked what types of things will be suggested. Director Jones said that the use of alternate routes may be suggested. Mr. Butler said that this is about getting people from certain areas of the county to work. He said they have already begun to question the usefulness of the public transit routes currently in place for people requiring public transportation to their place of employment. Mr. Brown asked if this is going to study something such as whether Route 8 or Route 12 need another lane. Ms. Jones said no.

Mr. Brown asked how much this study is going to cost. Ms. Jones said that it won't cost the department anything but time. Mr. Butler said that the Planning Department is actually doing this study. Mr. Brown said he didn't understand that part of it. Ms. Jones said that the Rural Health Network has grant money to pay for counties to do this study. Chairman Wilcox said that there is up to \$18,000 available for this project. Mr. Khoury said that the Planning & Economic Development Committee thought that it would be an advantage to us to have local people (who know our county the best) be the individuals performing the evaluations. Mr. Brown asked if they will be involving the Chenango County DPW. Ms. Jones said yes. Mr. Brown said that he will tell Director Fry to expect to hear from the Planning Department.

Supervisor Flanagan mentioned the recent transitional funding from the State DOT. He asked if the Planning Department will be linking with the Department of Transportation when performing this evaluation. Mr. Wilcox said that it would seem that they would need to start with what we have now.

RESOLUTION #53-17P**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC. – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

The Public Works and Health & Human Services Committees offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolutions #56-15P and #53-16P, this Board of Supervisors did extend, for a period of one (1) year, its agreements with First Transit, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio as prescribed by Resolution #89-08, and amended by Resolution #76-13P, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Chenango and First Transit to further extend the remaining county services; public transit, Aging meal deliveries, and Mental Hygiene transportation services an additional one (1) year,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County extension agreements for public transportation services with First Transit, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, for public transit services including fixed and deviated-routes, Area Agency on Aging meal delivery services, and Mental Hygiene transportation services, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said extension shall be for a period of one year, from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #54-17

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INFO QUICK SOLUTIONS, INC., OF LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK FOR A PISTOL PERMIT WEB INQUIRY SYSTEM – COUNTY CLERK

Mr. Mastro offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #119-12P, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors authorized an agreement with Info Quick Solutions, Inc., of Liverpool, New York for a pistol permit program software, to enable an electronic system for registration data, fingerprint and signature capture, photography, and card printing, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk desires to develop a Pistol Permit Management Web Inquiry System, to allow secure web-based access for the Sheriff's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an agreement with Info Quick Solutions, Inc., of Liverpool, New York for a Pistol Permit Management Web Inquiry System, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the cost for said system is \$5,500.00 plus an annual support fee of \$800.00 beginning on month thirteen of said agreement.

Seconded by Supervisor McNeil and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #55-17

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT – FY 2017 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Safety & Rules offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by prior resolution, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors authorized the appropriation of a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications State Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant, to be used for eligible PSAP operating expenses, and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the program, it is necessary to authorize an agreement related to PSAP operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an agreement with Pictometry International Corp., for the aerial imagery services specified by the PSAP Operations Grant Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the cost of said agreement is \$150,673.16 for a 3 year period, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the cost of said agreement shall be paid from Capital Project Account #H3110.8572 – PSAP 2017 C198572.

Seconded by Supervisor Mastro.

Results of a Roll Call vote on Resolution #55-17 were as follows: Yes - 1473, No – 254, Absent – 0

Opposed: Supervisors Grace, Jack, Canor, Brown, Nucero-Alger, Heisler and Khoury

The Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #55-17 Mr. Khoury said that he has concerns about this just as he did when it was originally introduced a few years ago. He said that he is wondering if this is the best use of grant money. Supervisor Khoury asked what the end use of the system will be and how this will benefit the taxpayers of our county. He said that he understands that the plan is to photograph our county and our homes in order to enhance our 911 system. Mr. Khoury said he would like to know what has changed since the original proposal for this agreement. He wondered if we ever say to ourselves “We aren’t asking for this.” Mr. Khoury said that he would think that a public hearing should be held because this type of thing is exactly what the public should have some input into.

Mr. A. Jones said that the department did approach this in 2012. He said there was a change in the contract and it wasn't possible to establish an agreement within the correct timeframe. Mr. Jones said that the money from NYS may only be used for 911 purposes; it cannot be used to purchase safety vests or anything of that nature. He explained that there is a multi-year plan in place to get to the next generation of 911. Mr. Jones explained that the current 911 system in this country is archaic. He stated that it is based on 1970s technology and things such as copper wiring. Mr. A. Jones said that the system must be changed to meet internet protocol. He said that as you drive down the road now the 911 addressing is addressed to the road only. Mr. Jones explained that in the next generation 911 everything will be addressed to the specific residence. He said it will be based on latitude/longitude as opposed to where the mailbox is located or where the driveway begins. Mr. Jones said the mailbox and driveway information will be included but the addressing will be centered more toward the location of the physical structure of the residence. Mr. Jones said that there are 30,000 address points in our system. He said the photos they have right now look directly down from an aerial view. Mr. Jones said it is not always possible to determine what type of structure is being viewed. He said that Pictometry will provide an image showing a different angle from what is currently available. Mr. Jones said it will be a one-time photo taken at one point in time and another picture won't be taken for at least three years. He said that the images will help the 911 Center gain data regarding the specifics of the structure. Mr. Jones said this will allow compliance with what will become mandates for next generation 911.

Supervisor Brown asked for an example of how this will change things for the 911 system. Mr. Jones provided an example.

Chairman Wilcox asked how this information will be shared. Mr. Jones said that they can share the information with other county departments but it cannot be shared with the public. Mr. Khoury asked where the information will be stored. He asked if Pictometry owns the images. Mr. Jones stated that Pictometry does own the images. Mr. Khoury asked if Pictometry has a right to sell those images to other entities for other purposes. Mr. Jones said yes. He stated that many companies do that already. Mr. Jones noted that New York State does that also.

Mr. Grace asked for details about the distance of the photos. He asked if it will be possible to see through the windows of buildings. Mr. Jones said no. He said that neither the resolution nor the imagery is that accurate.

Mr. Brown said that maybe this grant money should be spent on making sure someone is going to show up to the scene of an emergency instead of on a system that will tell us what kind of building is there.

Dr. Wansor said that a few years ago we asked that Pictometry agree to a clause stating that they would not share the imagery with anyone else. Mr. Jones said that it is not possible for us to get Pictometry to agree to that.

Mr. Flanagan said it seems to him that the price of this has gone up significantly. He said that if he remembers correctly the last time this was proposed it was for an amount somewhere around \$75,000. Supervisor Flanagan asked if Pictometry already has these pictures. Mr. Jones said that Pictometry does have images of some of our border areas as they have already done counties all around us. Mr. Flanagan said that Mr. Jones is saying that this is basically a locator and would be used for that purpose. He said that he can see his truck in his driveway with Google Earth so it would seem that the horse is already out of the barn there. Mr. Jones said that the imagery is such that they would be able to see the existence of windows and doors but not what is inside of a building.

Mr. Raymond asked if someone else could contract with Pictometry for pictures of our county and our residences. Mr. Jones said that is correct. Mr. Raymond said then the question here is if Chenango County will have access to the images of residences in our county or not.

RESOLUTION #56-17P

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH COTT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR SOFTWARE LICENSING AND SERVICES – COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by prior resolutions, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors has authorized agreements with Cott Systems, Inc. for software for a variety of services offered by the Chenango County Clerk's office, and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Clerk has received a renewal agreement for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a renewal agreement with Cott Systems, Inc. of Worthington, Ohio for computer software licensing and services, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement should be for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2020, at a monthly cost of approximately \$3,500.00 for the software, plus a per-item charge for archival storage, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said agreements shall be made from Appropriation Account #A1410.43 – Rental of Equipment, and Appropriation Account #A1410.47 – Record Books.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #57-17P

RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO FULLY FUND ALL COSTS RELATED TO RAISING THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENSURE THAT ANY STATUTORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES FULLY RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCALLY ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, MAINTAIN VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Governor is prioritizing fundamental reform of the juvenile justice system in New York State, including a statutory change to the age of criminal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, structural changes to raising the age of criminal responsibility will require a significant investment in services based on a children and families social services model; and

WHEREAS, these services will produce the need for job-training skills, high school equivalency education, transportation, drug and alcohol treatment, family and individual counseling, coordinated mental health services, case management, and other interventions resulting in higher expenses; and

WHEREAS, many regions of the state currently do not have adequate capacity to provide such services in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the state currently caps funding for foster care and youth detention, and also limits reimbursement for other child welfare and probation costs, resulting in a significant unfunded mandate on counties which will grow worse if the state changes the age of criminal responsibility while not also providing full funding to alleviate these new costs; and

WHEREAS, the funding proposal stipulates that only counties who do not exceed the 2% tax cap and can demonstrate to the Division of Budget that funding related services is a fiscal hardship may apply for a waiver of the local share requirement of an expense otherwise incurred, and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s SFY 2017-18 budget proposal seeks again to raise the age of criminal responsibility, but it no longer provides 100 percent state funding for the new costs that will be incurred by counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, the new proposal appears to provide no fiscal reimbursement to New York City at all for the increased costs related to this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s budget estimates that in excess of \$100 million in new local government costs would be created under this initiative; and

WHEREAS, without state reimbursement for New York City costs and only partial reimbursement for new costs incurred by the 57 counties, this proposal creates a new unfunded mandate on counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, locally elected district attorneys are responsible for protecting the public safety, maintaining victim’s rights and ensuring accountability for all in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Association of the State of New York has, in the past, provided recommendations to state legislative leaders on their proposals to reform the juvenile justice system including; 1) providing local prosecutorial consent for the removal of all violent felonies and some non-violent felonies from criminal court to family court, 2) not allowing adjustment for violent and serious non-violent felonies, 3) any new presumption for granting youthful offender status should be limited to certain classes of non-violent felony offenses, 4) reduced sentencing should not be offered for certain violent crimes and 5) ensuring that some level of secure detention options be maintained for certain cases; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations are intended to preserve the delicate balance between offender rehabilitation and accountability, and public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors calls on the State of New York to fully cover all new costs associated with changing the age of criminal responsibility for counties and New York City to avoid the imposition of a new unfunded mandate on local taxpayers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the fiscal caps must be removed for foster care and youth detention as part of this age of criminal responsibility reform; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors urge the legislature to reject the Governor’s state foster care match reduction as proposed in his SFY 2017-18 budget which also shifts more costs to counties and New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors also urge the legislature to reject the Governor’s budget proposal to shift more foster care tuition costs to New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the state funding must be provided to build capacity for infrastructure and services under child welfare and probation services, and to identify mental health and drug and alcohol issues and strategies to minimize absences without leave from the education system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the state must also reverse state budget reimbursement rate cuts it made to counties for local child welfare services, restoring the state reimbursement rate to 65% from the current 62% level to ensure counties have more resources to provide critical services to children and families in need of services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That recommendations from local District Attorneys should be provided due consideration and inclusion if the reform proposal moves forward; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there will need to be flexibility in recognition of the differences between small and large counties and rural versus urban areas, such that, a staggered roll-out may be appropriate in some counties depending on local conditions and service capacity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, State Senator James L. Seward, State Senator Frederick J. Akshar II, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Assemblyman Gary D. Finch, other New York counties, and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #58-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Supervisor Blanchard offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of February 2017 against Chenango County in the amount of \$2,187,563.06.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,746,348.28, are accepted and made a part of the following summary:

GENERAL:

Bills and Claims	\$1,109,759.26		
Supervisors' Salaries		\$ 27,106.20	
Certified Payroll		\$ 723,181.27	
Sheriff Payroll		\$ 424,478.56	
Social Services Payroll		\$ 316,116.41	
Self-Insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 792.96	\$ 2,061.04	
			\$ 2,603,495.70

HIGHWAY:

County Road Bills & Claims	\$ 124,257.27		
County Road Paving & Machinery Rentals	\$ 256,758.97	\$ 204,521.49	
Road Machinery Bills & Claims	\$ 109,151.62		
Road Machinery Payrolls		\$ 48,883.31	
			\$ 743,572.66

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 29,290.40
Administration	\$ 95,534.80
Preston Manor	\$ 19,274.10
Services for Recipients	\$ 7,392.45
Medical	\$ 24,068.76
Special Needs	\$ -
Family Assistance	\$ 179,764.92
Child Care	\$ 130,304.74
Juvenile Delinquent Care	\$ 8,616.81
Payment to State Schools	\$ -
Safety Net Assistance	\$ 88,429.81

HEAP	\$	-	
Burials	\$	-	
EEA	\$	4,166.19	\$ 586,842.98
TOTALS		\$2,187,563.06	\$ 1,746,348.28
TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS for FEBRUARY 2017			\$ 3,933,911.34
TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS TO DATE			\$ 8,796,926.79

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Revisions to the Chenango County Economic Development Revolving Loan

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford read the Notice of Public Hearing. Chairman Wilcox declared the Public Hearing Open at 11:02 a.m. and asked anyone who wanted to address the Board to step forward and state their name.

Chairman Wilcox repeated his request.

With no one else wishing to be heard Supervisor Mastro made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:04 a.m. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion.
Carried.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Woodford said that the Safety & Rules Committee has virtually no Agenda for Wednesday’s meeting so it will be cancelled.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors scheduled for April 10th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present except Supervisors Daniel Jack and Evan Williams.

Supervisor Michael R. Khoury offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 13, 2017

Supervisor Outwater moved, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to approve the minutes of the above meeting of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Woodford said that there were no additional communications.

Supervisor Canor moved, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to receive and file all of the communications. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ag, Buildings and Grounds	03/21/17
Health & Human Services	03/28/17
Personnel	03/29/17
Finance	03/30/17

Supervisor Mastro made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wansor, to approve the Committee Reports. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

PREFERRED AGENDA

1. RECOMMENDING A CHANGE TO THE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TEACHERS
2. CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT
3. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH HOME CARE ORGANIZATIONS FOR PERSONAL/RESPITE CARE FOR THE IN-HOME SERVICES UNDER THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP) PROGRAM – AREA AGENCY ON AGING
4. ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATED TO COMMERCIAL SOLAR AND WIND PROJECTS RELATIVE TO PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

5. PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN CHENANGO COUNTY
6. AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SECTION 5311 ANNUAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR SPONSORS WITH CONTINUING AGREEMENTS - MASS TRANSIT

7. AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO SILVERLINE CONSTRUCTION OF BURDETT, NEW YORK FOR BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY
8. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT – PUBLIC PROTECTION EQUIPMENT PROGRAM – CONTRACT #T102163
9. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

Supervisor Outwater made a motion to approve the Preferred Agenda Resolutions. Supervisor Law seconded the motion.

Supervisor Grace requested that Resolution #4 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1677, No – 0, Absent – 50

Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #59-17P

RECOMMENDING A CHANGE TO THE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

The Agriculture, Buildings, & Grounds Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New York State has been and continues to face a critical shortage of certified teachers in Agricultural Education creating a barrier to adding Agriculture programs to schools, and;

WHEREAS, of the 26 teachers certified to teach agriculture in New York State in 2016, all had to have special support plans from New York State Department of Education to acquire certification;

WHEREAS, more than 70 schools in New York State are exploring ways to add agriculture education to their curriculums, and;

WHEREAS, the two remaining agriculture teaching preparation programs in New York State cannot meet the demand, and;

WHEREAS, the current inflexible teaching certification standards do not recognize teachers with agricultural certifications as STEM teachers, compounding the shortage, and;

WHEREAS, 20 states have certification provisions allowing alternative pathways for individuals with sufficient knowledge and competency to teach in these areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That Chenango County recommends the New York State Board of Regents amend the teaching certification requirements to allow anyone with an Initial or Professional Teacher Certification in any CTE Agricultural Title, after successfully passing the Agricultural Content Specialty Test, be granted an additional CTE certification in all areas, and be it further;

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board forward certified copies of this resolution to State Senator James L. Seward, State Senator Frederick J. Akshar II, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, and Assemblyman Gary D. Finch, as a formal request that they assist the County in the introduction and enactment of such legislation.

Seconded by Supervisor Wayne Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1677, No – 0, Absent – 50

Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #60-17P

CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

The Agriculture, Buildings, & Grounds Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, effective September 17, 2003, Agriculture and Markets Law was amended by adding a new section 303-b, and

WHEREAS, said legislative amendment allows the legislative body of any county containing a certified agricultural district to designate an annual thirty (30) day period within which a land owner may submit to such body a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land prior to the districts established review period, and

WHEREAS, during said 30-day period, the County of Chenango has received requests for the inclusion of eight (8) parcels into existing agricultural districts, to wit:

<u>Tax Map #</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Street Name</u>	<u>District</u>
205.-1-21.1	Oxford	21.7	115 - Bee Products	NYS Route 12	1A
95.-1-27.1	Plymouth	62.44	240 - Rural Residence	Pierce Road	3A
95.-1-27.5	Plymouth	10.24	323 - Vacant Rural	Pierce Road	3A
95.-1-27.6	Plymouth	23.02	270 - Manuf. Housing	Pierce Road	3A
95.-1-27.7	Plymouth	0.23	240 - Rural Residence	Pierce Road	3A
46.-1-16.2	Sherburne	4.76	210 - 1 Family Residence	State Hwy 80	3A
46.-1-16.1	Sherburne	50.24	105 - Vacant Farmland	State Hwy 80	3A
46.-1-1	Columbus	22	322 - Rural Vacant	State Hwy 80	3A

and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board and the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Buildings & Grounds have reviewed the inclusions and recommended their adoption, and

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law requires that a public hearing be held by the County Legislative body prior to the adoption of said requests for inclusion into an existing certified agricultural district, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That a public hearing on the requested inclusions into existing certified agricultural districts be held by the Board of Supervisors on the 8th day of May, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. in the Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building, Norwich, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, That notice of this public hearing be given by the Clerk of this Board by publishing said notice in newspapers having a general circulation in Chenango County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of said notice shall be given in writing to those municipalities whose territories encompass said lands requesting inclusion and to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture & Markets.

Seconded by Supervisor Wayne Outwater.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1677, No – 0, Absent – 50

Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION#61-17

ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATED TO COMMERCIAL SOLAR AND WIND PROJECTS RELATIVE TO PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango wishes to create a uniform policy to deal with the taxable status of commercial solar & wind installations and,

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 487(9)(a) states that solar, wind, and farm waste energy projects are exempt for 15 years, but taxing jurisdiction may require a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and,

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 487(9)(b) states the PILOT shall not operate for a period of more than 15 years and,

WHEREAS, all commercial solar & wind installations will be subject to a PILOT agreement not to exceed 15 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors be and hereby establishes a policy that a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement will be required for all commercial solar and wind installations pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 487(9), and be it further

RESOLVED, That said PILOT shall be for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years, and for county-purposes only.

Seconded by Supervisor Wayne Outwater and duly adopted.

Opposed: Supervisor Thomas Grace and Supervisor David Law

Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Even Williams

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #61-16 Mr. Grace noted that on the surface we are about to take a step backwards by making solar energy less likely to come here for commercial applications. He said that we don't have to tax these projects and a

company with an opportunity to locate throughout the state is going to look at where it will cost more. Mr. Grace said solar projects will cost interested companies more in Chenango County if this is approved. He said after researching this he asked himself what the advantage is of discouraging solar energy. He mentioned that there is no noise, no tearing up of our roads, no pollution with solar energy, etc. Mr. Grace said that he saw nothing in the committee notes about encouraging clean energy. He asked if we have asked what the solar companies would think of this proposed policy.

Supervisor Grace said he thinks we have to look at what we are encouraging and what we are discouraging. He said that the state has come up with a 15 year exemption for us so that we don't have to tax these projects or make it more difficult for companies to come here. Mr. Grace said that the project the City of Norwich wanted to do ran aground for this very reason. He said we should look at the social and long term economic benefits of generating our own power here.

Mr. Grace said that there is an initiative coming from the IDA telling NYSEG that they are preventing us from having local power. He said that he believes this resolution would be a step backward.

Mr. Seneck said that was not the intent of this proposed resolution. He said that intent was to establish an agreement and have a policy in place so that the county is ready when it is approached with projects.

Real Property Tax Services Director Stephen Harris said that Real Property Law 487 came out in the early 1970s. He stated that law has remained in place and he explained that it is a sunset law renewed every fifteen years. Director Harris said that the law was primarily designed for the residential property owner, not for commercial installations. He said that the law changed the year after two large windmill projects occurred in New York State. He said prior to that there was not a provision in place for PILOT agreements. Mr. Harris commented that many counties have put this type of agreement in place; we are not the only one. He said that these arrangements can be made to be property specific; they do not have to be uniform. Mr. Harris said that you can also differentiate between residential and commercial properties. He said this is really geared for commercial installation. Mr. Harris said that you do have to look at the impact these projects will have on the county. The Director said he can guarantee that people will be upset and up in arms about any such proposed projects. He said that people will be seeking assessment reductions because their view is obstructed or for other various reasons. Mr. Harris said solar projects will have the same effect that the windmill projects had.

Supervisor Law said that he has a project coming in the Town of Norwich that will be fairly large and commercial. He said that in that project 500 homes are supposed to receive a 10% reduction in their electric. Mr. Law said therefore he cannot support this resolution.

Supervisor Brown said he doesn't believe it was the county's intent and it definitely was not his personal intent to affect residential solar projects. He said this resolution for a PILOT agreement is meant for commercial properties.

Mr. Starr said that New Berlin has already done this. He said that residential projects were exempted and a PILOT was set up for any commercial projects that may come in.

Mr. Grace said that the resolution states that Solar, Wind and Farm Waste Energy are exempt for 15 years. He asked why that isn't the same under the Resolve portion of the resolution and why solar cannot be separated from wind. Supervisor Grace said he hasn't heard the same complaints about solar as he has about wind. He said that when you tax something you are costing people money and therefore discouraging them from coming here by raising the associated cost. Mr. Grace said, let's face it, private individuals are not going to be able to afford this and we should do whatever is possible to give our residents some benefit from solar energy.

Mr. Heisler asked if the resolution lacks specificity. He asked if there is a number or a percentage attached to it. Mr. Heisler asked how he is supposed to know what he is voting on. Mr. Flanagan said that we would be voting on a policy.

Mr. Lawrence said that by passing this resolution we are not stating what amount will be charged; we are simply stating that we will be instituting a PILOT agreement for these projects. He said that we have good electricity in Chenango County. Mr. Lawrence said that we pay just over half of what people in other areas pay. He said that companies coming in for profit should contribute to the tax base of our towns and county. Mr. Lawrence asked Director Harris if this has anything to do with opting out.

Mr. Harris said that a number of counties throughout the state chose to opt out of the exemption. He said that is not what this resolution is proposing. Mr. Harris said that the figure in the PILOT agreement can be anywhere from \$0.00 to what the full tax would be.

Mr. Outwater said that the question that needs to be asked is where the power will go for a proposed solar project. He said it is his understanding that the power created by these farms is often not provided to the local communities.

Mr. Khoury said that it is nice that he and Mr. Grace can agree on something. He said that he does agree with Mr. Grace that taxes have been detrimental. Supervisor Khoury said that can be seen by the low enrollment within our school districts and the

number of empty houses all around us. He said that this is a specifically targeted tax cut however. Mr. Khoury said that companies such as Solar City are already heavily subsidized and wouldn't exist without government funding. He said if we give these companies a break then someone else in the county has to subsidize the difference. Mr. Grace said that it is necessary to look at the different types of energy production and the way they each affect this county. He said that it is important to look at the two different technologies.

Mr. Khoury said that all he is saying is that the gas wells in our county could do much more than they are doing now. He said he thinks all technologies should be treated equally in regard to taxation.

Mr. Brown said Mr. Grace makes excellent points but he understands what Mr. Khoury is saying about being fair. He said that as long as our PILOT agreement doesn't penalize anyone he doesn't see a problem with it. Mr. Brown said that he isn't saying we should be taxing them over and above what anyone else pays but they should at least give back what is fair. He said that to support solar we also need to stand up and say we will be fair to the rest of the people in the community. Mr. Brown said that the way the companies can do that is by paying their fair share of taxes.

Mr. Grace said that when we are trying to push gas and fracking we get compulsory integration. He said that helps one industry over another. Mr. Grace said there is none of that with a solar array. He said let's be known as the solar capital of upstate New York.

Chairman Wilcox said that it is important to remember that this resolution is only proposing a PILOT agreement for county taxes.

Dr. Wansor said that he believes we shouldn't be prohibitive but these companies should pay their fair share.

RESOLUTION #62-17

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN CHENANGO COUNTY

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that abuse and violence is widespread and impacts individuals and families of Chenango County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that an estimated six-hundred seventy-nine thousand children are victims of abuse and neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, abuse, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by national statistics indicating that one in six women and one in thirty-three men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives, with an estimated twenty such reported cases annually in Chenango County alone; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about child abuse and sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, each April, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we, the Chenango County Department of Social Services, the Crime Victims Assistance Center, and Liberty Resources Help Restore Hope Center can be successful in preventing abuse and sexual violence in Chenango County through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent child abuse and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS it is time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors joins advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent child abuse and sexual violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 2017 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.

Seconded by Supervisor Jeff Blanchard and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

Chairman Wilcox presented the Liberty Resources Director of Family Services and her staff with a Proclamation.

Sarah Haag introduced herself and explained that she is the Division Director for both Madison County and Chenango County. She said that she works very closely with individuals to provide direct hope to survivors of abuse. Ms. Haag thanked the Board for championing this cause. She read a letter from an adult survivor of abuse to the board.

RESOLUTION #63-17P

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH HOME CARE ORGANIZATIONS FOR PERSONAL/RESPITE CARE FOR THE IN-HOME SERVICES UNDER THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP) PROGRAM – AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, in order to provide In-Home Services, the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging Office desires to contract with home care agencies for respite/home care for eligible individuals,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, agreements with Home Care Organizations, as recommended by the Director of the Area Agency on Aging, for Personal/Respite Care, for a period ending December 31, 2017, and be it further
 RESOLVED, That the cost of said agreement(s) shall be paid from Appropriation Account #A7610.55 – Personal Care/Respite Contract.

Seconded by Supervisor Wayne Outwater.
 Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1677, No – 0, Absent – 50
 Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #64-17

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Personnel and Finance Committee offered the following and moved its adoption:
 RESOLVED, That, in order to provide the funds for a temporary training period associated with a retirement, transfer of funds, in the amount of \$7,113.00, be made to new Appropriation Account #A4320.19A – CSS Program Coordinator, from the following Appropriation Accounts, in the amount set opposite each:

Account #	Title	Amount
A4320.117	Principal Account Clerk	\$ 618.75
A4320.141	Account Clerk Typist	\$1,492.88
A4320.195	Staff Social Worker	\$1,466.56
A4320.44	Other Expense	<u>\$3,534.81</u>
	Total:	\$7,113.00

Seconded by Supervisor Wayne Outwater and duly adopted.
 Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

RESOLUTION #65-17

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SECTION 5311 ANNUAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR SPONSORS WITH CONTINUING AGREEMENTS - MASS TRANSIT

Mr. Brown offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF CHENANGO is submitting a request for a grant of funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, for a project to provide public mass transportation service for CHENANGO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM (CCPT) service area located in Chenango County, operated by FIRST TRANSIT, INC for the 2017 & 2018 fiscal years;
 WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF CHENANGO and the State of New York have entered into a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and payment of the Federal and applicable State Shares; and
 WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF CHENANGO is contracting with a third party subcontractor for the project(s) described above;
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to act on behalf of the COUNTY OF CHENANGO to sign the application and progress and complete the above named project(s), and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign any contracts or agreements between the County of Chenango and any third party subcontractor necessary to complete the public transportation project, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by Supervisor James McNeil and duly adopted.
Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

RESOLUTION #66-17

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO SILVERLINE CONSTRUCTION OF BURDETT, NEW YORK FOR BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY

Mr. Brown offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Public Works Director, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Works, did advertise for bids for the award of contract for bridge reconstruction on Quaker Hill Road, Town of Smyrna, BIN 3351570, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid amount of \$79,514.00 was submitted by Silverline Construction, of Burdett, New York, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the Chenango County Attorney, and the Public Works Director, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a contract with Silverline Construction, of Burdett, New York, for bridge reconstruction on Quaker Hill Road, Town of Smyrna, at a total base bid amount of \$79,514.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract shall be made from Appropriation Account #D5110.48 – Materials – Bridge Maintenance.

Seconded by Supervisor James McNeil and duly adopted.
Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #66-16 Supervisor Brown said that the Highway department has worked with these folks in the past. He said some of the bids received were much higher than this one. Supervisor Brown noted that this amount is not for the entire bridge construction, it is just for the beams.

RESOLUTION #67-17

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT – PUBLIC PROTECTION EQUIPMENT PROGRAM – CONTRACT #T102163

Mr. Mastro offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Chenango County has received notification from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Public Protection Equipment Program, that the County has been granted an award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Sheriff's Office, for the purchase of prescription drug drop boxes and a new safe child identification system, and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the program, it is necessary to appropriate the funds for expenditure, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Public Protection Equipment Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to credit new Capital Revenue Account #H32163 – DCJS Public Protection 2017, by \$25,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$25,000.00, be made from Revenue Account #H32163 to new Capital Project Account #H3110.2163 – DCJS Public Protection 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Dennis Brown and duly adopted.
Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

RESOLUTION #68-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Supervisor Mastro offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of March 2017 against Chenango County in the amount of \$2,997,317.14.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,726,381.79, are accepted and made a part of the following summary:

GENERAL:

Bills and Claims	\$2,114,052.89		
Supervisors' Salaries		\$ 27,106.20	
Certified Payroll		\$ 718,070.82	
Sheriff Payroll		\$ 439,834.91	
Social Services Payroll		\$ 314,952.60	
Self-Insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 792.96	\$ 2,061.04	
			\$ 3,616,871.40

HIGHWAY:

County Road Bills & Claims	\$ 6,681.41		
County Road Paving & Machinery Rentals	\$ 162,909.91	\$ 186,018.30	
Road Machinery Bills & Claims	\$ 52,113.03		
Road Machinery Payrolls		\$ 38,337.94	
			\$ 446,060.59

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 25,412.79		
Administration	\$ 102,738.46		
Preston Manor	\$ 53,935.11		
Services for Recipients	\$ 72,474.38		
Medical	\$ 24,012.71		
Special Needs	\$ -		
Family Assistance	\$ 202,166.11		
Child Care	\$ 103,138.59		
Juvenile Delinquent Care	\$ 3,406.03		
Payment to State Schools	\$ 1,369.88		
Safety Net Assistance	\$ 71,010.22		
HEAP	\$ -		
Burials	\$ -		
EEA	\$ 1,102.66		\$ 660,766.94

TOTALS	\$2,997,317.14	\$ 1,726,381.79	
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TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS for MARCH 2017			\$ 4,723,698.93
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TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS TO DATE			\$13,520,625.72
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Seconded by Supervisor Wansor and duly adopted.
 Absent: Supervisor Daniel Jack and Supervisor Evan Williams

MISCELLANEOUS**Broadband:**

Supervisor Jeffrey mentioned a post card that he received in the mail regarding the need for Chenango County to have broadband. He noted that unlike telephone and electric service broadband is not regulated by the Public Service Commission. Mr. Jeffrey said that this is going to affect many families in the county. He said that the companies providing these services play an important part on individual economics and education. Mr. Jeffrey said that he has heard stories of people having no internet service for two weeks at a time. He said that school children are unable to do their schoolwork when they don't have service. Mr. Jeffrey said that we really need to be aware of this issue and stand up for it. He said that without broadband there will be no businesses relocating to this area. Mr. Jeffrey noted that affluent people will also not be locating here without broadband. He said this is something that really needs to be brought to the Planning & Economic Development committee. He said that this board needs to send a message to New York State and its elected officials that rural America should not be left behind in regard to broadband.

Snow Removal Assistance Provided to the City of Norwich:

City of Norwich Supervisor for Wards 1, 2 and 3 James McNeil said that he would like to thank the Chenango County Highway Department for its assistance during the recent snow storm. Mr. Brown thanked Mr. McNeil and noted that the City of Norwich has certainly helped the county out when we have needed them.

Traffic Safety Board – Distracted Driving Presentation:

Supervisor Nabinger reported that the Traffic Safety Board is going to have a guest speaker for some of the school districts on the topic of Distracted Driving. She said that the speaker will be in the Sherburne District on Wednesday the 19th at 8:15 a.m. and then in the South Otselic District at 10:30 a.m. that same day. Ms. Nabinger stated that the speaker will also be in the Oxford District on Thursday, April 20th at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors scheduled for May 8th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present.

Chairman Lawrence N. Wilcox offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 10, 2017

Supervisor Seneck moved, seconded by Supervisor Law, to approve the minutes of the above meeting of the Board. Carried.

REQUESTS

Out of State Travel Request

One Deputy – Sherburne-Earlville School District Senior Trip
May 19th through May 21st, 2017 – Vermont

Supervisor McNeil moved, seconded by Supervisor Jeffrey, to approve the Out of State Travel Request. Carried.

REPORTS (Annual)

2016 Annual Report – Chenango County Clerk’s Office
2016 Annual Report – Chenango County Sheriff’s Office

Supervisor Brown moved, seconded by Supervisor Mastro, to receive and file the Annual Reports of the Chenango County Clerk’s Office and the Chenango County Sheriff’s Office. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Economic Development	04/11/17
Ag, Buildings and Grounds	04/18/17
Safety & Rules	04/19/17
Public Works	04/20/17
Health & Human Services	04/25/17
Personnel	04/10/17, 04/26/17
Finance	04/27/17

Supervisor Outwater made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wansor, to receive and file the Committee Reports. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS**PREFERRED AGENDA**

1. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BUFFALO HERITAGE SQUADRON FOR 2017 LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT AIRSHOW PERFORMANCE - LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT
2. AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT
3. AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO BROOME BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS, INC. OF VESTAL, NEW YORK FOR IN-PLACE PAVING – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY
4. AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STATEWIDE AQUASTORE INC. OF EAST SYRACUSE, NEW YORK FOR LEACHATE TANK #1 REPLACEMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WASTE MANAGEMENT
5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR REGISTERED DIETICIAN SERVICES – AREA AGENCY ON AGING
6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. CHRISTINE RACKLEY, PSY.D., FOR CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
7. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
8. AUTHORIZING CREATION OF EXTRA HIRE ACCOUNT AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES
9. AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT OF PRISONERS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS
10. AUTHORIZING CREATION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITY NURSE POSITION AND ELIMINATE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE POSITION – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS
11. AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ONE (1) SERGEANT POSITION TO ACCOMMODATE A TRAINING PERIOD – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – LAW ENFORCEMENT
12. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF GIFTS & DONATIONS REVENUE FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING UNIT – FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
13. CALLING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CHENANGO COUNTY SHARED SERVICES PLAN
14. AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE RENTAL FEE FOR T-HANGAR SPACE AT THE LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT
15. AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TANDEM TRUCK WITH PLOW AND TWO (2) CREW CAB PICK-UP TRUCKS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY
16. SETTING THE DATE OF TAX SALE FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND SECURING TITLE SEARCH SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO TAX SALE IN 2018

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

17. OFFERING RECOGNITION TO LILLIAN MARY KOZAK UPON HER RETIREMENT
18. PROCLAIMING MAY 2017 “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH” IN CHENANGO COUNTY
19. PROCLAIMING MAY 7-13, 2017 NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK IN CHENANGO COUNTY
20. AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF PARCEL(S) IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor Seneck made a motion to approve the Preferred Agenda Resolutions. Supervisor Mastro seconded the motion.

Supervisor Grace requested that Resolution # 2 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Supervisor Flanagan requested that Resolution # 9 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #69-17

AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF PARCEL(S) IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Agriculture, Buildings, & Grounds Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, effective September 17, 2003, Agriculture and Markets Law was amended by adding a new section 303-b, and

WHEREAS, said legislative amendment allows the legislative body of any county containing a certified agricultural district to designate an annual thirty (30) day period within which a land owner may submit to such body a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land prior to the districts established review period, and

WHEREAS, during said 30-day period, the County of Chenango has received requests for the inclusion of parcel(s) into existing agricultural districts, and

WHEREAS, review of said requests was referred to the County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board for their recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board met and adopted recommendations concerning the said inclusions, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board did publish a public notice that said requests for inclusion into existing Agricultural Districts was undergoing review, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing as required by law was held in the Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building, Norwich, New York on May 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM, and

WHEREAS, it appeared from testimony at said hearing that the inclusion of said parcel(s), as proposed, is feasible and in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors, after due deliberation, deems it advisable and in the public interest that the parcel(s) be included in existing agricultural districts as recommended by the County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County does hereby adopt the inclusion of the following parcel(s) into existing Chenango County Agricultural Districts as recommended by the Chenango County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board:

Tax Map #	Town	Acres	Classification	Street Name	District
205.-1-21.1	Oxford	21.7	115 – Bee Products	NYS Route 12	1A
95.-1-27.1	Plymouth	62.44	240 – Rural Residence	Pierce Road	3A
95.-1-27.5	Plymouth	10.24	323 – Vacant Rural	Pierce Road	3A
95.-1-27.6	Plymouth	23.02	270 – Manuf. Housing	Pierce Road	3A
95.-1-27.7	Plymouth	.23	240 – Rural Residence	Pierce Road	3A
46.-1-16.2	Sherburne	4.76	210 – 1 Family Residence	State Hwy 80	3A
46.-1-16.1	Sherburne	50.24	105 – Vacant Farmland	State Hwy 80	3A
46.-1-1	Columbus	22	322 – Rural Vacant	State Hwy 80	3A

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to submit proposals for the inclusion of said parcel(s), in cooperation with the Chenango County Planning Department, with the necessary accompanying maps, plans and other requested documents to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for his consideration.

Seconded by Ms. Nabinger and duly adopted.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #69-17 Supervisor Grace said that he favors this resolution but he feels that the point of the comments made by the individuals who spoke during the public comment portion of the Public Hearing was that it is important to expand the capability of this area’s farmers and agricultural industry.

Supervisor Flanagan said he is curious as to what effects the installation of a solar array may have on land that has been classified as agricultural. He said he doesn’t believe that land would qualify to be part of an agricultural district at that point.

RESOLUTION #70-17

AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR TEMPORARY CONFINEMENT OF PRISONERS – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, absent an involved application and mandated approval process by the New York State Commission of Corrections to allow an exchange of prisoners between county jails, it is necessary the Chenango County Sheriff board a prisoner in another county jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That a supplemental appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$10,000.00, be made from Appropriation Account #A1990.46 – Contingent Account, to Appropriation Account #A3170.46 – Temporary Confinement of Prisoners.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #70-17 Supervisor Flanagan said he was trying to follow the committee minutes as to the reason why this resolution is necessary. He asked if it is because one of the prisoners is related to one of the employees. Mr. Gordon said that one of the prisoners was accused of victimizing one of the employee's relatives. Mr. Flanagan said this looks like an expensive proposition. Mr. Gordon said it has been determined that this action is necessary. Mr. Khoury asked if it would have been cheaper to transfer the employee. Mr. Gordon said no, we have union contracts that preclude such an action.

RESOLUTION #71-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Mental Hygiene Services has received notification of funds for Health Information Technology (HIT) through the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), and

WHEREAS, said funds are required to be utilized for information technology expenses, with the intent to purchase computer desktops, laptops, archival storage and other IT systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A3490 – State Aid Mental Health Op Cost by \$49,850.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$49,850.00, be made from Revenue Account #A3490, to Appropriation Account #A4320.21 – Equipment, in order to provide the funds necessary for the purchase of computer hardware and software.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #72-17P

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF EXTRA HIRE ACCOUNT AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create Appropriation Account #A4320.13 – Extra Hire, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an transfer of funds, in the amount of \$4,155.30, be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.112, to Appropriation Account #A4320.13 – Extra Hire.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #73-17P

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITY NURSE POSITION AND ELIMINATE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE POSITION – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That, effective May 13, 2017, the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create Appropriation Account #A3170.1491 – Correctional Facility Nurse as a replacement for the LPN position, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of funds, of all funds remaining in Appropriation Account #A3170.149 – LPN, to Appropriation Account #A3170.1491, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$8,100.00 from Appropriation Account #A3170.154- Corrections Officer, to Appropriation Account #A3170.1491, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Appropriation Account #A3170.149 – LPN shall remain unfunded.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #74-17P

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ONE (1) SERGEANT POSITION TO ACCOMMODATE A TRAINING PERIOD – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate a training period, the Chenango County Sheriff recommends the creation of a Sergeant position in the law enforcement division,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create Appropriation Accounts #A3110.113A – Road Patrol Sergeant, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That upon filling of said new Road Patrol Sergeant position, the Sheriff shall notify the Chenango County Treasurer, who in consultation with the Chenango County Sheriff, is authorized to make transfers of funds as necessary, as well as not to exceed \$6,000.00 from Appropriation Account #3110.121 – Part time Officers, to fund said position for the remainder of 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #75-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF GIFTS & DONATIONS REVENUE FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING UNIT – FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Fire Coordinator/ Director of Emergency Management has received a commitment of a donation of \$5,000.00 from Chobani for the purchase of a Fire Extinguisher Training Unit, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary said donation be appropriated to make it available for expenditure for the purchase of said training unit,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to appropriate any donations received in new Revenue Account #A2708C - Gifts and Donations – Fire/EM, to Appropriation Account #A3410.21 – Equipment, in order to provide the funds needed for the purchase of a Fire Extinguisher Training Unit.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #76-17PCALLING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CHENANGO COUNTY
SHARED SERVICES PLAN

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby authorizes publication of legal notices for Public Hearings associated with the County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Law as follows:

June 1, 2017 at 12:00PM

June 1, 2017 at 5:30PM

June 12, 2017 at 12:00PM

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board give notice of Public Hearing by publishing same in the official newspapers of Chenango County in accordance with law.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #77-17PAUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TANDEM TRUCK
WITH PLOW AND TWO (2) CREW CAB PICK-UP TRUCKS
AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE –
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Public Works Director, in consultation with the Public Works Committee, recommend the County of Chenango purchase a tandem plow truck and two crew cab pick-up trucks with caps estimated at \$285,000.00, utilizing \$160,717.09 available in Capital Project Account #H5130.20 – Public Works Equipment, and additional appropriation of Road Surplus funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Public Works Director, acting jointly with the Public Works Committee, be and hereby is authorized to purchase a tandem plow truck and two crew cab pick-up trucks with caps estimated at \$285,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer is further authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to make a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$140,000.00 from Unassigned Unappropriated Road Fund Balance to Capital Project Account #H5130.20 – Public Works Equipment.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #78-17PSETTING THE DATE OF TAX SALE FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND
SECURING TITLE SEARCH SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES
SUBJECT TO TAX SALE IN 2018

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, certain parcels of real property have been acquired by reason of non-payment of 2013 and prior year's taxes and related charges, and

WHEREAS, the parcels were acquired under the In-Rem procedure as set forth in Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set a date for the sale of said properties,

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Finance, in consultation with the County Attorney, has recommended the County of Chenango secure the services of an abstract company to conduct title searches for those properties subject to tax foreclosure sale in the year 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, subject to the obtaining of a State Supreme Court Order authorizing transfer of said properties to the County, the sale date for properties acquired by reason of non-payment of 2013 taxes and related charges shall be held on July 27, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., and be it further

RESOLVED, That the sale be conducted by sealed bid and in accordance with the rules and procedures, as previously approved by this Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, That, in the event one or more parcels of tax delinquent property remain or become available after the sale date set for the above, the Standing Committee on Finance shall be authorized to accept sealed bids for such parcel or parcels at any of its regularly scheduled meetings, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the sales shall be subject to approval by this Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Attorney be and hereby is authorized to secure title search services for those properties subject to tax foreclosure sale in 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay the above cost of said services from currently available budget Appropriation Account #A1362.48 – Search Fees.

Seconded by Supervisor Senack.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #79-17

OFFERING RECOGNITION TO LILLIAN MARY KOZAK UPON HER RETIREMENT

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in April 2017 Lillian Mary Kozak will be retired from her services to Chenango County, and,

WHEREAS, Lillian Mary Kozak, was formerly the owner of Gance’s Café in Endicott, New York for 30 years before moving to Chenango County in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Lillian, as a member of the Chenango Club, has served as the ‘Chief Cook and Bottle Washer’ at the Chenango Club for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Lillian has faithfully served the Chenango Club in the delivery of daily nutritionally balanced and delicious meals; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Lillian was primarily instrumental in the preparation of over 9,000 meals over the past 35 years for the Chenango Club; and

WHEREAS, because of her selfless efforts, dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for individuals who are managing a mental illness and who are citizens of Chenango County, many lives have been enriched and improved; and

NOW THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors extend their deepest appreciation to Lillian Mary Kozak for her dedicated service to both the Chenango Club and the County of Chenango, and Best Wishes for Health and Happiness during her years of retirement.

Seconded by Supervisor Blanchard and duly adopted.

Ms. Roberts said that it is very fitting today to recognize Lillian Kozak. She said that Ms. Kozak has freely volunteered her time to Chenango Club for many years. Director Roberts said that numerous club members have benefited greatly from Ms. Kozak’s time and efforts. Ms. Robert said that Ms. Kozak has served as “Chief Cook and Bottle Washer” at Chenango Club for the last 35 years and they are estimating that she has provided over 9,000 meals during that time. Ms. Roberts congratulated Ms. Kozak on her retirement and asked her to accept this special recognition as a token of appreciation for her years of service.

RESOLUTION #80-17

PROCLAIMING MAY 2017 ‘MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH’ IN CHENANGO COUNTY

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, mental health is critical to the well-being and vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects people regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, activities that encourage health and wellness serve to prevent mental health conditions from occurring or becoming more serious conditions; and

WHEREAS, the health of our communities depends on the health and well-being of each and every citizen; and

WHEREAS, one in four people will suffer from some form of mental illness in any given year; and

WHEREAS, the stigma surrounding mental health conditions too often delays or prevents individuals from seeking or accepting help; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of completed suicides and suicide attempts have an underlying mental health condition;

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Department of Mental Hygiene Services is committed to offering services that promote HOPE, WELLNESS & RECOVERY throughout all our programs; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, public and private institutions, businesses, the faith community, and schools throughout Chenango County must work collectively to increase awareness of mental health disorders and the importance of prevention; and ensure access to services for those who are in need of mental health services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors does hereby ask all residents of our county to join in declaring May 2017 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Seconded by Supervisor Blanchard and duly adopted.

Chairman Wilcox presented a proclamation to Community Services Director Ruth Roberts. Ms. Roberts thanked the Chairman and the Board for this proclamation. She said that as everyone may guess she would like to proclaim every month as Mental Health Awareness Month. She said that recognizing and raising awareness of the importance that mental health plays in a person's overall well-being is a very good thing to do.

RESOLUTION #81-17

PROCLAIMING MAY 7-13, 2017 "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" IN CHENANGO COUNTY

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the week of May 7th through 13th, 2017 has been set aside as the official week to recognize Hospitals across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, this year's official theme for National Hospital Week is "The Healing Heart of Healthcare;" and

WHEREAS, National Hospital Week celebrates hospitals and the men and women who support the health of their communities through dedicated and compassionate care, and

WHEREAS, UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital has faithfully served the residents of Chenango County since 1912; and

WHEREAS, the mission of UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital is to improve the health of those they serve through excellence in all they do; and

WHEREAS, UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital is the County's 5th largest employer, with more than 700 direct and indirect employees who perform their jobs with pride and dedication for the purpose of improving the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital partners with the Chenango County Department of Public Health and other community-based organizations on vital population health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, this celebration serves as a reminder that UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital and organizations like it across the country are foundations of our communities and care for people from all walks of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2017 as "National Hospital Week" in Chenango County and calls upon the citizens of this County to recognize the vital role UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital and its dedicated team of health care professionals plays in the health and well-being of our community.

Seconded by Supervisor Blanchard and duly adopted.

Chairman Wilcox presented a Proclamation to Melissa Stagnaro of UHS on behalf of Chenango County. He said that UHS provides a wonderful service to Chenango County. Ms. Stagnaro thanked the Chairman and the Board of Supervisors.

RESOLUTION #82-17P

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR REGISTERED DIETICIAN SERVICES – AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Health & Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement between the County of Chenango and a Registered Dietician, an independent contractor to be selected by the Director of the Area Agency on Aging, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement shall be for minimum of 10 hours per week, and not to exceed an aggregate of \$31,500.00 per year.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #83-17P

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. CHRISTINE RACKLEY, PSY.D., FOR CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES

The Health and Human Services Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Mental Health programs desires to utilize the services of a contractual consultant psychologist, Dr. Christine Rackley, Psy.D., of Sidney, New York, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors, upon the approval of the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an Agreement with Dr. Christine Rackley, Psy.D., of Sidney, New York, for consultant psychologist services for the Chenango County Mental Health Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement shall be through December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said services shall be made from Appropriation Account #A4320.47 – Consulting Psychologist.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #84-17P

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BUFFALO HERITAGE SQUADRON FOR 2017 LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT AIRSHOW PERFORMANCE - LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Heritage Squadron operates as part of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to vintage military aircraft, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to secure the services of the Buffalo Heritage Squadron at the planned June 10, 2017 Airport Day Show at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/ Chenango County Airport, at the cost of \$250.00, plus fuel

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to execute, on behalf of Chenango County, an agreement with the Buffalo Heritage Squadron at the June 10, 2017 Airport Day Show at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/ Chenango County Airport, at the cost of \$250.00, plus fuel, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said agreement shall be made from Capital Project Account #H4597.40 – Airport Events.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #85-17P**AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE RENTAL FEE FOR T-HANGAR SPACE AT THE LT. WARREN E. EATON/CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT**

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That, effective June 1, 2017, the monthly rental fee for the use of twelve (12) older T-Hangar spaces at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/Chenango County Airport be and hereby is increased from \$160.00 per month to \$185.00 per month, and to \$210 per month effective January 1, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, That, effective June 1, 2017, the monthly rental fee for the use of six (6) newer T-Hangar spaces at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/Chenango County Airport be and hereby is increased from \$175.00 per month to \$200.00 per month, and to \$225.00 per month effective January 1, 2018.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #86-17P**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO BROOME BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS, INC. OF VESTAL, NEW YORK FOR IN-PLACE PAVING – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY**

The Public Works Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Public Works Director, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Works, did advertise for bids for the award of contract for in-place paving of various county roads during 2017, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid amount of \$457,933.00 was submitted by Broome Bituminous Products, Inc., of Vestal, New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the Chenango County Attorney, and the Public Works Director, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a contract with Broome Bituminous Products, Inc., of Vestal, New York, for in-place paving on various county roads in 2017, at a total base bid amount of \$457,933.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract shall be made from Appropriation Account #D5110.46 – Materials Road Widening.

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #87-17P**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STATEWIDE AQUASTORE INC. OF EAST SYRACUSE, NEW YORK FOR LEACHATE TANK #1 REPLACEMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Public Works Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Public Works Director, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Works and Barton & Loguidice Engineers, did advertise for bids for the award of contract for replacement of leachate tank #1 at the Chenango County Landfill, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid amount of \$193,500.00 was submitted by Statewide Aquastore Inc. of East Syracuse, New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the Chenango County Attorney, and the Public Works Director, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a contract with Statewide Aquastore Inc. of East Syracuse, New York, for replacement of leachate tank #1 at the Chenango County Landfill at a total bid amount of \$193,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract shall be made from Appropriation Account #A8092.22 – Equipment Replacement.

Seconded by Supervisor Senack.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were Yes – 1727, No – 0, Absent – 0

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #88-17

AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193-04, and amended by Resolutions #108-12P and #169-15, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors adopted and amended the Fee Schedule for the Department of Public Health, Fire Code Enforcement, and

WHEREAS, given recent activity relative to commercial solar projects, it is recommended a Commercial Solar Installation Inspection Fee be established on the Fee Schedule for Fire Code Enforcement,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fee Schedule for the Department of Public Health, Fire Code Enforcement, is hereby amended to include a fee for commercial solar projects at \$0.10 per square foot.

Seconded by Supervisor Mastro and duly adopted with Supervisor Grace opposed.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #88-17 Mr. Grace asked if this fee would be in addition to any other fees that would be charged by Code Enforcement. Mr. Mastro said he does not believe so. Chairman Wilcox noted that this particular fee only applies to the array itself and additional fees may be required if a building inspection is necessary. Supervisor Mastro agreed.

Supervisor Grace said that it was noted in the minutes of the Safety & Rules Committee meeting that the profit margin for these projects is very thin. He said that he would like to read a letter regarding the effect that this kind of fee has on this type of project. Mr. Grace read a letter from Mr. Buchan who represented the City of Norwich for its solar project. In his letter Mr. Buchan stated said that Norwich's project was undermined by governmental taxation. Mr. Grace said that municipalities threatened to tax the City's potential solar project and in the end that resulted in the loss of millions of dollars for the residents of the county. He stated that taxation and the type of fee proposed today could retard renewable energy projects in this area.

Mr. Flanagan said that some of what Mr. Buchan said in the letter has been mischaracterized. He said that part of the problem was that the City of Norwich didn't even know what school districts they were in. Supervisor Flanagan said that the highest tax the City of Norwich was going to have to pay was the emergency/fire/special district tax which cannot be forgiven. Mr. Flanagan said that the assessment was very uncertain. He said that it is not accurate to say that this county is against solar energy. He said that we cannot speak for the towns or the schools districts and we do not determine the special district taxes. Mr. Flanagan said that the whole Solar City project was not handled very smoothly in many respects. He said that he thinks the City of Norwich made a financial decision based on what they were offered. Supervisor Flanagan said that the county's responsibility was to look after the county's interest. He said we offered the land to the City of Norwich for \$1 and said go ahead. Mr. Flanagan said that solar arrays are taxable. He said the county has kept its options open and he thinks that was a responsible action on the Board's part.

Mr. Grace said that Chenango County could have leased the land to the City of Norwich but chose not to. He said that Mr. Buchan would certainly be in the position to know what killed the City of Norwich's project. Supervisor Flanagan said that he was also in the position to know. He said that the real estate goes with the land and that the solar array had a 15 year exemption which fell to the City. He said that there were no answers as to what would be done with the array after all was said and done. Mr. Flanagan said there is a certain liability attached to that. Mr. Flanagan said that he believes the county was prudent in its decision.

Mr. Grace asked how many times we have spoken of the terrible taxes in New York State. He said the state is saying that we shouldn't tax this industry and we decide that we should tax it anyway. Mr. Grace said that the history of subsidies in this country is that almost all of them went toward fossil fuels. He asked if we are really thinking ahead in our attempts to kill this industry. Mr. Grace said that he sees today's resolution as a way just to make things more difficult.

Mr. Khoury said that he is a member of the Sherburne-Earlville School Board. He stated that when the issue of the City of Norwich's solar project came up the first thing the S-E school board did was take a look at its fiduciary responsibility. Mr. Khoury said that every year the schools face more cuts and expanding overhead costs. He said that there is a lot of pressure on school boards to look out for what is best for their particular districts. Supervisor Khoury said that when the S-E school board decided to request a PILOT agreement they did so because they felt they needed to in order to protect the school district and be able to comply with its tax cap. Mr. Khoury said that solar projects are already heavily subsidized and when that is the case someone else ends up carrying the tax burden. Mr. Grace asked what the school district is getting now. He said the school district is getting nothing now. Supervisor Grace said he isn't questioning the integrity of the school board. He said that

Chenango County is the only county in our area that has stood up and stated that it will be requesting PILOT agreements for solar projects; none of our bordering counties have done so. Mr. Khoury said that he is simply asking for fairness. He said that targeted tax cuts are not equitable.

Dr. Wansor said that from the Town of North Norwich's perspective he tends to agree with Supervisor Khoury. He said that the Town of North Norwich is a town of slow growth that wants to comply with its tax cap. Supervisor Wansor said he never heard back from the City of Norwich after his Board informed the City that a PILOT agreement was being considered. He said that the Town of North Norwich was willing to negotiate a fair deal.

Mr. Flanagan said that he is no great fan of PILOT agreements but they are phased in over a period of time; they are not a complete forgiveness of taxes. He said he doesn't know that we have simply forgiven all taxes for anybody. Mr. Grace said this is an entirely different situation. He said the state is saying that we don't have to tax solar projects and yet the county decided to do it anyway. Mr. Flanagan said that he believes that Mr. Grace is mischaracterizing the county's policy. He said that it has not yet been determined what any such agreement will involve; only that there will be one in place.

Mr. McNeil said that a \$.10 per square foot Commercial Solar Installation Inspection Fee is the question associated with the proposed resolution and he would like to request that the question be called.

The Chairman called the question.

RESOLUTION #89-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Supervisor Seneck offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of April 2017 against Chenango County in the amount of \$2,950,489.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,730,561.51, are accepted and made a part of the following summary:

GENERAL:

Bills and Claims	\$1,632,298.16		
Supervisors' Salaries		\$	27,106.18
Certified Payroll		\$	717,938.94
Sheriff Payroll		\$	438,712.05
Social Services Payroll		\$	333,593.05
Self-Insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 792.96	\$	2,061.04
			\$ 3,152,502.38

HIGHWAY:

County Road Bills & Claims	\$ 143,882.82		
County Road Paving & Machinery Rentals	\$ 168,024.21	\$	168,987.85
Road Machinery Bills & Claims	\$ 345,616.10		
Road Machinery Payrolls		\$	42,162.40
			\$ 868,673.38

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 34,482.66
Administration	\$ 144,288.57
Preston Manor	\$ 27,915.74
Services for Recipients	\$ 39,921.17
Medical	\$ 29,341.97
Special Needs	\$ -
Family Assistance	\$ 189,899.20
Child Care	\$ 88,915.49
Juvenile Delinquent Care	\$ 2,353.66
Payment to State Schools	\$ -
Safety Net Assistance	\$ 100,629.04

HEAP	\$ 2,128.00	
Burials	\$ -	
EEA	\$ -	\$ 659,875.50
TOTALS	\$2,950,489.75	\$ 1,730,561.51
TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS for APRIL 2017		\$ 4,681,051.26
TOTAL BILLS AND CLAIMS TO DATE		\$18,201,676.98

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

**New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets
Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Lands within Certified Agricultural District**

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford read the Notice of Public Hearing. Chairman Wilcox declared the Public Hearing Open at 11:02 a.m. and asked anyone who wanted to address the Board to step forward and state their name. He reminded everyone that this is to be a Public Hearing regarding the inclusion of these particular eight parcels of land.

Mr. Ken Fogarty provided two documents to the Clerk of the Board RC Woodford. He said he has attended many Board of Supervisors meetings and he has been impressed with their support of area farmers and agriculture in general but he was surprised at the adoption of one of the county’s recent resolutions. Chairman Wilcox asked Mr. Fogarty to limit his discussion to the inclusion of the eight particular parcels of land. Mr. Fogarty said he feels that his comments are relevant. He said that it is his opinion that when one taxes solar facilities it dampens the interest of those willing to invest in our community. Mr. Fogarty said that those people then take their solar projects elsewhere and farmers in Chenango County end up at a disadvantage. Mr. Fogarty said that the City of Norwich’s proposed solar project and another solar project in Guilford both fell by the wayside. He said he is hopeful the Board of Supervisors will bear in mind the issues discussed this morning in regard to the Code Enforcement Fee Schedule. Chairman Wilcox again asked Mr. Fogarty to limit his discussion to the topic of the Public Hearing. Mr. Fogarty said that he hopes that the Board will consider rescinding the recently passed resolution and consider encouraging NYSEG to provide whatever is necessary to make solar projects possible in this area. Mr. Fogarty stepped down.

Chairman Wilcox asked if there was anyone else wishing to be heard. He reminded everyone that all discussion should be limited to the inclusion of the eight parcels of land.

Mr. Peter Hudiburg repeated many of Mr. Fogarty’s statements regarding solar energy projects. Chairman Wilcox asked Mr. Hudiburg to limit his remarks to what is pertinent to the topic of the public hearing. Mr. Hudiburg continued to speak in support of solar energy and Chairman Wilcox asked Mr. Hudiburg again to limit his discussion to the proposed agricultural district inclusions. Mr. Hudiburg stepped down.

Chairman Wilcox asked if there was anyone else wishing to be heard in regard to the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Lands within Certified Agricultural Districts. The Chairman repeated the question.

With no one else wishing to be heard Supervisor Outwater made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:09 a.m. Supervisor Canor seconded the motion.
Carried.

SPEAKERS

**Ernest Cutting, Chenango County Sheriff
2016 Annual Report**

Sheriff Cutting thanked Chairman Wilcox and the Board of Supervisors for all of the support they have provided to the Chenango County Sheriff's Office over the years. He said that he will review the 2016 Annual Report very briefly. Mr. Cutting noted that there is quite a lot of information included in the report.

The Sheriff mentioned the portion of the report involving utility costs. He said that they do everything they can do on a daily basis to keep utility costs down at the facility.

The Sheriff noted that Boarding In Revenue was down somewhat in 2016. He noted that the facility is currently housing in seven prisoners.

Sheriff Cutting mentioned the recent loss of employees. He said that he expects overtime costs to be up greatly as he has never been down this amount of staff before. The Sheriff stated that the Extra Hire numbers will also show an increase for the same reason.

Sheriff Cutting said that 21 Law Enforcement Officers handled over 16,000 complaints in 2016. He mentioned the following number of Arrests:

- 329 Felony Arrests
- 427 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 203 Violations/Miscellaneous Arrests
- 178 Warrant Arrests
- 16 DWI Arrests

Sheriff Cutting discussed the office's Narcotics efforts. He mentioned the county's heroin problem. Mr. Cutting stated that they are now seeing a transition from heroin back to meth.

Sheriff Cutting mentioned that CCSO has received \$1,576,710 worth of grant funding from 2013 through 2016.

The Sheriff noted that 547 accidents were investigated in 2016. He said that was actually an increase in the number of accidents as compared to prior years. He said that much of the increase can be accounted for by the increase of car/deer accidents that occurred. Sheriff Cutting said that there were 204 car/deer accidents in 2016 alone.

Sheriff Cutting said that they handled 300 domestic incidents in 2016. He said that is an average of almost one domestic incident every day.

Sheriff Cutting stated that there were over 45,000 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) calls in 2016.

The Sheriff said that his biggest challenge in 2017 will be personnel. He said that problem will most likely bleed over into 2018. He mentioned some of the functions he may have to cut back on due to the loss of staff they are experiencing and the amount of training that will be required to get new employees up to speed.

Supervisor Brown mentioned some of the various programs handled by the Sheriff's Office. He said that he feels that these programs (Sheriff's Camp, monitoring and locating individuals, etc.) are very important. Mr. Brown said that such programs put a good face on the Sheriff's department and give the public a good idea of what the Sheriff and his staff are doing for the community.

Supervisor Brown asked if prisoners remain eligible for Medicaid if they had the coverage prior to their incarceration. The Sheriff said no. Supervisor Brown said that every single medical cost for an inmate becomes the county's responsibility upon incarceration then. Sheriff Cutting confirmed that to be the case.

Supervisor Brown said that we recently passed a resolution allowing the Sheriff to recruit employees from contiguous counties. Sheriff Cutting said that has not yet been approved by the state. Supervisor Brown asked if there are policies or procedures that we could change to lessen the difficulties being encountered by the Sheriff. He said that he doesn't expect the Sheriff to answer him right now but he thinks that the Safety & Rules Committee and the Personnel Committee should be talking about this. The Sheriff said that the pay scales of the surrounding counties have surpassed ours. He said he believes that the ability to hire outside of Chenango County will help him somewhat.

Supervisor Heisler thanked Sheriff Cutting for the report. He said that we have had discussions as to whether or not Chenango County is welcoming to others. Mr. Heisler said that it seems to him that the quality of life should be the most important consideration and that Chenango County has a great quality of life. He said that if the Sheriff is having a hard time filling the positions that enable him to keep this county a safe attractive place to live and work then that could change whether or not this is an attractive place to be. Mr. Heisler said that if we need to come up with more money (or something else) to be able to give the Sheriff the right tools to remain successful then we need to look at that.

Ms. Nucero-Alger said that she would like to recommend that the Safety & Rules Committee and the Personnel Committees meet within the next thirty days to discuss the problems the Sheriff is having. She said that she has been on the Safety & Rules Committee for several months now and this is an ongoing problem. Mr. Seneck said that he would like to piggy back on Ms. Nucero-Alger's suggestion. He said that he thinks such a meeting would be worthwhile. Mr. Mastro said that he has been on Safety & Rules for seven years and the problem is becoming increasingly worse. Chairman Wilcox asked Chairman Mastro and Chairman Seneck to set that meeting up.

Supervisor Flanagan thanked the Sheriff for the specific information regarding utility costs. He said that he sees that those costs are lower than they have been in the last six years. He asked about the number listed for Medical expenses. Sheriff Cutting said that number represents what was paid to outside providers; it does not include the salaries of their medical personnel. Mr. Flanagan confirmed that the office receives the Medicaid rate for medical services received but that there is no Medicaid component for Chenango County prisoners. Mr. Cutting said that is correct. Mr. Brown said that he finds it very odd that every other program uses Medicaid to fund itself but the jail may not.

Mr. Flanagan said that he saw a discussion in the minutes about closing pods due to the lack of available staff. He said that the Boarding In Revenue trend looks to be rather depressing. Supervisor Flanagan asked the Sheriff if he sees that changing. Sheriff Cutting said that Boarding In Revenue is something that is very difficult to predict. He said he expects it to remain in the same ballpark it is in now. Sheriff Cutting mentioned the Raise the Age legislation which is to take effect very soon. He said he believes it has to be in place sometime this year. The Sheriff said that will diminish the number of prisoners for everyone. He said that our Boarding In numbers are also affected by the construction of new facilities in other counties.

Mr. Flanagan said it looks as if we are averaging a loss of about 24 positions each year. He said this isn't a new problem. Supervisor Flanagan asked the Sheriff if it is getting worse. Mr. Cutting said that he believes it is. He said that they used to get 100 or 130 people taking the civil service exams but the last time the exam was given they only had about 40. Mr. Cutting said that there is an anti-law enforcement sentiment now and many people don't want to work with the clientele in the jail. He said that it is a difficult population to manage and many people simply aren't interested in subjecting themselves to that.

Supervisor Lawrence asked about Welfare Fraud Cases. He said the number seems low. Mr. Lawrence asked what initiates a welfare fraud case. Mr. Cutting said that the referrals they receive for Welfare Fraud come from the Social Welfare Fraud Examiners. Mr. Lawrence asked if any of it comes from people calling in with allegations. Mr. Cutting said that they do have some of that but many of those actual fraud cases start with the Department of Social Services.

Supervisor Grace thanked Sheriff Cutting for the great job that he and his staff do for the county. He asked if the loss of employees that is being experienced is in the Law Enforcement Division or the Corrections Division. Sheriff Cutting said that Corrections has a much larger number of employees than Law Enforcement does and that is where the greatest loss is coming from right now. He mentioned that he did lose a couple of employees on the Law Enforcement side in 2016 also.

Mr. Khoury asked about some of the data that doesn't appear in the report. He asked if there is information available to show the effect of the heroin use in this area. Mr. Khoury asked how it would be possible find out what effect heroin has on a community based on its jail population. Sheriff Cutting said that they have a computerized program which is used to enter data. He said that heroin wasn't at the forefront for them when the system was set up 12 years ago. The Sheriff said that they would have to manually check the inmate records. Mr. Khoury said that part of sitting on the Health and Human Services Committee is trying to understand the root causes of such issues. He said if county policies are contributing to (or even not helping) such situations then we should be considering an adjustment of those policies. Supervisor Khoury asked if the data could be made available. Sheriff Cutting said that he could provide that type of data. Mr. Heisler asked the Sheriff to guess at the number of inmates having substance abuse issues. Sheriff Cutting said that his guess as to the number of incarcerations caused by substance abuse may be as high as 85%. Mr. McNeil said that many of the reasons for incarceration (assaults, theft, etc.) may be substance abuse related but do not list that as the direct reason for incarceration.

Chairman Wilcox thanked Sheriff Cutting for the report.

**Pam J. Wylubski, Afton Town Justice and President, Chenango County Magistrate's Association
Update Regarding "Counsel at Arraignment"**

Chairman Wilcox reported that Ms. Wylubski was unable to appear today.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors scheduled for June 12th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Local Officials Present were:

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Treasurer William Craine
Supervisor John Lawrence, Town of Afton
Supervisor Marion Ireland, Town of Coventry
Supervisor Pete Raymond, Town of Greene
Supervisor George Seneck, Town of Guilford
Supervisor Wayne Outwater, Town of Lincklaen
Supervisor Art Canor, Town of McDonough
Supervisor Dennis Brown, Town of Pharsalia
Supervisor Jeff Blanchard, Town of Pitcher
Mayor Sally Muller, Village of Afton
Mayor Terry Stark, Village of Oxford

PUBLIC HEARING

Chenango County Shared Services Real Property Tax Savings Plan

**Two members of the public were present. One member of the public spoke at the Public Hearing.

Chairman Wilcox addressed those present with the following remarks:

Good day, I am Lawrence Wilcox, Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors. I am joined today on the dais by Chenango County Attorney, Alan Gordon, Journal Clerk Tricia Moore, and Board Clerk RC Woodford.

I am conducting this public hearing to help the County, City of Norwich, twenty-one Towns, and eight Villages formulate a County-wide shared services property tax savings plan as required by recent New York State legislation.

I ask the Clerk to read the Call of the Public Hearing.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford read the Notice of Public Hearing:

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Public hearings will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building, 5 Court Street, Norwich, New York. The Shared Services Panel will convene after the June 12, 2017 Public Hearing.

Comments at the public hearing will be limited to the topic of county-wide shared services for the purpose of producing real property tax savings.

For those unable to attend, written comments on the subject will be accepted until June 21, 2017. Comments should be sent to the attention of: Chairman, Board of Supervisors, County Office Building, 5 Court Street, Norwich, New York 13815.

Chairman Wilcox stated the following:

I would ask that your remarks focus on the purpose of the hearing; your recommendations for municipal shared services within Chenango County which will result in Real Property Tax savings. Should you wish, you could also mail these comments to me by June 21, 2017 at Chenango County Office Building, 5 Court St., Norwich, NY 13815.

There is a three-minute limit on remarks. I would remind any panel members present that this public hearing is for public input. The panel will discuss input received and the Plan on June 12th and August 14th.

I now declare this Public Hearing Open. I ask that anyone who wishes to speak come forward to the podium, speak into the microphone, state and spell your name, provide your address and affiliation, if any.

Mr. Jason Miller said that he lives in the City of Norwich, NY. He stated that he is a father, a husband, a veteran and a devout participant in community service. Mr. Miller said that more importantly, he chooses to live here.

Mr. Miller's comments are shown below:

I'm not sure which is more offensive -- that New York state is essentially mandating us to find ways to share services, or that we actually have to be mandated to find efficiencies in our municipalities. As the governing body for our county, our towns, our villages and our city you are elected to find innovative and progressive ways to deliver the services that are needed. You can read, that up until the civil war, and under most feudal systems, 92% of the population were peasants.

Under the current tax burden, elderly people on fixed incomes and the working poor are unable to live the American dream. Or if they were able to live the dream their whole lives, they are constantly threatened by the rising taxes.

From a fiscal perspective we have done an OK job, but we can do better. We have declining tax bases, escalating healthcare costs, employee benefit increases, economic warfare against us from the state, and the need to increase security everywhere.

Before I talk about how we can do better, there is an argument against consolidation/sharing services. I'll use the example of Fire & Police services as that is always a hot topic. For years, when the City of Norwich has negotiated fire contracts and because we are the only municipality with a paid fire service, other unnamed municipalities have threatened to start their own paid fire services. I think the current realization is that a paid fire service will be untenable by the city residents alone. The shared services agreements are really not enough of a stop gap and there are challenges to recouping the costs. If that unnamed municipality would have started a paid fire department, it would have been great. Why? Because it would have created competition and driven down the costs to the taxpayers. In theory. Again, this is an example of why we shouldn't consolidate services.

Now let's talk about why we should consolidate services. We have too many towns, too many villages, a City of Norwich, a Town of Norwich and a Town of North Norwich. All have governments that provide services and operations that are propped up by the tax payers based on the value (or perceived value) of their property. This feudal system is rubbish and we need to find a different one. How is it feudal? I have a .25 acre piece of property. I bought my house for \$155,000 and my taxes are almost \$10,000 per year. That is an annual mortgage payment for most. There is a house up the street from me (on the market for \$400,000) and the taxes for that house are half of what I pay. How does this happen? It happens by phony assessments based on some made up nonsense. I would bet that if we went to 100% equalization rate and re-assessed every property the county residents would lose their minds. They would all be here at this meeting today.

If we merge municipalities or collapse these fiefdoms and work together by empowering each other, we could leverage ourselves as ONE and put our collective governing bodies to work by picking some low hanging fruit.

Some ideas for consolidation are:

- A single payroll system
- Realignment of our current pay scales
- A single IT budget for all municipalities
- Renegotiated purchasing agreements
- A centralized Court system

- Simplified processes to help new business get started
- Clear lines of accountability
- Consolidation of Code Enforcement Offices
- Merged Emergency Services (they did it in Louisville & Indianapolis)

Some of these ideas are not viewed as very favorable. But we must build a unified agenda and a unified message and eliminate any infighting between us. Infighting demonstrates and highlights the inefficiencies of governance.

There will be some concerns regarding equity at first. What's important here, however, is to create an economic climate that empowers the people who live here. Let's establish a public forum and a united agenda. This would empower us to attract new business to come here instead of forcing businesses to leave. We need to create a climate that encourages our children to come back here and continue the progress that we lay the foundation for. Building an economy of scale is going to be based on the character with which we choose to govern. We must follow the empirical evidence; shared services and consolidated government works. Let's roll up our sleeves and make Chenango County even greater than it already is. By working smarter we should present shared services and consolidation plans that when put to a vote should be a no brainer for all of us. I'm asking everyone here to put politics aside, share our social values constructively, evaluate our options and apply our minds to making a long term plan to improve our county. I want a good quality of life for me and I want a good quality of life for my neighbors.

Chairman Wilcox asked if there was anyone else wishing to be heard. The Chairman repeated the question.

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Mr. Matt Caldwell introduced himself to those present, stating that he is a resident of Norwich. Mr. Caldwell said he would like to begin by commending Chairman Wilcox for his good works. He stated that he is a lifelong resident of Chenango County and has seen many changes in the county during his time here. Mr. Caldwell noted that some of the changes are good and some of the changes are bad but we continue to move forward.

Mr. Caldwell said that he believes there is a lot of opportunity to explore shared services throughout the county. He said he believes that the respective Boards work very hard to do that already. Mr. Caldwell said that he doesn't think there is much more to be done on a grand level that would make a great deal of cost difference for county tax payers. He said that he thinks there are always changes to be made but he is not a fan of a mandate to take these steps. Mr. Caldwell stated that he believes our elected officials are highly competent individuals who are highly focused on doing their best for their constituents and sharing services for the betterment of everyone. Mr. Caldwell said we need to keep in mind that our elected officials are also tax paying members of the public and are certainly going to make decisions with that in mind. He said that we have already seen examples of shared services. Mr. Caldwell noted that just recently the County Department of Public Works lent a very large hand to the City of Norwich in clearing snow during an emergency situation. He said that was not a mandate but a decision by local leaders to help one another to make the situation better for everyone, including visitors. Mr. Caldwell said that our Boards and our Mayors are already doing these things and he commends that type of effort greatly. He said that our leadership is wonderful and we should be giving our elected officials the credit they deserve for what they do instead of dictating more mandates.

Chairman Wilcox asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

Ms. Gilda Ward of the Town of Guilford made the following comments:

My name is Gilda Ward and I am a lifelong resident of Chenango County living in the Town of Guilford. I am not only a resident, but also serve as a Councilwoman on the Guilford Town Board.

I am very concerned about the push for the counties to form a consolidation of services plan that has been forced by Governor Cuomo as part of the recently approved State Budget. Governor Cuomo is placing the blame on county and local government for higher property taxes. I believe that the county should look at ways to share workers or equipment between county departments to cut spending and do whatever possible to cut costs. Local governments already do quite a bit of shared services wherever possible, like sharing equipment and workers between town highway departments. However, this consolidation or shared services plan puts the county in charge of deciding the fate of locally elected officials and boards. This is not right nor fair! Local towns are doing their very best to share services as much as possible and cut costs where we can. By pointing fingers at local municipalities, Albany is trying to divert attention away from the real cause of higher property taxes by making us the scapegoats. In fact, it is the huge number of unfunded mandates coming down from Albany that are the real culprit. Much of the budgets on the county level are government mandated (unfunded mandates) as much as 80 to 90% mandated – that comes down from the state or federal government with little or no funding to pay for it. That is the problem!

However, Governor Cuomo opposes the Collins-Faso Amendment that would lower property taxes by a change in Medicaid funding in New York State. Currently New York State is different than other states in that NY passes on the highest amount of Medicaid costs in the nation onto the local county level. Other states fund this on the state level without pushing a huge burden onto the counties to be paid by property

taxes. Changing Medicaid funding would do much more to help lower property taxes. My understanding is that in our county Medicaid spending is about 40% of the budget. Changing that formula would certainly cut property taxes. However, Cuomo has chosen to put the blame on local and county governments and has placed on the counties the daunting task of coming up with a plan to override the jurisdiction of the town government and its voters to make the decisions of what elected or appointed officials or boards to change or eliminate. This violates Home Rule and violates the local control and jurisdiction of our local municipalities.

Since Governor Cuomo first took office he has pushed to consolidate governments to get away from small local governments. Remember, the more local the government or school district, the more local control. The more consolidation that occurs, the more loss of local control and less local input and oversight that citizens have.

Possible consolidations that I have heard talked about in our county include getting rid of local elected justices to be either replaced with a regional judge or professional county judge and replacing local assessors with county assessors and possibly getting rid of the County Highway Department and expecting the Town Highway Departments to take care of all county roads in their towns, and consolidating all local boards or districts into one region. These are all part of Cuomo's agenda to take away local control and local elected positions.

This is part of Cuomo's attack on Upstate New York! This is why so many municipalities around our state are opposed to Governor Cuomo's Consolidation Mandate. This includes opposition by both the Association of Towns and Counties as well as legal action by them.

It is time for our county supervisors to stand up against Governor Cuomo and his latest scheme to try to dissolve local governments around the state. We need to make it clear that we do not want to lose our local control and voice! I support shared services between towns with highway departments sharing equipment and helping each other and sharing services on other levels within limits, but not when it will cause a loss of local control and voice. I am concerned about the county making a plan that could dissolve elected positions in local towns.

County leaders – The Citizens care and we do not want to lose our local control. Do not let the Governor put the blame for high property taxes on the local municipalities when it is the unfunded mandates that are really to blame!

Thank you!

Chairman Wilcox asked if there was anyone else wishing to be heard. The Chairman repeated the question.

With no one else wishing to be heard Chairman Wilcox declared the public hearing closed at 5:42 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present except Supervisor David Law.

Supervisor John H. Lawrence of the Town of Afton offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Special Meeting – Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Special Meeting – Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Supervisor Wansor moved, seconded by Supervisor Seneck, to approve the minutes of the above meetings of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Woodford stated that there was one additional communication from the Chenango County Democratic Committee regarding High Speed Internet.

Supervisor Outwater moved, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to receive and file the Communications. Carried.

Supervisor Grace asked to hear the additional communication. Mr. Woodford read the following communication in its entirety to all those present:

June 7, 2017

Lawrence L. Wilcox, Chairman, Chenango County Board of Supervisors
5 Court Street
Norwich, NY 13815

Dear Chairman Wilcox:

At the May meeting of the Chenango County Democratic Committee (CCDC), invited guest and life-long Chenango resident, Ruth Tompkins, addressed the CCDC on the need to bring high speed internet service to the many rural areas of our county that do not now have service.

Ms. Tompkins outlined many benefits that high speed service provides to a community:

- **Economic**: Broadband is responsible for 43% of new jobs created by business since 2013. To attract new employers, especially small businesses, reliable and affordable high speed internet service is essential. New small businesses, unlike many large companies, do not demand 10 to 30 year tax breaks to locate here.
- **Education**: Increasingly, classrooms are paperless with more and more emphasis on using the internet as a tool for research and instruction. While some schools have upgraded their systems, many students return to a home with abysmal internet service. That puts students at a distinct disadvantage and burdens school budgets.

- Agriculture: Modern farming requires access to adequate internet service. Many local farmers express frustration with slow speed that inhibits day to day business.
- Senior Citizens: Adequate internet service is a lifeline for many seniors, especially if they are home-bound and it allows home monitoring of medical conditions.
- Real Estate: Realtors report that some sales stop because broadband, increasingly seen as a necessity, is not available in more than half the county.

At the end of her presentation, Ms. Tompkins reminded us that the deadline for the third round of a NYS grant is fast approaching; Chenango County did not receive its fair share of these funds in the first two rounds. This particular grant provides 80% funding from the state for costs to companies that agree to provide affordable high speed internet service to underserved rural areas. These funds are not from taxes; \$500 million is a NYS settlement banks paid for improper mortgage practices; \$170 million is NYS's portion of a federal grant.

Following her presentation, the CCDC voted to write this letter urging the BOS to redouble its efforts to support the upgrading of affordable broadband infrastructure in our county.

Specifically, we urge the BOS to provide letters of support to companies such as Frontier, Finger Lakes Technology, TDS Telecom, and any others that will be seeking the New York State grant funding for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,
Patrick S. McNeil
Chairperson, CCDC

cc: Members BOS; Clerk of the Board, RC Woodford; Members CCDC

Supervisor Seneck asked that Communication #7 be read also. Mr. Woodford read the following communication in its entirety to all those present:

May 1, 2017

Lawrence Wilcox, Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors
RC Woodford, Clerk of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors
5 Court Street
Norwich, NY 13815

Dear Chairman/RC,

I am writing in full support of Chenango County's efforts in providing high speed internet to all its residents.

As you are aware, New York State is investing \$500 million dollars in bringing high speed internet to all parts of the State. It is specifically allowing broadband companies in upstate New York the opportunity to bid on funding to provide broadband access to rural and underserved areas.

Broadband service can provide access to a wide range of resources, services, and products and can open the door to many educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities. It also promotes economic development and revitalization of an area through electronic commerce. It assists in creating new jobs, attracts new industries and provides access to regional, national and worldwide markets.

I firmly believe reliable, fast internet access is crucial to a modern economy. Successfully introducing and enhancing broadband service will greatly improve the quality of life for the residents of Chenango County.

Sincerely,
Clifford W. Crouch
Member of Assembly, 122nd District

cc: Chenango County Town Supervisors

REPORTS (Annual)

2016 Annual Report – Chenango County Community Mental Hygiene Services

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Supervisor McNeil moved, seconded by Supervisor Wansor, to receive and file the Committee Reports. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS PREFERRED AGENDA

1. Authorizing Submission of Application to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to Incarceration Classification Funding
2. Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program and Signing of the Associated State Contract under the Appropriate Laws of New York State – Department of Public Works – Waste Management
3. Authorizing Award of Bid to Steven Miller Construction of Mayfield, New York for Precast Prestressed Concrete Beams – Department of Public Works -- Highway
4. Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State Aid Eligible Costs of a Federal Aid and/or State Aid Transportation Project and Appropriating Funds Therefore – BIN 3350810 and BIN 3350820 – Town of Norwich – Department of Public Works -- Highway
5. Declaring Vehicle Surplus – Probation Office
6. Authorizing Adoption of Standard Work Days for Chenango County Elected and Appointed Officials Participating in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System
7. Authorizing the Adoption of Title VI Policy
8. Authorizing Transfer of Funds for District Attorney Salary
9. Resolution in Support of Additional River Fishing Access Sites and Opportunities in the County of Chenango
10. Resolution in Support of Providers Applying for the New York State Broadband Initiative
11. Resolution in Support of Continued Federal Economic and Community Development Programming
12. Authorizing Appropriation of Funds for Fringe Benefits – Stop DWI
13. Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Expenditures Related to Crackdown Grant – Stop DWI

14. Authorizing Appropriation of New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) System Transformation Program (Reinvestment) Funds – Community Mental Hygiene Services
15. Authorizing Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Aluminum Docks – Cook Park
16. Division and Distribution of Mortgage Tax – October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017
17. Eliminating Parcel from Tax Roll and Cancelling Taxes – Real Property Tax Services
18. Changing 2017 Tax Rolls Pertaining to Correction of Errors for Town of Greene – Real Property Tax Services Department
19. Authorizing Appropriation of “Extreme Winter Recovery” Funds for Repair of Highway and Bridge Damage Resulting from the 2016/2017 Winter – Department of Public Works -- Highway
20. Authorizing Appropriation of Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program Funds – FY 2016 (2016 SICG Formula) – E911 Communications
21. Calling Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No 1 of 2017 - A Local Law of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango Repealing the Wireless Communications Surcharge Authorized by Article Six of the County Law of the State of New York and Imposing the Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant to the Authority of Tax Law §186-g
22. Authorizing Creation of Administrative Assistant Position and Eliminating Social Services Fraud Investigator Position – Department of Social Services
23. Authorizing Cancellation of 2016-2017 Norwich City School Taxes – Delinquent Tax Services

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

24. Proclaiming the Month of June “Dairy Month” in Chenango County
25. Authorizing Renewal of Cooperative Purchasing Service and Mutual Sharing Plans and Print Shop Service Agreement with Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego (DCMO) BOCES
26. Calling Upon the United States Secretary of Agriculture to Convene a Hearing on Federal Milk Pricing

Supervisor Ireland made a motion to approve the Preferred Agenda Resolutions. Supervisor Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Supervisor Brown requested that Resolution #4 and 9 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.
 Supervisor Ireland requested that Resolution #10 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.
 Supervisor Flanagan requested that Resolution # 8, 14, 20 and 21 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.
 Supervisor Khoury requested that Resolution #22 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135
 Absent: Supervisor David Law
 Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #90-17

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE “DAIRY MONTH” IN CHENANGO COUNTY

Mr. Wilcox offered the following, and moved its adoption:
 WHEREAS, June is the month when nature bestows upon us her most nearly perfect weather, and
 WHEREAS, milk is nature’s most nearly perfect food, it follows that June is the most fitting month to celebrate Dairy Month. June is the start of summer when everyone appreciates the ease and convenience of the whole gamut of good dairy foods, and
 WHEREAS, June is the time to enjoy to the fullest all milk products whose vitamins, calcium and minerals contribute so much to health and vitality all year long, and
 WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in New York State, directly and indirectly employing almost half a million people; with dairy farming ranking first in agriculture income, and
 WHEREAS, there are approximately 184 dairy farms and over 12,000 dairy cows in Chenango County producing over 20,000,000 pounds of milk per month,
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it
 RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, do hereby dedicate this glorious month of June to the delicious idea of eating more dairy foods every day, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also set aside the Month of June to pay tribute to the agri-businesses in Chenango County and to the nation's vast dairy industry, whose daily work and dedication contribute to the nation's health and prosperity every day of the year, and be it further

RESOLVED, That I, Lawrence N. Wilcox, Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the **Month of June 2017 "Dairy Month"** in Chenango County and encourage all our citizens to enjoy milk and other dairy foods.

Seconded by the Entire Board and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox asked Supervisor Mastro to accept the Proclamation as the only Supervisor on the Board who is an active dairy farmer.

The Chairman said that the Chenango County Dairy Princess intended to be here today but it was her very last day of school.

Chairman Wilcox said that he would like to read an essay that he felt was appropriate for today's proclamation. He read the newspaper article entitled *I Am a Proud Dairy Farmer* by Joseph Giemza:

"I am a dairy farmer. That's all I've ever been. There once were a lot of folks who could say that. As of March there are 9,600 of us in Wisconsin. Wow! In March 1999, the numbers indicated there were 22,000.

You'd think someone would build a fence around us and charge admission to view us in our natural habitat or Congress would put an endangered species protection act on us.

Yes, I am a dairy farmer. It's my job, my life, my career, my religion, my passion, my home – all rolled into one. Most people are too busy to get to the basics of life, too busy trying to get rich quick. I get to deal with the basics of life every single day: birth, death, soil, sun, growth, mud, storms, calm, parched, wet, and, above all, stress.

I am proud to be a dairy farmer. My contribution to society is very simple, yet it's as grand as that of anyone who graduated from an elite liberal arts college.

I tent a herd of dairy cows that produce what evolution has chosen as the most naturally nutritious food for the most developed animals in the food chain – people. Evolution took thousands of years of trial and error, millions of genetic events to decide that milk is it. Its nutritional value puts milk above coffee, energy drinks, beer, or soda. Milk is it!

Milk doesn't cause fatal car crashes or domestic violence. You don't need an identification card to purchase it any time of the day or night. It won't stain your clothes if spilled. Consider all the great products that are made from milk, whether they are hot, cold, cultured, or frozen.

Today, the American farmer feeds 144 people every day. Fifty years ago, each farmer fed 22 people. We've come a long way. The American farmer is expected to feed, fuel, and clothe the world, take all the risk with no guarantee of receiving fair compensation for their hard work.

One hundred percent of the people on this planet eat food. Where do they think this food comes from?

Not from a store, it's from a farm. Yet, the farmer is the least appreciated person on earth. Not many people become famous for milking cows, but a lot of famous people couldn't do what we farmers do. Professional athletes make tens of millions of dollars per year and contribute little to society.

Dairy farmers work extremely hard just to survive. What industry works for less than minimum wage, puts in hours well beyond the traditional eight-hour work day, seven days a week, with no overtime pay, no benefits of any kind, and no retirement fund?

Farmers have no control on the price we receive for our products; we have to take what the processor gives us. Is that fair?

We do it because we have passion for the land and what we do. " "

RESOLUTION #91-17

CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A HEARING ON FEDERAL MILK PRICING

Mr. Wilcox offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Chenango County, New York, the home of Chobani Greek Yogurt, has a long-standing tradition of dairy farming, and

WHEREAS, due to the rising costs of feed, fuel and other inputs, many U.S. dairy farmers face a dire future, as the cost of milk production far exceeds the ultimate sale price received by the farmer, and

WHEREAS, nationally, a grass roots effort has been fostered to petition the United States Secretary of Agriculture to fix a reasonable price for milk, and

WHEREAS, §608 of Title 7 of the United States Code requires that the Secretary “ascertain the parity prices of such commodities,” prior to fixing minimum prices to be paid to producers, and

WHEREAS, said section of the U.S. Code further requires that, “Whenever the Secretary finds, upon the basis of the evidence adduced at the hearing required ...that the parity prices of such commodities are not reasonable in view of the price of feeds, the available supplies of feeds, and other economic conditions which affect market supply and demand for milkhe shall fix such prices as he finds will reflect such factors, insure a sufficient quantity of pure and wholesome milk, and be in the public interest” and

WHEREAS, over recent history, the price fixed for the sale of milk has fallen well-short of its cost of production, and

WHEREAS, absent a realistic pricing structure, the dairy industry as we know it will become a thing of the past, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors joins with dairy producers throughout the nation to petition the Secretary of Agriculture to convene the hearings necessary to establish realistic federal milk pricing,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That this Chenango County Board of Supervisors joins with the dairy farmers of Chenango County, the State of New York, and the United States to petition the United States Secretary of Agriculture to realign the federal milk pricing structure, and to convene the hearings necessary to establish pricing representative of its cost of production as required by Title 7 of the United States Code, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board of Supervisors shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Deputy Administrator Dana H. Coale, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, and the Progressive Agriculture Organization.

Seconded by Mr. Mastro and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

RESOLUTION #92-17

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SERVICE AND MUTUAL SHARING PLANS AND PRINT SHOP SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DELAWARE – CHENANGO – MADISON – OTSEGO (DCMO) BOCES

Ms. Nabinger offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by prior resolutions, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors has annually authorized the County’s participation with Delaware – Chenango – Madison – Otsego (DCMO) BOCES for the cooperative purchasing of food, bread, milk, ice cream, cafeteria supplies, and janitorial supplies, and

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango desires to continue as a participating member, along with a number of public school districts within the DCMO BOCES area in the State of New York, for cooperative purchasing, as authorized by General Municipal Law Sections 119-o and 119-n, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Chenango to expand participation with the DCMO Cooperative Purchasing Service to include motor and heating fuels, as well as other supplies, equipment, products and services solicited and awarded by DCMO BOCES, as deemed appropriate, and

WHEREAS, DCMO BOCES operates a Print Shop with the ability to produce printed products for Chenango County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the continued participation by the County of Chenango with DCMO BOCES for the purchase of supplies, equipment, products and services, including, motor and heating fuels, solicited and awarded by DCMO BOCES as deemed appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign a Cooperative Purchasing Service Mutual Sharing Plan Agreement with said BOCES, which will expire on June 30, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, an agreement with DCMO BOCES for Print Shop Services and supplies, expiring June 30, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Brown and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox said that he would like to have a copy of this resolution sent to NYSAC President William E. Cherry and NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario, Esq. The Chairman noted that at a recent conference he mentioned our annual cooperative agreement with BOCES and apparently this is not a common practice throughout the state. He said he thinks that the rest of the state could benefit from similar agreements.

RESOLUTION #93-17P**AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF 2016-2017 NORWICH CITY SCHOOL TAXES - DELINQUENT TAX SERVICES**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Norwich City School Treasurer has filed a Correction of the return of the 2016-2017 school taxes on the following parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Services is hereby directed to cancel the 2016-2017 School Taxes, including any unaccrued interest and charge accounts as listed below:

<u>TOWN/ASSESSED TO</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>PARCEL ID#</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Plymouth/ Serrentio-Columbus, Rosina Columbus, Ulrich	2016-17	94.-2-23.6	Returned to County by School in error	\$3,560.44

Dr. \$3,560.44 A661
Dr. \$ 178.02 A980
Dr. \$ 178.02 A1230
Cr. \$3,738.46 A290

<u>TOWN/ASSESSED TO</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>PARCEL ID#</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Plymouth/ Sanseverino, Angelo J. Striano Sanseverino, Geraldine	2016-17	83.-1-37.1	Returned to County by School in error	\$3,168.86

Dr. \$3,168.86 A661
Dr. \$ 158.44 A980
Dr. \$ 158.44 A1230
Cr. \$ 3,327.30 A290

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #94-17**AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (REINVESTMENT) FUNDS – COMMUNITY MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES**

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Services has received notification of the award of \$60,000.00 from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) for the System Transformation Program (Reinvestment),

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A3490 – State Aid Mental Health Operating Cost, by \$60,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$60,000.00, be made from Revenue Account #A3490, to Appropriation Account #A4320.50 – Reinvestment Comm./Contract.

Seconded by Mr. Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #94-17 Mr. Flanagan said that about 24 years ago the reinvestment dollars were somewhere around \$75,000 per year. He asked if this is a one-time thing or if this funding will continue. Ms. Roberts said that these dollars are being referred to as STP dollars. She said they are a result of the state’s closing of psychiatric inpatient facilities to reduce the number of inpatient psychiatric beds to 150 statewide. Director Roberts stated that the state has indicated that these dollars will continue and they have committed to \$80,000 for next year. Mr. Flanagan said that last year Ms. Roberts indicated that the funding the state agreed to provide was inadequate. Ms. Roberts said that the county is definitely losing in this scenario.

RESOLUTION #95-17

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS – FY 2016 (2016 SICG-FORMULA) – E911 COMMUNICATIONS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator/ Director of Emergency Management has received notification from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) that Chenango County has been granted an award in the amount of \$456,553.00, from the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program for fiscal year 2016 (2016 SICG-FORMULA),

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, any and all applications and agreements necessary to secure grant funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and hereby is continued authorization for the execution of future grant agreements for the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That appropriation of said grant program funds will be made upon further resolution of this Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Mr. Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #95-17 Mr. Flanagan said he isn’t opposed to one half of a million dollars coming our way. He said many of our discussions involve technology and communication. Mr. Flanagan asked if we are having trouble communicating and if that is the reason we were granted this money.

Mr. Beckwith reported that his office is proposing three different uses for this money:

- 1) Replacing a T1 line with microwave equipment
- 2) Entering radio maintenance contract
 Director Beckwith noted that the county does not have a current contract for radio maintenance and any repair is paid using Time and Expense billing.
- 3) Enhance some of the radios we currently have and purchase some new radios

Supervisor Flanagan asked if those three proposals would use the entire amount of money received. Mr. Beckwith said that they would and then some.

Mr. Beckwith said that this grant is intended for us to maintain and improve our infrastructure. Mr. Flanagan said improving and maintaining the county’s infrastructure won’t take half of one million dollars per year. He asked if we will only receive this amount periodically.

Mr. Brown said that he thought that the county’s Dark Fiber project was on the proposal list. Mr. Beckwith said that he spoke with Chenango County’s IT Director and it looks as if that project is not an eligible use of this grant money. Mr. Brown asked why not. Mr. Beckwith explained that it is specifically stated as an ineligible expenditure in the grant documents.

Supervisor Brown said that there are many things to be looked at in regard to this grant money. He said that one of the projects proposed is a radio maintenance contract for \$150,000 but we have only been spending \$30,000 to maintain our radios. Mr. Brown stated that it is important to make sure that we can pay for the things we already have instead of purchasing new things.

RESOLUTION #96-17

CALLING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2017 – A LOCAL LAW OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF CHENANGO, REPEALING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE SIX OF THE COUNTY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; AND IMPOSING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAX LAW §186-g.

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors hold a Public Hearing upon Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2017, entitled “A Local Law Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Chenango, Repealing The Wireless Communications Surcharge Authorized By Article Six Of The County Law Of The State Of New York; And Imposing The Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant To The Authority Of Tax Law §186-g,” such Public Hearing to be held on July 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Supervisors’ Chambers, County Office Building, Norwich, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board give notice of Public Hearing by publishing same in the official newspapers of Chenango County in accordance with law.

Seconded by Mr. Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2017

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

LOCAL LAW

Of the

Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, repealing the wireless communications surcharge authorized by Article Six of the County Law of the State of New York; and imposing the wireless communications surcharges pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, as follows:

SECTION 1. “A Local Law Imposing a Surcharge on Wireless Communications Service in the County of Chenango,” No. 2 of 2008 as amended, is hereby REPEALED.

SECTION 2. Imposition of wireless communications surcharges. (a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of Chenango on: (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within such County, at the rate of thirty cents per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month; and (ii) the retail sale of prepaid wireless communications service sold within such County, at the rate of thirty cents per retail sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith.

(b) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers and prepaid wireless communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing December 1, 2017.

(c) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this Local Law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before its due date.

SECTION 3. Administration of surcharges. The surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be administered and collected by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in paragraph (8) of Tax Law § 186-g, and in a like manner as the taxes imposed by Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law.

SECTION 4. Applicability of State law to surcharges imposed by this Local Law. All the provisions of Tax Law § 186-g shall apply to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in this Local Law, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

SECTION 5. Net collections received by this County from the surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be expended only upon authorization of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango and only for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such County, as provided in paragraph (9) of Tax Law § 186-g, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, consultants, financing and other acquisition costs. The County shall separately account for and keep adequate books and records of the amount and object or purpose of all expenditures of all such monies. If, at the end of any fiscal year, the total amount of all such monies exceeds the amount necessary for payment of the above mentioned costs in such fiscal year, such excess shall be reserved and carried over for the payment of those costs in the following fiscal year.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2017.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #96-17 Mr. Flanagan said he isn't opposed to calling a public hearing but he wanted to ask why we are repealing this law. Mr. Woodford said that the existing law will cease to exist and there is a new law that will apply both to subscription cellular service and prepaid cellular service. Mr. Flanagan asked if the charge will be the same and what amount the county brings in annually. Mr. Woodford said that the charge will remain the same and his guess regarding the annual amount received would be somewhere around \$180,000 or so.

Supervisor Brown stated that this money actually comes to us. He explained that the other money goes to Albany and sits in a big hole. He said that it has been sitting there since 2012 and the state has been using it since that time.

Mr. Khoury said that what we are doing here is broadening the base of what will be taxed. Mr. Wilcox said that we aren't adding taxes to people that are already being taxed. Mr. Woodford explained that if he is required to pay this surcharge within his cellular service plan then Supervisor Flanagan should also have to pay it for his prepaid service.

Mr. Heisler asked why we cannot lower the amount of the surcharge if we are broadening the tax base. Mr. Woodford said that there is a minimum surcharge and we have been there since day one.

RESOLUTION #97-17

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ADMINSTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION AND ELIMINATING SOCIAL SERVICES FRAUD INVESTIGATOR POSITION – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That, effective June 19, 2017, the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create Appropriation Account #A6010.1601 – Administrative Assistant, at the annual salary of \$38,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of funds necessary to fulfill wage requirements for the remainder of 2017, from Appropriation Account #A6010.199 – Social Services Fraud Investigator, to Appropriation Account #A6010.1601, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Appropriation Account #A6010.199 – Social Services Fraud Investigator shall remain unfunded.

Seconded by Mr. Outwater and duly adopted with Supervisor Khoury opposed and Supervisor Law absent.

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #97-17 Mr. Khoury said that he sits on the Health and Human Services Committee. He stated that the members of that committee all agreed that one of the purposes of a committee is to perform an oversight function. Mr. Khoury said that this resolution proposes to hire an auditor and add another person to the county's employment rolls. Supervisor Khoury said that the individual performing this function is going to be required to take a look at this gigantic organization and make professional recommendations regarding its programs. He said this is strictly an accounting function. Supervisor Khoury said that there are many outside companies who work with government entities to provide this type of service. He said that these contractors are available and he knows this because he sits on the Sherburne-Earlville School Board and the school has hired just this type of contractor. Mr. Khoury said that he believes that a private company would not consider hiring someone for this amount of money without at least considering a contractor. He said that people deserve a smaller government. Supervisor Khoury stated that if you consider what it is going to cost the county to pay an annual salary of \$38,000 and the associated fringe benefit costs the county may very well be served better by the use of an independent auditor.

Mr. Khoury made a motion to table the resolution in order to look for an independent firm to provide the needed services.

Mr. Flanagan said that he is inclined to second this motion but he hesitates to do so because he would like to have further discussion on the matter and once a proposed resolution is tabled it cannot be discussed.

The motion to table failed due to lack of a second.

Mr. Jeffrey said that Mr. Khoury did bring this up at HHS and Commissioner Osborne did look into the possibility of an independent contractor. He said that the Commissioner discovered that those contractors don't exist for this particular function.

Supervisor Jeffrey said that he feels that Commissioner Osborne has cut costs tremendously over the years and he believes this is a good move by management to recoup some lost reimbursement. He said the resolution proposes the elimination of a Fraud Investigator position and the creation of an Administrative Assistant position that will pay for itself several times over.

Mr. Khoury said that he doesn't agree that there are no contractors available to perform the function that the department needs.

Mr. Heisler asked what the elimination of a Fraud Investigator position will mean for the agency.

Commissioner Osborne said that every time they have a position vacancy (especially a long term vacancy such as with the Fraud Investigator position) they review the need for and the effectiveness of that position. She reminded the Board that the agency had added a Fraud Investigator position about five or six years ago. Ms. Osborne said right now the remaining two Fraud Investigators are keeping up with the work load. She said that when the third position opened up she and her staff looked at the structure of DSS and asked themselves where they could do a better job. The Commissioner said that in the past she took one of the B Supervisor positions in the Services Unit and did the same thing she would like to do now. She said that she put someone in at that time to do necessary pre-audit work. Ms. Osborne noted that the pre-audit work that she is looking for is not the same thing as auditing. She mentioned how complex it has become to receive reimbursement through the Office of Children and Family Services and other state and federal governments. The Commissioner explained that the primary purpose of her B Supervisor is to oversee the Foster Care Unit by making sure that the kids are safe, the casework is being done and court appearances are handled. She said that the agency's accounting division sends in the claims for reimbursement while the agency's IT department handles much of the coding. Ms. Osborne stated that those three different areas of DSS don't have the time to communicate appropriately. She said that she is looking to have someone come in to be trained to be the liaison between all the moving parts of the agency so that the non reimbursable situations they are currently presented with may be corrected. The Commissioner said that it is very important to obtain the maximum amount of reimbursement possible.

Ms. Osborne said that upon Supervisor Khoury's request she did look into a contractor for this function. She noted that she didn't do an in-depth search but she did contact her regional representative. The Commissioner reported that her regional representative was not aware of anyone who could meet this specific need for the agency. She said that the state was also contacted and they indicated that there were no contractors available for this function. Ms. Osborne said that the state did provide the name of a non-profit agency who contracts staff to various agencies. She said that they could hire someone this way but she would still be required to train and supervise the person. Ms. Osborne said that this is an alternative to her proposal but she would lose some control that way. She said once the reimbursement problems in the Foster Care Unit are corrected they could then move the employee to another area of the agency that needs improvement. Ms. Osborne said that if things don't work out as planned and they do not see the results they are hoping for then the employee could be terminated within the 52 week probationary period. She said that OCFS has indicated that they will provide the appropriate training and equipment. Ms. Osborne said that she is willing to do whatever the Board decides and that she is just trying to get the best results for the agency.

Mr. Brown said that we need to look at Ms. Osborne's record. He stated that she has proven to be an excellent manager for this county. Mr. Brown noted that Mental Health hired an outside gun and now we are spending more than we were when we had our own employee.

RESOLUTION #98-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS – STOP DWI

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A2615 – STOP DWI Fines by \$2,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$2,500.00, be made from Revenue Account #A2615, to Appropriation Account #A3315.81 – Fringe, in order to provide the funds necessary for Fringe Benefits.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #99-17P

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO CRACKDOWN GRANT – STOP DWI

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create new Appropriation Account #A3315.56 –Repayment Crackdown, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of the \$10,000.00 budgeted for Crackdown expenses in 2017, to new Appropriation Account #A3315.56 –Repayment Crackdown, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to reclassify the actual year-to-date 2017 Crackdown expenditures made, in the amount of \$1,333.62, from Appropriation Account #A3315.52 – Repayment OT DWI Patrols, to Appropriation Account #A3315.56 –Repayment Crackdown, in order to segregate expenses related specifically to the Crackdown Grant Program.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #100-17P

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF ALUMINUM DOCKS – COOK PARK

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$2,300.00, be made from Appropriation Account #A7110.45 – Repairs & Maintenance, to Appropriation Account #A7110.21 – Equipment, in order to provide the funds necessary for the purchase of two aluminum docks at Cook Park.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #101-17P

DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAX – OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the following report on mortgage tax be and hereby is received, filed, accepted, approved and printed and that the Clerk of this Board furnish a certified copy of the same to the County Treasurer of Chenango County, that the Board issue its warrants for payment of several items set forth in the following report and table and, as required by Section 261 of the Tax Law and the statutes of the State in such cases made and provided, and that the County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to issue checks payable to the proper Village, Town or City entitled thereto:

Town/ Village or City	Amount Town or City	Amount Village
Afton	\$ 12,137.41	\$ 2,043.92
Bainbridge	\$ 7,249.08	\$ 2,215.92
Columbus	\$ 146,399.46	
Coventry	\$ 7,612.00	
German	\$ 1,414.50	
Greene	\$ 30,468.39	\$ 6,332.65
Guilford	\$ 15,695.50	
Lincklaen	\$ 1,125.50	
McDonough	\$ 3,470.50	
New Berlin	\$ 7,853.89	\$ 1,462.45

North Norwich	\$	7,362.77	
City of Norwich	\$	21,283.53	
Town of Norwich	\$	18,126.40	
Otselic	\$	3,301.50	
Oxford	\$	9,648.69	\$ 2,270.31
Pharsalia	\$	370.00	
Pitcher	\$	807.00	
Plymouth	\$	6,231.00	
Preston	\$	2,171.00	
Sherburne	\$	17,084.05	\$ 6,792.04
Earlville			\$ 1,257.41
Smithville	\$	9,251.50	
Smyrna	\$	1,606.90	\$ 140.10
Total:	\$	330,670.57	\$ 22,514.80
Grand Total:	\$	353,185.37	

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #102-17P

ELIMINATING PARCEL FROM TAX ROLL AND CANCELLING TAXES —REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, tax map #160.-2-46 in the Town of Norwich does not physically exist as a distinct taxable land parcel unit, but is actually a 0.71 acre +/- portion of an adjoining 71.78 acre parcel, as supported by a land survey, and

WHEREAS, said tax map parcel and number were instead incorrectly created as a result of a poor deed description, and WHEREAS, it is necessary to eliminate said tax map parcel number from the tax roll, and cancel property taxes that have accrued against it,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That Tax Map #160.-2-46 be and hereby is eliminated from the tax roll, and be it further

RESOLVED, That any taxes, interest and penalties accrued against said parcel are cancelled, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Real Property Tax Services and other County officials, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, are authorized to take such further actions, if any, necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #103-17P

CHANGING 2017 TAX ROLLS PERTAINING TO CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR TOWN OF GREENE - REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Correction of Errors have been filed for the 2017 tax roll,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer and the Real Property Tax Services Department are hereby authorized and directed to correct the following parcels, and charge accounts as listed below plus any unaccrued interest.

<u>Town/Assessed To</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>Parcel ID#</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Greene/Taft, Richard F & Debra M	2017	224.-1-24.23	Remove School re-levy that was paid	\$178.14
	DR. \$ 11.65	A342		
	DR. \$ 166.49	A440	Greene Central School	
	CR. \$ 178.14	A250		

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #104-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF “EXTREME WINTER RECOVERY” FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE 2016/17 WINTER. – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, “Extreme Winter Recovery Appropriations” were enacted with the adoption of the 2017/2018 New York State Budget, and

WHEREAS, said funds are a one-time reimbursement to local governments for costs associated with eligible repairs of damage related to the 2016/2017 winter season,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #D3502 – Extreme Winter Recovery, in the amount of \$285,348.02, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$285,348.02, be made from Revenue Account #D3502, to Appropriation Account #D5110.46 – Materials – Road Widening, in order to provide the funds necessary for eligible road and bridge repairs associated with the 2016/2017 winter season.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #105-17

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation became effective April 1, 2016, and

WHEREAS, in part, the Commission’s recommendations establish County Court Judge, and thus District Attorney, salaries be 95% of Supreme Court Justices, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate the funds necessary to accommodate the increase effective April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, from \$183,400.00 to \$185,200.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$1,350.00, from Appropriation Account #A9050.87 – Escrow for Salary, to Appropriation Account #A1165.11 – District Attorney.

Seconded by Mr. Seneck and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #105-17 Mr. Flanagan said that he is just trying to follow the funding. He asked what this additional amount is about. Chairman Wilcox said that it is another increase in the District Attorney’s salary amount. Mr. Flanagan asked if this is another unfunded increase. Mr. Gordon said that it is. He explained that the salary amount of the County Court judges increased by 1% and therefore the District Attorney must also receive a 1% pay increase.

RESOLUTION #106-17P

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF STANDARD WORK DAYS FOR
CHENANGO COUNTY ELECTED AND APPOINTED
OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW YORK STATE AND
LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Elected Officials	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (Based on Record of Activities)
County Treasurer/ Budget Officer PT	William C. Craine	1737	50000728	7	01/01/2015 - 12/31/2018	N	21.67
Chairman, Board of Supervisors	Lawrence N. Wilcox	4487	38631800	6	01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	N	12.71
Appointed Officials							
Election Commissioner PT	Mary Lou A. Monahan	2590	60597317	6	01/01/2017 - 12/31/2018	N	20.58

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #107-17P

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF TITLE VI POLICY

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, as a recipient of federal and state funds, the County of Chenango is subject to the requirements and provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and

WHEREAS, non-compliance with this mandate can affect federal financial assistance, and

WHEREAS, it is required Chenango County adopt a policy related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the attached Title VI Policy be and hereby is adopted by the Chenango County Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #108-17

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL RIVER FISHING
ACCESS SITES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COUNTY OF
CHENANGO

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Chenango County has more than 135 miles of rivers in Chenango County with great fishing, paddling and wildlife watching, and

WHEREAS, in New York fishing is a \$2.7 billion dollar per year industry, paddle sports are a \$1 billion per year industry and camping is a \$4 billion per year industry, and

WHEREAS, limited access to Chenango County rivers greatly reduces recreational opportunities for fisherman, paddlers, wildlife watchers and campers and that means greatly reduced beneficial economic impact from its rivers, and

WHEREAS, many municipal river access sites could become New York DEC river access sites, and

WHEREAS, several locations on the New York Susquehanna and Western property could provide safe river access, and

WHEREAS, lack of "blue trail" maps reduces the ability of the public to use Chenango County rivers, and

WHEREAS, most paddlers, fisherman, wildlife watchers in New York and the northeast do not know about the river recreation opportunities in Chenango County, and

WHEREAS, tourism dollars from Empire State Development would greatly increase knowledge of and utilization of Chenango County's river recreation opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County economy would greatly benefit from increased recreational use of the Chenango, Otselic, Unadilla and Susquehanna rivers, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors requests that the New York State DEC work to develop more river access locations, that the New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad work with New York State to provide safe locations for river access, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors requests that the New York State DEC work to make available canoe camping locations at regular intervals on the rivers of Chenango County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That New York State fund the development of river "Blue Trails" guides for the rivers of Chenango County, and that Empire State Development provide funding to increase public awareness of Chenango County's rivers and their great fishing, paddling and wildlife viewing opportunities, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to State Senator James L. Seward, State Senator Frederick J. Akshar II, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, and Assemblyman Gary D. Finch.

Seconded by Mr. Khoury and adopted as amended.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #108-17 Mr. Brown asked Mr. Ken Smith of Cornell Cooperative Extension if he would like to take a moment to explain this proposed resolution to the Board. Mr. Smith said that we have four great rivers in this county that receive very little recreational use. He said this causes the county to lose a great amount of economic benefits.

Mr. Brown asked if this is going to fall on deaf ears or if we will get a response. Mr. Smith reported that there is money available in the Environmental Protection fund for this type of thing. He said that we need to have some of the money that has gone to other parts of the state to promote Blue Trails. Mr. Smith said that we should view tourism around our rivers as a major economic activity over the next five years.

Mr. Brown mentioned the amount of state owned land in Chenango County. He said that the county received a letter from the state that they are planning to remove a 55 acre chunk of privately owned land and turn it into public property. Supervisor Brown also reported that camping activities have been disallowed on 6,000 acres in Pharsalia and Otselic and the state has indicated that they plan to harvest much of the forests that it owns. He said it is his understanding that the state realized it made a mistake and is now going to cut the red pine. Mr. Brown said that we all know that the state only does this type of thing in the winter time which causes problems with our town roads.

Supervisor Brown said that Chenango County has done a lot for New York State and he wonders how that can be used as leverage to gain the river access we are looking for. He said it would seem to him that if all we are asking for is a few access sites to our rivers then it is time for the state to give something back.

Mr. Flanagan said that Mr. Smith is currently pursuing the NY Susquehanna and Western Railway who holds the Right of Way access to the land that is needed to provide a lot of these access sites. He agrees that we should have some leverage here.

Mr. Brown said that maybe we should ask our state representatives to come here and listen to what we would like to do and help us.

Mr. Flanagan said that the Town of Preston is trying to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with the state regarding one mile of roadway involved in the Bowman Lake endeavor.

Mr. Brown made a motion to amend the resolution to include extending an invitation to our state representatives to come to Chenango County to sit down with us and discuss the issue. Mr. Flanagan noted that someone from Parks and Recreation should be invited also.

Ms. Ireland seconded the motion.

Mr. Khoury said that the state is creating this weird sense of eminent domain. He said he isn't sure why this is being done. Mr. Khoury said that this may be something we need to lobby against.

Mr. Brown thanked the Planning & Economic Development Committee for bringing this forward.

Mr. Williams said he agrees that it would be a good idea to invite the politicians to come here to speak with us about our goals. He said that the DEC employees are simply the stewards of the state's policies. Supervisor Williams said that what we need is to get the policies changed and he doesn't know if it would do any good to have the DEC here for that. He said it would do a world of good to have the legislators here.

Ms. Ireland said that our legislators need to come out of their bubble in Albany to see what this county is all about. She said that we need these people to see how their policies are affecting us. Supervisor Ireland said that she agrees wholeheartedly with Supervisor Brown.

Mr. Flanagan said that Real Property Tax Director Stephen Harris has reviewed the potential loss of tax revenue that will result from the shift of acreage from private property to public property. He said that this could essentially shift the tax burden to someone else.

Chairman Wilcox asked for a voice vote on the proposed amendment to the resolution. The amendment was carried unanimously.

Mr. Heisler said that he certainly doesn't want to be opposed to this resolution but we all know that a letter of support to our legislators will just be filed in the circular file. He said that in order to get anything done we need to get in the faces of our representatives. Mr. Heisler said that anyone can write a letter. Mr. Flanagan said that the amendment to the resolution involved the addition of an invitation for our legislators to come here to speak with us, not a letter showing our support of the issue. Mr. Heisler said that his point is that the legislators probably won't come here. President/CEO of Commerce Chenango Steve Craig mentioned that Senator Akshar is planning to take a float on the river in kayaks.

Chairman Wilcox asked for the Board's pleasure regarding the proposed resolution as amended. The amended resolution carried unanimously via voice vote.

RESOLUTION #109-17

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROVIDERS APPLYING FOR THE NEW YORK STATE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New York State has set a goal to make internet access available statewide at speeds of at least 25 megabits per second by 2018 at an affordable cost to consumers, and;

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, New York State has announced Phase 3 of the NYS Broadband Initiative through its Broadband for All Program, and;

WHEREAS, various census blocks in Chenango County are considered underserved or unserved and have been deemed eligible for said funding, and;

WHEREAS, multiple providers have expressed interest in applying for said funding to improve internet access in Chenango County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That Chenango County Board of Supervisors offers its support and encouragement to any qualified internet service provider to apply for Phase 3 of the NYS Broadband Initiative for improvements to internet infrastructure within Chenango County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to each qualified provider interested in applying for said funding.

Seconded by Mr. Khoury and duly adopted as amended.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #109-17 Ms. Ireland said that she would like to make a motion to amend the second paragraph to add "at an affordable cost to consumers". She said that she doesn't see this as a dictation of price but it is important to keep in mind that this needs to be affordable to the average consumer.

Mr. Outwater seconded the proposed amendment.

Mr. Khoury said he would like to just talk about what Ms. Ireland means by "affordable". He said that the word affordable has a lot of meanings. Supervisor Khoury said if you put a price ceiling on what a company can charge that could prevent the company

from recouping its costs. He said that he thinks there will be an issue for companies to provide the services we would like through a competitive market if something like that is done. Supervisor Khoury said if we tell companies there will be oversight as to what can be charged for the service they are providing then not many competitors will be willing to come in to provide those services that we are looking for. Mr. Khoury said he would like to see the word “competitive” used instead.

Ms. Ireland said that she doesn’t really look at it that way. She asked what happens if the companies get together to decide what they will charge. Supervisor Ireland stated that if the service provided isn’t affordable then it won’t be any good to us.

Mr. Grace said that there is also a mistake in the second paragraph of the proposed resolution. He said that the correct word is megabits, not megabytes.

Chairman Wilcox said that the discussion right now is in regard to Ms. Ireland’s proposed amendment to the resolution.

Ms. Ireland said that she will amend her proposed amendment to include changing the word megabytes to megabits also.

Mr. Grace said that in response to Mr. Khoury’s comments he doesn’t believe that it makes sense for government not to be involved in a discussion of governmental assistance.

Supervisor Khoury said that the word affordable is very complicated. He said that the question is what government’s role is in this whole thing. Mr. Khoury asked if we should be spending taxpayer money on this. He said that to leave the competitive nature of a free market out of this is wrong. Mr. Khoury said that the price mechanism will work itself out if the word competitive is used instead of affordable.

Ms. Jones noted that within the Phase III funding documentation the state has required that the pricing be affordable.

Chairman Wilcox asked for a vote on the amendment to the proposed resolution.
The amendment was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Wilcox asked for a vote on the proposed resolution as amended.
The amended resolution carried by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION #110-17P

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FEDERAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (STERPDB), which includes the County of Chenango, derives a significant portion of its economic and community development assistance federal program sources, such as EDA, ARC, CDBG, and

WHEREAS, in a rural, impoverished area such as Chenango County, such programs are often vital in local economic and community development programming, and

WHEREAS, through STERPDB or accessed directly, said federal programs have helped provide infrastructure, jobs, and safe housing for countless Chenango County residents, with a total value of over \$7,000,000 in the last five (5) years, and

WHEREAS, reduction or elimination of said programs will have a deleterious effect in the well-being of Chenango County residents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors supports the continued federal economic and community development programming provided by the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (STERPDB), and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to United States Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, and United States Congresswoman Claudia Tenney and the Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #111-17

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE – BIN 3350810 AND BIN 3350820 – TOWN OF NORWICH – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY

The Public Works Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Sponsor will design, let and construct the "project", and

WHEREAS, a Project for the Rehabilitation of BIN 3350810 CR 32 over Ransford Creek and BIN 3350820 CR 32 over Thompson Creek, P.I.N. 9752.31 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering/Design and Right-of-Way Incidentals work,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Chenango to pay in the first instance 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering/Design and Right-of-Way Incidentals work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the County of Chenango shall be responsible for all cost of the project which exceed the amount of the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the County of Chenango, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$111,200.00 is hereby appropriated from Appropriation Account #D5112.46 – HBRR Projects and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full Federal and non-Federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County of Chenango hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than eighteen (18) months after award and that the project shall be completed within THREE years of commencing construction; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of the County of Chenango with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-aid and State-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Brown and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #111-17 Mr. Brown wanted everyone to note that these two bridge projects will cost close to one -million dollars. He said that this is the first of many resolutions to come in regard to these two bridges.

RESOLUTION #112-17P

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SIGNING OF THE ASSOCIATED STATE CONTRACT UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF NEW YORK STATE – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Public Works Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for household hazardous waste programs, and

WHEREAS, Chenango County, herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between the People of the State of New York, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such STATE Aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the Chenango County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized.
2. That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the Chenango County Attorney, is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE;
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund the entire cost of said household hazardous waste program and will be reimbursed by the State for the State share of such costs.
4. That five (5) certified copies of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the NYSDEC together with a complete application.
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #113-17P

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STEVEN MILLER CONSTRUCTION OF MAYFIELD, NEW YORK FOR PRECAST PRESTRESSED CONCRETE BEAMS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY

The Public Works Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Public Works Director, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Works, did advertise for bids for the award of contract for precast pre-stressed concrete beams on County Road 38, Town of Bainbridge, BIN 3350180, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid amount of \$104,895.00 was submitted by Steven Miller Construction of Mayfield, New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this Board, in consultation with the Chenango County Attorney, and the Public Works Director, be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a contract with Steven Miller Construction of Mayfield, New York, for precast concrete beams on County Road 38, Town of Bainbridge, BIN 3350180, at a total bid amount of \$104,895.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for said contract shall be made from Appropriation Account #D5110.48 – Materials – Bridge Maintenance.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #114-17P

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, OFFICE OF PROBATION AND CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION CLASSIFICATION FUNDING

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Chenango County Probation Department requests permission to submit an application to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, in order to receive grant funds in the maximum amount of \$1,818.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to execute and submit an application on behalf of the County of Chenango to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives for receipt of grant funds in the maximum amount of \$1,818.00 for Alternatives to Incarceration funding, for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon notification of the award of said grant funds, the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all grant documents on behalf of the County of Chenango.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #115-17P

DECLARING VEHICLE SURPLUS – PROBATION OFFICE

The Safety & Rules Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby declares a 2007 Chevy Impala, VIN #2G1WB58N879369084, surplus, and that said vehicle is authorized to be sold by competitive bid at a future surplus equipment sale.

Seconded by Supervisor Marion Ireland.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1592, No – 0, Absent – 135

Absent: Supervisor David Law

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #116-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Mr. Brown offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of May 2017 against Chenango County in the amount of \$ 2,251,887.26

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,699,045.03, are accepted and made a part of the following summary.+

GENERAL:

Bills & Claims	\$1,170,073.21		
Supervisors' Salaries		\$ 27,106.18	
Certified Payroll		\$710,871.14	
Sheriff Payroll		\$433,622.62	
Social Svcs. Payroll		\$328,799.55	
Self-insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 792.96	\$ 2,061.04	
			\$2,673,326.70

HIGHWAY:

Co. Rd. Bills & Claims	\$ 63,428.91		
Co. Rd. Pay & Mach. Rentals	\$ 202,163.93	\$161,490.12	
Rd. Mach. Bills & Claims	\$ 115,873.92		
Rd. Machinery Payrolls		\$ 35,094.38	
			\$ 578,051.26

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 35,026.33
Administration	\$ 114,130.21
Preston Manor	\$ 42,809.44
Svcs. for Recipients	\$ 40,138.02
Medical	\$ 24,635.55
Special Needs	\$ --
Family Assistance	\$ 187,258.66
Child Care	\$ 165,637.14
J.D. Care	\$ 2,056.98

Pmt. to State Schools	\$	--	
Safety Net	\$	87,788.86	
HEAP	\$	--	
Burials	\$	--	
EEA	\$	73.14	\$ 699,554.33
TOTALS		\$2,251,887.26	\$1,699,045.03
TOTAL BILLS & CLAIMS FOR May 2017			\$ 3, 950,932.29
TOTAL BILLS & CLAIMS TO DATE			\$22,152,609.27

Seconded by Mr. Outwater and duly adopted.
 Absent: Supervisor David Law

SPEAKERS

**Supervisor Dolores Nabinger, Town of Bainbridge, Traffic Safety Board
 Traffic and Safety Poster Contest Awards**

Ms. Nabinger noted that the Traffic Safety Board had over 50 posters submitted this year. She said that the winners of this year’s contest are here today to receive their recognition and a \$100 award. Supervisor Nabinger presented awards to the following students:

- 4th Grade – Oxford – Abby Denz
- 8th Grade – Bainbridge-Guilford – Alexis Brown
- 11th Grade – Norwich – Alyssa Prindle

Ms. Nabinger said that it was great to see the kids’ ideas regarding distracted driving and they hope the program keeps growing and growing.

Chairman Wilcox thanked the Traffic Safety Board for all of their hard work.

Ruth Roberts, Director, Chenango County Community Mental Hygiene Services -- 2016 Annual Report

Director Roberts reported that 2016 proved to be another very busy year for Mental Hygiene Services. She said that they noted an increase in all of their programs of the number of patients with highly complicated diagnoses. Ms. Roberts said they are also working very closely with physical health providers to provide appropriate care for these very demanding and complex situations. Ms. Roberts said that this trend is very likely to continue.

Ms. Roberts noted that she wanted to touch base with the Board in regard to a few areas of her report.

Forensic Services:

The Director stated that Community Mental Hygiene has seen an increase in the number of referrals for Forensic services. She said that there continues to be a greater demand for this type of service. Ms. Roberts noted that they are also seeing much younger individuals in need of this type of service.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment has also had an increase (Kendra’s Law):

Ms. Roberts noted that the need for Assisted Outpatient Treatment Services is also on the rise. She said that they have seen the constriction of state operated institutional care where the state is moving away from caring for individuals in institutions or inpatient settings. The Director said that the individuals affected by this are much more likely to be showing up in their clinic, at DSS, at the local jails and coming to the attention of law enforcement. She said that those at the local level are left with the challenge of how best to manage and meet the needs of this population.

Expanded School Based Behavioral Health Services:

Director Robert stated that they are very focused on measuring the following outcomes of the Expanded School Based Behavioral Health Services being provided.

- Social and Emotional Development
- School Performance
 - Director Roberts noted that it has been shown that kids who remain in school have better health outcomes.
- Community Outcomes
 - Ms. Roberts said that they are looking for community connectedness and pro social behaviors.

Crisis Service:

Ms. Roberts stated that our county shares Crisis Services with the counties of Delaware, Schoharie and Otsego. She said that together they contract with the Neighborhood Center who provides after hours and weekend crisis services for their clinics.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services:

Director Roberts said that they have also seen an increase in the number of individuals served and the services provided in this area. She said that they are also providing Alcohol and Drug Abuse services to a greater number of adolescents.

School Based Substance Abuse Prevention:

Ms. Roberts stated that School Based Substance Abuse Prevention Services are currently provided in four school districts. She said that they have one OASAS funded prevention worker at this time. The Director stated that she is working with OASAS and through the Chenango Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to leverage additional funding in order to add another employee.

Broome Developmental:

Director Roberts noted that the Broome Developmental site closed in March of 2016. She stated that OPW's goal is to have only 150 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in institutional settings. Ms. Roberts said that Chenango County is home to the Valley Ridge Center for Intensive Treatment which is licensed for 60 consumers but only had 42 at the last count.

Director Roberts noted that there are three additional items that she would like to bring to the Board's attention.

1) Changes in Healthcare Delivery:

Director Roberts reported that the transition to Managed Care really accelerated during 2016. She said that this process has been complicated by policy changes at the national level. Ms. Roberts said that no one knows what healthcare will actually look like. She said she can guarantee that whatever changes do occur at the federal level will impact the state and require local level changes.

Ms. Roberts stated that the Value Based Payment system is scheduled to go into effect in 2020. She explained that this is a shift away from fees for services to payment based on receiving desirable health outcomes. The Director said that these payments are to be shared with physical health providers. She said that the insurance industry refers to this system as the Triad or Triple Aim. She said that payment to providers will be made based on a customer's experience, improved health outcomes and the reduction of healthcare expenditures. Director Roberts said that as a clinic they are beginning to prepare for this shift. She said that it will require the clinics to really change the way they schedule appointments, measure treatment progress and deliver treatment services.

The Director mentioned that social determinants are a large part of these discussions. She said that in Chenango County the lack of transportation, the lack of safe and affordable housing and low socioeconomic status are all important factors and contributors to an individual's overall physical and mental well-being.

2) Court and Forensic Activities:

Director Roberts said that as they focus on the delivery of highly medicalized services they have to be very careful to determine the medical necessity of the services provided. She said that it has been a little fuzzy in the past if she was

doing an evaluation for the courts or because of a client’s request. Ms. Roberts said that in the past she still had a mechanism to bill for the service. She said that court requested activities are not considered to be medically necessary at this time and they are having to look very closely at the number of services they are providing to the courts.

The Director noted that the county is clearly on the hook (and required by law) to pay for 730 evaluations to determine an individual’s capacity. She said that after equalizing population factors when comparing Chenango County to Broome County she discovered that Chenango County is receiving more than twice as many requests for 730 evaluations than Broome County receives. Ms. Roberts stated that she has started digging for an explanation for this anomaly. She said that they are hoping to see this number decrease.

Ms. Roberts mentioned that when an individual in our local jail requires inpatient psychiatric treatment the county must pay for that. She said that luckily we had no such instances in the year 2016. Ms. Roberts reported that in 2017 the county has already been charged \$40,000 for the inpatient psychiatric care provided to an inmate from our county jail. The Director stated that these services are charged to the county by one of the three forensic institutions in the state at a rate of \$808 per day. She said that she will be pulling these numbers out of her budget and tracking them very closely. The Director said that she will keep the Board of Supervisors posted.

3) School Based Services:

Director Roberts stated that they spend time in the schools responding to self-abusive behaviors such as cutting and burning. She said that they are also dealing with suicide related situations and eating disorders. Ms. Roberts stated that these things are happening even in the elementary and primary schools throughout this county. She stated that there are children in this county facing challenges such as food insecurity, unstable housing situations and addiction. Ms. Roberts said that these things can cause a very damaging affect to a child and his or her entire family.

Ms. Roberts said that they have to address these high risk, high need situations but they are also very committed to doing what they can do to prevent small problems from becoming lifelong problems.

Director Roberts said that they are working hard to engage parents and include them in their child’s course of treatment and to provide support where needed. She said that the more they direct their efforts toward strengthening a parent’s ability to take care of their child the better off that child will be in the long run. Ms. Roberts said that they believe it is important to work with the entire family system. She said that they envision healthy families and healthy communities going hand in hand.

Chairman Wilcox thanked Director Roberts for the report and asked the Supervisors to contact Ms. Roberts directly with any questions they may have.

REMINDER

Mr. Woodford reminded the Supervisors that the annual Christmas Party will be held on Rexford Street today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Canor seconded the motion. Carried.

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. to the Special Meeting to begin at 12:00 p.m. today for the Public Hearing for the Chenango County Shared Services Tax Savings Plan.

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Local Officials Present were:

Chairman of the Board Lawrence N. Wilcox
 County Attorney Alan Gordon
 Clerk of the Board and County Auditor RC Woodford
 Journal Clerk Patricia Moore
 Treasurer William Craine
 Supervisor John Lawrence – Town of Afton
 Supervisor Dolores Nabinger – Town of Bainbridge
 Supervisor Thomas Grace – Town of Columbus
 Supervisor Marion Ireland – Town of Coventry
 Supervisor Daniel Jack – Town of German
 Supervisor George Raymond III – Town of Greene
 Supervisor George Seneck – Town of Guilford
 Supervisor Wayne Outwater – Town of Lincklaen
 Supervisor Art Canor – Town of McDonough
 Supervisor Robert Starr – Town of New Berlin
 Supervisor Robert Wansor – Town of North Norwich
 Supervisor Evan Williams – Town of Otselic
 Supervisor Dennis Brown – Town of Pharsalia
 Supervisor Jeff Blanchard – Town of Pitcher
 Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger – Town of Plymouth
 Supervisor Peter Flanagan – Town of Preston
 Supervisor Charles Mastro – Town of Sherburne
 Supervisor Fred Heisler, Jr. – Town of Smithville
 Supervisor Michael Khoury – Town of Smyrna
 Mayor Sally Muller – Village of Afton
 Deputy Mayor Jay Campbell – Village of Bainbridge
 Mayor Terry Stark – Village of Oxford
 Mayor Christine Carnrike – City of Norwich
 Commissioner of Social Services Bette Osborne
 Deputy Clerk of the Board/Deputy Auditor Sue Granquist
 Personnel Technician Matthew Caldwell
 Planning Consultant Steve Palmatier
 Real Property Tax Director Stephen Harris

PUBLIC HEARING

Chenango County Shared Services Real Property Tax Savings Plan

**Ten members of the public were present. No members of the public spoke at the Public Hearing.

Chairman Wilcox addressed those present with the following remarks:

Good day, I am Lawrence Wilcox, Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors. I am joined today on the dais by Chenango County Attorney Alan Gordon, Journal Clerk Tricia Moore and Board Clerk RC Woodford.

I am conducting this public hearing to help the County, City of Norwich, twenty-one Towns, and eight Villages formulate a County-wide shared services property tax savings plan as required by recent New York State legislation.

I ask the Clerk to read the Call of the Public Hearing.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford read the Notice of Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Chenango County Shared Services Panel will hold public hearings to solicit public input relative to a Chenango County Shared Services Real Property Tax Savings Plan, as follows:

June 1, 2017 at 12:00PM
June 1, 2017 at 5:30PM
June 12, 2017 at 12:00PM

Public hearings will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building, 5 Court Street, Norwich, New York. The Shared Services Panel will convene after the June 12, 2017 Public Hearing.

Comments at the public hearing will be limited to the topic of county-wide shared services for the purpose of producing real property tax savings.

For those unable to attend, written comments on the subject will be accepted until June 21, 2017. Comments should be sent to the attention of: Chairman, Board of Supervisors, County Office Building, 5 Court Street, Norwich, New York 13815.

Chairman Wilcox stated the following:

I would ask that your remarks focus on the purpose of the hearing; your recommendations for municipal shared services within Chenango County which will result in Real Property Tax savings. Should you wish, you could also mail these comments to me by June 21, 2017 at Chenango County Office Building, 5 Court St., Norwich, NY 13815.

There is a three-minute limit on remarks. I would remind any panel members present that this public hearing is for public input. The panel will discuss input received and the Plan at a meeting immediately following this Special Meeting and again on August 14th.

I now declare this Public Hearing Open. I ask that anyone who wishes to speak come forward to the podium, speak into the microphone, state and spell your name, provide your address and affiliation, if any.

Chairman Wilcox asked if there was anyone else wishing to be heard. The Chairman repeated the question.

With no one else wishing to be heard Chairman Wilcox declared the public hearing closed at 12:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the The Savings Plan Panel will begin immediately after this meeting. It will be the first meeting of the Chenango County Shared Services Real Property Tax Savings Plan panel members.

SPECIAL MEETING
 MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

**CHENANGO COUNTY SHARED SERVICES REAL PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PLAN
 PANEL MEETING #1**

Chairman Wilcox called the first meeting of the Panel for the Chenango County Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan to order at 12:05 p.m.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the Panel Roll with the following members present:

Chairman of the Board and Town of Oxford Supervisor Lawrence N. Wilcox
 Town of Afton Supervisor John Lawrence
 Town of Bainbridge Supervisor Dolores Nabinger
 Town of Columbus Supervisor Thomas Grace
 Town of Coventry Supervisor Marion Ireland
 Town of German Supervisor Daniel Jack
 Town of Greene Supervisor George Raymond III
 Town of Guilford Supervisor George Seneck
 Town of Lincklaen Supervisor Wayne Outwater
 Town of McDonough Supervisor Art Canor
 Town of New Berlin Supervisor Robert Starr
 Town of North Norwich Supervisor Robert Wansor
 Town of Otselec Supervisor Evan Williams
 Town of Pharsalia Supervisor Dennis Brown
 Town of Pitcher Supervisor Jeff Blanchard
 Town of Plymouth Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
 Town of Preston Supervisor Peter Flanagan
 Town of Sherburne Supervisor Charles Mastro
 Town of Smithville Supervisor Fred Heisler, Jr.
 Town of Smyrna Supervisor Michael Khoury
 City of Norwich Mayor Christine Carnrike
 Village of Afton Mayor Sally Muller
 Village of Oxford Mayor Terry Stark

Panel Members Absent were:

Town of Norwich Supervisor David Law
 Village of Bainbridge Mayor Phillip Wade
 **Deputy Mayor Jay Campbell attended the meeting on behalf of the Village of Bainbridge.
 Village of Earlville Mayor William Excell
 Village of Greene Mayor Phillip Brown
 Village of New Berlin Mayor Terry Potter
 Village of Sherburne Mayor William Acee
 Village of Smyrna Mayor Anna Critton

Other County Officials/Employees Present were:

County Attorney Alan Gordon
 Clerk of the Board and County Auditor RC Woodford
 Treasurer William Craine
 Journal Clerk Patricia Moore
 Commissioner of Social Services Bette Osborne
 Deputy Clerk of the Board/Deputy Auditor Sue Granquist
 Personnel Technician Matthew Caldwell
 Planning Consultant Steve Palmatier
 Real Property Tax Director Stephen Harris

In addition to the above individuals, there were also ten (10) members of the public present.

Chairman Wilcox addressed the Panel with the following remarks:

Good Afternoon. Welcome to the first meeting of the County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Panel. I am Lawrence Wilcox, Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors and by statute, Chairman of this panel.

This panel consists of the Twenty One (21) Chenango County Town Supervisors, the eight (8) Village Mayors in Chenango County (Please note that the Village of Earlville is also partially in Madison County) and the Mayor of the City of Norwich.

I am assisted on the dais here today by Chenango County Attorney Alan Gordon, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors RC Woodford and Journal Clerk Patricia Moore. Ms. Moore will take and transcribe the minutes of this meeting. These minutes will be mailed to you when available.

Let's take a moment and review the agenda for this meeting which is at your places and was mailed to you on April 28, 2017.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford quickly reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Woodford said that today there will be a discussion of the Plan and they are hoping that by July 10th there will be a draft plan that can be transmitted to all members of the panel. He explained that any member of the panel has the option to opt out of an item within the plan affecting their municipality.

Mr. Woodford stated that on August 14th, 2017 the Board of Supervisors will hold an advisory vote in regard to the proposed Plan. He said that the second meeting of the panel will be held immediately following that Regular Board meeting and the Panel will vote on the plan at that time as well. Mr. Woodford informed the panel members that their vote is not only necessary but a majority is required for the result of the panel's vote to be binding. He explained that each member of the panel must provide a reason for their vote, either in the affirmative or the negative.

Mr. Woodford stated that if the proposed plan is approved it will be posted on the Chenango County website later on in August, as well as filed with the Division of Budget. He said that on October 10th, 2017 the Chairman of the Board will present the final version of the plan to the public. He said that we were not given a lot of time by the state and there are some mandatory steps along the way.

Chairman Wilcox addressed the panel to state the following:

My job as Chairman of this panel is to take any recommendations that you may have to help me shape the Property Tax Savings Plan. I hope to file the Plan with the Board of Supervisors and mail to you on July 10th, 2017. Please remember these recommendations are put forward in an attempt to streamline local government and reduce real property taxes. If you have recommendations after today, please put them in writing (via mail or email) and forward them to me by June 21, 2017.

Please note that any panel member may request a modification of any proposal affecting their municipality by August 4, 2017.

New Business:

Mr. Woodford mentioned three examples of areas for analysis under consideration at this point. He said that each panel member was provided with a list of these examples which could be included as a part of our shared services plan.

- 1) Improved and Expanded Shared Services among the Thirty (30) Public Works departments covered by this study.
- 2) Combine the Sealer of Weights and Measures function with another county department or an adjacent county.
- 3) Investigate the feasibility of converting the 17 Lighting Districts in Chenango County from a Real Property Tax Levy billing method to direct residential billing by the utility company.

Supervisor Peter Flanagan (Town of Preston) noted that he is all for expanded services within Public Works. He asked if the county will receive credit for shared services with other counties. Chairman Wilcox said he believes that the intent of creating this plan is to produce a tax savings; he thinks such cooperation between counties would apply.

Supervisor Brown (Town of Pharsalia) said that he understands we are going through this exercise because “they said so”. He said he would like to think that we could turn this around on the state and provide them with a list of the things that they could do to produce tax savings. Mr. Brown provided some details about his personal living situation and the government services that he has available as a Chenango County resident.

Supervisor Brown said that one of the most important things he receives from his local government is a voice. He said that we don’t have that voice at the state level. Mr. Brown said that we have no voice at all regarding how Medicaid is handled. He said that NYS is relatively the same size as the state of Florida and Florida spends about one half of what New York spends for Medicaid. Supervisor Brown stated that our state government is the cause of our current situation. He said that we must include in any plan that we submit that Medicaid is the problem and the state needs to fix it.

Supervisor Grace (Town of Columbus) said that the state assembly has been trying to tackle the Medicaid problem. He said maybe we should get on board with future thinking as to how we deliver healthcare.

Supervisor Heisler (Town of Smithville) asked if we are working blind here. He asked if there is a percentage of savings or a template to go by. Chairman Wilcox said that during the second public hearing it was brought out quite succinctly by a member of the public that we, at this level of government, have been sharing services for years. Mr. Wilcox said that this resident clearly brought up the fact that local governments in Chenango County have worked diligently to keep costs down. He said that the New York State Legislature is requiring us to create this Real Property Tax Savings Plan at this time.

Supervisor Heisler said that there actually seems to be more pushback against this whole process than anything else. He asked if that information will get to the powers that be in some way. Chairman Wilcox said that he would hope that we could try to weave that into our plan somehow but he doesn’t think there is much hope to that particular point gaining any traction at the state level.

Supervisor Heisler asked if we know who will be reviewing our proposed plan and/or approving or denying it. The answer to Mr. Heisler’s question has not been made clear by the state.

Supervisor Flanagan stated that this is simply another “make work” thing for the localities. He asked what we will be losing if we don’t comply with the state’s requirement to create a plan for shared services.

Chairman Wilcox said that the state did dangle a carrot at one point. Mr. Woodford said that at one point the state indicated that it would match any savings created for calendar year 2018 only. Mr. Flanagan asked who the true savings is going to. He asked if they are going to issue checks to all residents as with the other recent Real Property Tax incentives. Mr. Woodford said that only the towns and villages would be receiving that money.

Supervisor Flanagan asked if the state will require us to do this every year. Chairman Wilcox said that if we adopt a plan for 2017 we will reportedly be off the hook for 2018.

Supervisor Brown said he also hopes that this doesn’t take our attention away from the concept of shared services. He said that is something we invented a long time ago. Mr. Brown said that the Town of Pharsalia has reviewed the amount of time it spent in other municipalities and the amount of time other municipalities spent in the Town of Pharsalia. He said the question we need to ask ourselves is if the amount of work decreases if we combine services. Mr. Brown said that it does not.

Supervisor Heisler said that this is a new requirement from the state. He asked if there is any reason why we can’t incorporate in our plan any items that we are already doing as far as shared services. Chairman Wilcox said it must be a new venture. Mr. Heisler said that the state doesn’t know what shared services our local governments already have in place.

Supervisor Seneck (Town of Guilford) said that he attended a training that included the topic of shared services. He said that we are already doing many of the items that were suggested. Mr. Seneck said that local governments are often prevented from implementing shared services items that could create a real tax savings. He specifically mentioned the creation of health consortiums. Mr. Seneck said that there were no new suggestions made at that meeting. He stated that our local governments are already doing what is possible.

Mayor Terry Stark (Village of Oxford) thanked Chairman Wilcox for including the Mayors as part of this panel. He said that he understands what people have been saying. Mayor Stark said that from a village point of view he can see some benefits to the village by doing this type of thing. He said that he would like to see the status of shared services between the county’s local governments reviewed at regular intervals. Mr. Stark said that he is interested in a health consortium. Mayor Stark also mentioned the need of the individual towns and villages for legal services. He said he would look at this whole process as a sort of tickler file. Mr. Stark said that meeting periodically would allow us to continue our due diligence at the village, town and county levels to improve and share services. He asked that the topics of a health consortium and shared legal services be reviewed.

Chairman Wilcox said that he received a telephone call from the Department of State asking how the county is coming along with this required plan. He said the Department of State was interested to hear of any statutory roadblocks we were finding. The Chairman said that the representative from the Department of State indicated that the Governor is willing to fast track any changes that could be made to remove barriers to shared services. Chairman Wilcox said that the health consortium issue may fall into that category. Mr. Stark said that even if we don't make changes for this year we could continue to work on those items for the future.

Supervisor Wansor (Town of North Norwich) said that Director of Emergency Management Matt Beckwith has brought up many potential efficiencies that are affected by statutory restraints.

Supervisor Seneck said that state law prohibits the merging of different Town Courts. He said any initiative of that sort would apply to some but not all of our local courts.

Supervisor Brown mentioned that his school tax is far more than his town or county tax. He said there are fewer kids in the school districts now than there were when he was a student. Mr. Brown said we have smaller schools than in the past but we are spending far more money. He said it seems as if the first thing a school does is hire a superintendent and the first thing that superintendent does is hire someone else to do his job. Supervisor Brown said that when you start listening to the State Education Department or the Department of State all you need to do is look at their house. He said we need to be very careful about who we are listening to here.

Mayor Christine Carnrike (City of Norwich) said that she would like to expand on Supervisor Wansor's statements. She said that the more proactive approach in answering the Governor's mandate is to address the "in place" legislation that prohibits municipalities from saving tax payers dollars. She said maybe that would produce real and effective change for the taxpayer.

Supervisor Khoury (Town of Smyrna) said that many service sharing procedures are already taking place on the local levels. He said that our resources and our people are the most effective in the whole system. Mr. Khoury stated that this initiative may undo the efficiencies we have had in place for years. He said that collective bargaining and municipal unions are creating a huge expense for our localities; there are so many obvious items that we do not mention. Supervisor Khoury said he hates to go through this whole exercise and not mention the real reason people are leaving New York. He said that Mr. Brown is exactly right; school populations are shrinking and costs are rising and we are not addressing that.

Supervisor Mastro (Town of Sherburne) said that early on he wondered why the schools were not included as part of this panel. He said that there is a potential for shared services between the localities and the school districts.

Supervisor Khoury stated that school districts have also been asked to create efficiency plans. He commented that SETA is the most powerful teaching union in the nation; we will continue to lose population in our schools and nothing is going to change.

Supervisor Heisler said that in 2015 or 2016 each town was required to submit cost sharing items to the state. He said that he wonders if that data is going to be gathered and contrasted to whatever plan this panel submits.

Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger (Town of Plymouth) said that she was under the impression that the county could choose to opt out of submitting a plan this year to provide itself more time to come up with shared services. She said maybe that is something we should think about.

Supervisor Flanagan said that he thinks we should go through the process and see where we end up. He said it is worth a try.

Supervisor Mastro asked if there will be any follow up by the state after we submit our plan. No one had an answer for Mr. Mastro.

Mayor Stark said that he doesn't think that any local government wants to make a statement saying that it doesn't feel the need to pursue shared services or the creation of tax savings. Chairman Wilcox said that individual towns do have the option to opt out of the Shared Services Plan. He said that Chenango County does not have that option.

Supervisor Starr (Town of New Berlin) said that he may be opening another Pandora's Box but all of the localities have separate fire departments. He asked why those little departments shouldn't be consolidated. Mr. Starr said he can't think of anything more expensive than having a fire department. He said that he believes there would be a definite tax savings with that type of consolidation.

Chairman Wilcox asked that all suggestions be submitted to his attention by June 21st 2017. He said that this panel will meet again after the August 14th, 2017 Board meeting.

Mr. Woodford said that they hope to have a draft version of the plan out to all members of the Panel by July 10th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on July 10, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

Chairman of the Board Lawrence Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Chairman noted how good it was to have Supervisor Law in attendance. He also mentioned that former Chairman of the Board, Richard Decker, is currently in a rehabilitation facility. Chairman Wilcox asked everyone to keep Mr. Decker in their thoughts.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford called the roll with all members present except Supervisors Ireland and Senek.

Supervisor Dolores Nabinger of the Town of Bainbridge offered the invocation.

County Attorney Alan Gordon led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Special Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017 – Public Hearing – 12:00 p.m.

Special Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017 – Shared Services Panel – 12:05 p.m.

Supervisor Outwater moved, seconded by Supervisor Canor, to approve the minutes of the above meetings of the Board. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Woodford stated that there were no additional communications.

Supervisor McNeil moved, seconded by Supervisor Flanagan, to receive and file the Communications. Mr. Flanagan asked that Communication #2 be referred to the Planning & Economic Development Committee as part of the motion. Both the addition and the motion were Carried.

REPORTS

Draft Chenango County-Wide Shared Services Real Property Tax Savings Plan
2016 Annual Report – Chenango County Department of Social Services
2016 Annual Report – Commerce Chenango

Supervisor Wansor moved, seconded by Supervisor Starr, to receive and file the three reports. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Economic Development	06/13/17
Public Works	06/15/17
Ag, Buildings and Grounds	06/20/17
Safety & Rules	06/21/17
Health & Human Services	06/27/17
Personnel	06/28/17
Finance	06/29/17

Supervisor Starr moved, seconded by Supervisor Outwater, to receive and file the Committee Reports. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS
PREFERRED AGENDA**

1. DECLARING EIGHT (8) FEDERAL SECTION 5311 VEHICLES SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR DISPOSAL – MASS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
2. DECLARING VEHICLE SURPLUS – LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT
3. CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS – FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER VII – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
4. AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EVOLUTION JETS FOR OFFICE SPACE AT LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT
5. FIXING 2018 SALARIES FOR CHENANGO COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE
6. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL STATE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM AID – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
7. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FUNDS – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
8. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM CAREGIVER FUNDS – AREA AGENCY ON AGING
9. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF OVERTIME EXPENSES – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS
10. AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATOR EXPENSES – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE
11. AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TRAINING EXPENSES – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

NON-PREFERRED AGENDA

12. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF CHENANGO, INCREASING TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, AND ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS, AND ON AMUSEMENT CHARGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Preferred Agenda Resolutions.
Supervisor Mastro seconded the motion.

Supervisor Grace requested that Resolution #5 be removed from the Preferred Agenda.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159
Absent: Supervisors Marion Ireland and George Seneck
Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #117-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL STATE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM AID – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A3402 – State Aid Drinking Water Program by \$13,877.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$13,877.00, to the following appropriation accounts, in the amounts set opposite each:

<u>Appropriation Acct #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4010.193	Extra Hire	\$ 2,505.00
A4010.215	Equipment Safe Water Grant	\$ 5,100.00
A4010.414	Day to Day Travel Safe Water	\$ 200.00
A4010.414A	Conferences/Training	\$ 1,500.00
A4010.446	Other Expense – Safe Water	\$ 4,572.00
	Total:	\$13,877.00

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #118-17PAUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF SUMMER YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FUNDS – DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to increase Revenue Account #A3610 – State Aid for Administration, by \$111,091.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$111,091.00, be made from Revenue Account #A3610 to Appropriation Account #A6010.44 – Other Expense.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #119-17PAUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF BALANCING
INCENTIVE PROGRAM CAREGIVER FUNDS – AREA
AGENCY ON AGING

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to credit Revenue Account #A4813 – Federal Aid BIP Caregiver by \$5,668.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, That appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$5,668.00, be made from Revenue Account #A4813, to Appropriation Account #A7610.441 – Other Expense – BIP Caregiver.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #120-17PAUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT
OF OVERTIME EXPENSES – PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make transfers of funds, in the amount of \$25,000.00, from Appropriation Account #A3020.143 – Public Safety Dispatcher PT, to Appropriation Account # A3020.190- Overtime - Dispatchers, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make transfers of funds, in the amount of \$60,000.00, from Appropriation Account #A3170.17 – Part time Officers, to Appropriation Account # A3170.190- Overtime, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make transfers of funds, in the amount of \$50,000.00, from Appropriation Account #A3170.48 – Utilities, to Appropriation Account # A3170.190- Overtime.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #121-17PAUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATOR EXPENSES – PUBLIC
DEFENDER'S OFFICE

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That a supplemental appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$10,000.00, be made from Appropriation Account #A1990.46 – Contingent Account to Appropriation Account #A1170.46 – Contractual and Expert Testimony.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #122-17P

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TRAINING EXPENSES – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Chenango County District Attorney’s Office has available to it New York State Drug Forfeiture Proceeds, and

WHEREAS, the use of said funds is restricted by the State of New York to law enforcement purposes only, and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County District Attorney has recommended a portion of the available proceeds be used for training expenses for the District Attorney’s Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That an appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$1,652.00, be made from Account #A511 – Appropriated Reserve – Drug Forfeiture Proceeds, to Appropriation Account #A1165.41A – Conferences/Training, in order to provide the funds necessary for training expenses for the District Attorney’s Office.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #123-17

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF CHENANGO, INCREASING TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, AND ON OCCUPANCE OF HOTEL ROOMS, AND ON AMUSEMENT CHARGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4-A of Resolution No. 211-68, as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4-A- Imposition of additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes.

Pursuant to the authority of section 1210 of the Tax Law, in addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4 of this resolution, there is hereby imposed and shall be paid an additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes, for the period beginning September 1, 2002, and ending November 30, 2020. Such additional taxes shall be identical to the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4, and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such taxes. All of the provisions of this resolution relating to or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4 shall apply to the additional taxes imposed by this section, including the applicable transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds and credits as are set forth in this resolution, with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional taxes imposed by this section.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (B) of subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution No. 211-68, as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(B) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period beginning September 1, 2002, and ending November 30, 2020, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this County prior to September 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. Subdivision (c) of section 14 of Resolution No 211-68, as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law or of this resolution, all net collections received by the County from the additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed by section 4-A of this resolution for the period beginning December 1, 2003, and ending November 30, 2020, shall be used, in the first instance, to pay the cost of constructing and repaying any debts incurred in the construction of the Chenango County public safety building project, and any operational costs related to the Chenango County public safety building. Any and all revenue derived from such additional one percent tax, after the construction and debt financing costs of the Chenango County public safety building project annex and any operational costs related to the Chenango County public safety building are paid, shall be deposited by the County in a capital reserves fund. Disbursements from such capital reserves fund shall solely be made for the purposes of capital projects and repaying any debts incurred for such capital projects in the County.

SECTION 4. This enactment shall take effect on December 1, 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor Ireland

Supervisor Brown said thank goodness there is someone who understands this because it is very complicated.

Supervisor Khoury asked if what we are doing is taking a section of the charges that are being taxed, removing those and then coming back to tax everyone. Mr. Woodford said that is correct. He said this will now include prepaid services such as those used for Trac Fones and Prepaid phones as well as the phones with regular cellular services from a provider.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2017

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

LOCAL LAW

Of the

Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, repealing the wireless communications surcharge authorized by Article Six of the County Law of the State of New York; and imposing the wireless communications surcharges pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, as follows:

SECTION 1. "A Local Law Imposing a Surcharge on Wireless Communications Service in the County of Chenango," No. 2 of 2008 as amended, is hereby REPEALED.

SECTION 2. Imposition of wireless communications surcharges. (a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of Chenango on: (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within such County, at the rate of thirty cents per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month; and (ii) the retail sale of prepaid wireless communications service sold within such County, at the rate of thirty cents per retail sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith.

(b) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers and prepaid wireless communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing December 1, 2017.

(c) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this Local Law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before its due date.

SECTION 3. Administration of surcharges. The surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be administered and collected by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in paragraph (8) of Tax Law § 186-g, and in a like manner as the taxes imposed by Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law.

SECTION 4. Applicability of State law to surcharges imposed by this Local Law. All the provisions of Tax Law § 186-g shall apply to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in this Local Law, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

SECTION 5. Net collections received by this County from the surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be expended only upon authorization of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango and only for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such County, as provided in paragraph (9) of Tax Law § 186-g, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, consultants, financing and other acquisition costs. The County shall separately account for and keep adequate books and records of the amount and object or purpose of all expenditures of all such monies. If, at the end of any fiscal year, the total amount of all such monies exceeds the amount necessary for payment of the above mentioned costs in such fiscal year, such excess shall be reserved and carried over for the payment of those costs in the following fiscal year.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2017.

Clerk of the Board RC Woodford read the Notice of the Public Hearing.

Chairman Wilcox declared the Public Hearing Open at 11:05 a.m. and asked anyone who wanted to address the Board to step forward and state their name. The Chairman repeated the question.

With no one else wishing to be heard Supervisor Seneck made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:06 a.m. Supervisor Outwater seconded the motion.

Carried.

Chairman Wilcox declared the Public Hearing Closed.

ADOPTED LOCAL LAW #1 of 2017 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, repealing the wireless communications surcharge authorized by Article Six of the County Law of the State of New York; and imposing the wireless communications surcharges pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g.

The Finance Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango, as follows:

SECTION 1. "A Local Law Imposing a Surcharge on Wireless Communications Service in the County of Chenango," No. 2 of 2008 as amended, is hereby REPEALED.

SECTION 2. Imposition of wireless communications surcharges. (a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of Chenango on: (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within such County, at the rate of thirty cents per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month; and (ii) the retail sale of prepaid wireless communications service sold within such County, at the rate of thirty cents per retail sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith.

(b) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers and prepaid wireless communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing December 1, 2017.

(c) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this Local Law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before its due date.

SECTION 3. Administration of surcharges. The surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be administered and collected by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in paragraph (8) of Tax Law § 186-g, and in a like manner as the taxes imposed by Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law.

SECTION 4. Applicability of State law to surcharges imposed by this Local Law. All the provisions of Tax Law § 186-g shall apply to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in this Local Law, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

SECTION 5. Net collections received by this County from the surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be expended only upon authorization of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango and only for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such County, as provided in paragraph (9) of Tax Law § 186-g, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, consultants, financing and other acquisition costs. The County shall separately account for and keep adequate books and records of the amount and object or purpose of all expenditures of all such monies. If, at the end of any fiscal year, the total amount of all such monies exceeds the amount necessary for payment of the above mentioned costs in such fiscal year, such excess shall be reserved and carried over for the payment of those costs in the following fiscal year.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2017.

Supervisor Outwater seconded the motion.

Chairman Wilcox asked for a roll call vote on the proposed Local Law.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1669, No – 0, Absent – 58

Absent: Supervisor Ireland

Chairman Wilcox declared Local Law #1 of 2017 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #124-17

FIXING 2018 SALARIES FOR CHENANGO COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

The Personnel Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Personnel Officer have prepared a Compensation Schedule for salaries and wages for County Supervisors and Chenango County Officers and employees paid in accordance with the Compensation Schedule for the fiscal year 2018 and the same has been presented to and considered by the members of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has recommended the fixing of such salaries and wages in accordance with such Schedule,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the above described Compensation Schedule be and hereby is approved and the several salaries and wages respectfully specified for the Chenango County Compensation Schedule for the year 2018 and for longevity earned at anniversary, be and hereby are fixed and established as the compensation for said officers and employees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to modify the 2018 Tentative Budget to cover the provisions of the above-referenced Compensation Schedule and change in Supervisors salary, and be it further

RESOLVED, That in the event a vacancy occurs in an appointive position on the Compensation Schedule after its adoption, the salary of a new appointee shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors authorized to make such appointment.

Seconded by Supervisor Outwater and duly adopted.

Absent: Supervisor Ireland (Supervisor Seneck arrived during discussion of this proposed Resolution.)

Prior to the adoption of Resolution #125-17 Supervisor Grace stated that he asked to have this resolution pulled from the packet simply because the procedure in place for the annual Compensation Schedule resolution differs from regular procedure. He asked if the process must occur this way. Mr. Grace commented that the salaries will be public once they are approved. He asked why they aren't made public before that time.

Mr. Gordon said that the distinction he would draw is that committees may discuss rehire salaries in open session as there are no names attached to the position at the time of that discussion. He said that if a supervisor were to object to a particular salary within the compensation schedule today that would require an Executive Session as there are names attached to each proposed salary.

Mr. Gordon said that he believes this is the prudent way to handle this situation. Mr. Grace asked if it would be possible to provide a schedule without names attached to the positions. Mr. Gordon said that the names would still be known. Mr. Grace asked if the compensation schedule must be approved this way or if it could be done openly. Mr. Gordon remained firm that we are handling this in the most prudent manner.

Mr. Flanagan asked if Mr. Grace is asking that the compensation schedule salaries be made public prior to the Resolution being offered to the full Board. Mr. Grace said yes.

Mr. Brown asked how this is different from public discussions of the budget. He noted that the proposed budgets include salaries. Mr. Gordon said that potential discussions in regard to an individual's job performance or a specific situation is the issue. Mr. Brown asked if a supervisor could ask a question about a specific salary in open session. Mr. Gordon said no. He said he would prefer that be handled in Executive Session.

Mr. Flanagan said that he believes this is a Local Law. He asked if this will sit for 30 days or take effect now. Mr. Woodford explained that the Local Law is a subset of the compensation schedule for certain Elected and Appointed Officials only.

Executive Session:

Mr. McNeil made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss particular individuals and salaries within the compensation schedule.

Mr. Khoury seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Starr made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

Dr. Wansor seconded the motion.

Carried.

RESOLUTION #125-17P

**DECLARING VEHICLE SURPLUS – LT. WARREN E. EATON/
CHENANGO COUNTY AIRPORT**

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors hereby declares a 2007 Chevy Impala, VIN #2G1WS55R079353324, surplus, and that said vehicle is authorized to be sold by competitive bid at a future surplus equipment sale.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #126-17P

CALLING PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS – FIRST TIME
HOMEBUYER VII – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby authorizes publication of legal notices for a Public Hearing, as required by the New York State Office of Homes & Community Renewal and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Grants, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the second, project-specific public hearing for the First Time Homebuyer VII CDBG grant program, shall be held August 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #127-17P

AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EVOLUTION JETS
FOR OFFICE SPACE AT LT. WARREN E. EATON/ CHENANGO
COUNTY AIRPORT

The Planning & Economic Development Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Evolution Jets has requested a one-year lease of a 10'x12' office in the Administration Building at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/ Chenango County Airport, including use of bathroom, kitchen and lounge, and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Planning & Economic Development has recommended a monthly lease cost of \$400.00, including utilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to sign, on behalf of the County of Chenango, a one-year lease agreement with Evolution Jets for a 10'x12' office in the Administration Building at the Lt. Warren E. Eaton/ Chenango County Airport, including utilities, as well as use of bathroom, kitchen and lounge, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said lease shall be \$400.00 per month.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #128-17P

DECLARING EIGHT (8) FEDERAL SECTION 5311 VEHICLES
SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR DISPOSAL – MASS
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Public Works Committee offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Chenango has been advised by Chenango County Public Transit that eight (8) buses purchased through the Federal Section 5311 Program have been or will be retired from service, and

WHEREAS, as per the requirements of grant funding for Section 5311 vehicles, the County of Chenango and Chenango County Public Transit will need to notify the New York State Department of Transportation that they desire to dispose of said vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to dispose of these vehicles by auction,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That upon written notification from the New York State Department of Transportation, authorizing the disposal of the following vehicles:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN Number</u>	<u>Type</u>
2004	International	3200	1HVBTA FM94H652200	Eldorado Aerolite

2004	International	3200	1HVBTA04H652201	Eldorado Aerolite
2007	Ford	E450	1FDXE45P67DA27067	Eldorado Aerotech
2007	Ford	E450	1FDXE45P87DA27068	Eldorado Aerotech
2007	Ford	E450	1FDXE45PX7DA27069	Eldorado Aerotech
2007	Ford	E450	1FDXE45P67DA27070	Eldorado Aerotech
2007	Ford	E450	1FDXE45P87DA27071	Eldorado Aerotech
2007	Ford	E450	1FDXE45PX7DA27072	Eldorado Aerotech

RESOLVED, That the proceeds of the sale of these vehicles, if authorized by the New York State Department of Transportation, be credited to Revenue Account #A2665 – Sale of Equipment, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the proceeds of the sale of these vehicles be transferred from Revenue Account #A2665 to Appropriation Account #A6311.21 – Equipment (Mass Transportation Services) to be used for improvements to the County’s Mass Transportation Program.

Seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Results of a Roll Call vote on the Preferred Agenda were: Yes – 1568, No – 0, Absent – 159

Absent: Supervisors Ireland and Seneck

Chairman Wilcox declared the Preferred Agenda Resolutions duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #129-17

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Supervisor Raymond offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this Board has accepted a report of the General, Welfare and Highway bills and claims for the month of June 2017 against Chenango County in the amount of \$ 3,179,861.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the acts and audits of the Chenango County Auditor, in relation thereto, are approved by this Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain other expenditures, as reported by the Chenango County Treasurer, in the amount of \$2,530,113.21, are accepted and made a part of the following summary.

GENERAL:

Bills & Claims	\$1,464,562.36		
Supervisors' Salaries		\$ 40,659.25	
Certified Payroll		\$1,058,565.79	
Sheriff Payroll		\$ 639,137.91	
Social Svcs. Payroll		\$ 487,879.14	
Self-insurance Payroll & Disbursements	\$ 1,189.44	\$ 3,091.56	
			\$3,695,085.45

HIGHWAY:

Co. Rd. Bills & Claims	\$ 617,787.87		
Co. Rd. Pay & Mach. Rentals	\$ 318,913.09	\$254,116.85	
Rd. Mach. Bills & Claims	\$ 76,983.16		
Rd. Machinery Payrolls		\$ 46,662.71	
			\$ 1,314,463.68

WELFARE:

Day Care	\$ 35,312.26		
Administration	\$ 135,098.28		
Preston Manor	\$ 25,833.41		
Svcs. for Recipients	\$ 40,626.30		
Medical	\$ 2,697.13		
Special Needs	\$ --		
Family Assistance	\$ 169,146.55		
Child Care	\$ 212,737.60		
J.D. Care	\$ 826.02		
Pmt. to State Schools	\$ --		
Safety Net	\$ 76,497.75		
HEAP	\$ --		
Burials	\$ --		
EEA	\$ 1,650.00		\$ 700,425.30

TOTALS	\$3,179,861.22	\$2,530,113.21
TOTAL BILLS & CLAIMS FOR June 2017		\$ 5, 709,974.43
TOTAL BILLS & CLAIMS TO DATE		\$27,862,583.70

Seconded by Supervisor Seneck and duly adopted.
Absent: Supervisor Ireland

SPEAKERS

Bette Osborne, Commissioner, Department of Social Services 2016 Annual Report

Commissioner Osborne thanked everyone, particularly the Health & Human Services Committee, for supporting her throughout the last fourteen years. She also thanked her staff for their hard work and support as well.

Ms. Osborne mentioned the various units within Social Services and the functions handled by those particular units.

The Commissioner noted that Foster Care numbers have risen in recent years due to the opioid crisis. She explained that the primary goal for Foster Care is the return of the child to their home. Ms. Osborne said in some cases that is just not possible. She mentioned the increase in the Adoption caseload. Ms. Osborne reviewed the Foster Care/Adoption classes given by members of her staff to individuals wishing to become foster care or adoptive parents.

Commissioner Osborne mentioned the readjustment of the staffing levels within the department's various units. She noted that this has been done to address the shifts in caseload size.

Ms. Osborne mentioned that the total cash assistance caseload dropped by 12 percent in 2016. She said that the number of homeless situations has increased.

Commissioner Osborne said that the SNAP program has decreased by over 500 cases in this county alone since 2015. She said that decrease began with the implementation of employment requirements. Ms. Osborne said that the cost to monitor these work requirements is only reimbursed to the county at a rate of 50% as opposed to the usual 100% reimbursement rate received for SNAP benefits.

Ms. Osborne said that the number of Medicaid personnel at DSS has been decreased by almost 50% of its original number. She said that employees have either been transferred or lost through attrition. She said that there is no indication from the state as to when they will complete the takeover of the Medicaid program.

Commissioner Osborne said that they were pleased to see that revenues exceeded expectations at Preston Manor in 2016.

Supervisor Flanagan thanked Ms. Osborne for sending out her report a couple of weeks in advance. He said that it is always helpful to have time to review the information before the Commissioner gives her report.

Mr. Flanagan said that he continues to be confused by the Medicaid takeover. He said he thought it was supposed to be over with by now. Supervisor Flanagan asked what it really means for our county and if our employees are now performing the same tasks that state employees are performing. Ms. Osborne said that our local DSS does have local people doing the same tasks as certain state employees but they are doing those tasks for different types of cases. She said that the state has taken over about half of the cases in the county. She said they do the ongoing maintenance, collect the spenddown amounts, etc. The Commissioner said that the state has taken over the "easy" cases however; the cases with fixed incomes and the cases that involve very few changes throughout the year. She said that the state has not taken over the cases requiring more in-depth review or time. Ms. Osborne said that she believes that the state is awaiting federal decisions regarding the Affordable Care Act before they continue the Medicaid takeover process. She said that everything is on hold at this time.

Supervisor Flanagan mentioned the drastic decrease in the cost of Indigent Burials. Ms. Osborne mentioned the revisions made to the Indigent Burial policy over the last couple of years. She said that they were hoping to create a policy that would be helping the truly needy in our county.

Mr. Flanagan asked about daycare costs. He asked what the Federal Poverty Level is at this time. Ms. Osborne said she doesn't have that information off the top of her head; there is a chart. She mentioned that the county's daycare appropriations were cut a

few years ago. She said Chenango County's eligibility for daycare assistance was at 200% of the Federal Poverty level. Ms. Osborne stated that we reduced our eligibility level to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level due to funding cuts. Ms. Osborne said that the staff at DSS has tracked the daycare caseload closely and none of the individuals who lost their daycare assistance due to the reduction in our eligibility guidelines re-entered the cash assistance caseload. She said this change was beneficial to the county as it would have been forced to spend local share dollars to pay the additional daycare costs.

Supervisor Jeffrey asked if Commissioner Osborne would say that DSS has been spending a lesser local share amount over the years. Ms. Osborne said she believes it is a little bit less; not a huge amount. She said that they don't look for the huge gains, they look for the small ones and then endeavor to keep those up over time.

Supervisor McNeil confirmed that Preston Manor is a 48 bed facility. He asked if Ms. Osborne would need additional staff in order to fill Preston Manor to capacity. Ms. Osborne said she hasn't looked into it very thoroughly but she knows that the state has specific staffing requirements based on bed count. She said that Preston Manor's new Administrator just wrote a grant to apply for funding for an elevator for the facility.

Supervisor Brown said that almost a hundred million dollars was spent on Medicaid in 2016. He said that there are approximately 5,000 people receiving Medicaid benefits at this time. Mr. Brown said that the county share of the 2016 cost was almost sixteen million dollars. He noted that Medicaid is basically one of the top ten businesses in Chenango County.

Supervisor Brown said that our President's wife has a \$51,000 evening gown and at the same time this country has kids that go to bed hungry. He asked the Commissioner what she thinks the level of child hunger is in this county. Ms. Osborne said that our school districts have indicated that use of free or reduced lunch programs has been increasing. Mr. Brown said that the thought of a kid going to bed hungry is disturbing. Ms. Osborne said that she will try to pull together some county specific information for Supervisor Brown.

Mr. Grace asked if Ms. Osborne feels that there is actually a lesser need for SNAP benefits or if the reduction in this county is simply due to the recently implemented work requirements. Ms. Osborne explained that a SNAP case actually belongs to the parents and not the children in the household. She said that if a parent refuses to comply with employment requirements it affects the amount of SNAP benefits received by the entire household and therefore has an effect on the kids. Ms. Osborne stated that every member of her staff is a mandated child abuse/neglect reporter. She said if an employee feels that a parent's refusal to comply with work requirements adversely affects their child's ability to eat properly then they will call the hotline and make a report. Ms. Osborne noted that years ago there was a huge push from the federal government to sign people up for SNAP benefits; that sort of push hasn't occurred in some time now. Supervisor Grace confirmed that Ms. Osborne doesn't believe that there is a lesser need for SNAP benefits, just fewer people taking advantage of the program. Ms. Osborne said that is her opinion, yes.

Supervisor Khoury said he doesn't believe it is appropriate to demonize people who question the effectiveness of these programs. He said that such an approach stifles debate and/or discussion of the effectiveness of departmental programming. Mr. Khoury asked if these social services programs are, in fact, temporary or if they could go on indefinitely. Ms. Osborne explained that while federal reimbursement for benefits issued goes away after a period of time, New York State is one of the only states requiring a Safety Net program. She said that once a family uses up its eligibility for TANF (federally funded) benefits they can then be eligible for Safety Net benefits which have no time limit. She explained that Safety Net is a restricted type of benefit where bills are paid directly to landlords and utility companies (where possible) as opposed to issuing cash to the client.

Supervisor Williams asked if there is any information that the Commissioner could send to the individual towns to promote participation in Foster Care parenting. Ms. Osborne said that she will be happy to provide that information to each town. She noted that they have another class scheduled for this fall. Mr. Williams noted that there is apparently a real need for more Foster Care parents. Dr. Wansor asked if Ms. Osborne could publicize the need for Foster Care parents in the newspaper. Ms. Osborne said they do advertise in the newspapers currently.

Chairman Wilcox thanked Commissioner Osborne for her hard work and the report.

**Steve Craig, President & CEO, Commerce Chenango
2016 Annual Report**

Mr. Craig said that his office is actually comprised of four entities with four different Mission Statements. He said that Commerce Chenango is the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Craig said that they also have Development Chenango Corporation which is a private not for profit Local Development Corporation. He said that they also have the Chenango County Industrial Development Agency.

Mr. Craig said that all four entities sort of overlap. He said that he has worked over the past few years to come up with a statement that encompasses the overall intent of all four entities in his office:

“Commerce Chenango is here to increase the number and the size of paychecks that are earned, spent and invested in Chenango County. Integrating job creation, education and community development is the baseline for everything you’ll read about in this report, and for our activities underway in 2017.”

Mr. Craig said that they began meeting with Senator Akshar right after the election. He said that one of the areas of focus has been Workers’ Compensation. Mr. Craig noted that Senator Akshar is one of the “Great Eight” which is a group of young senators who really want to make a difference for New York. He said that this was Commerce Chenango’s big push advocacy wise because they think it could make a big difference for many.

Mr. Craig compared Economic Development to the layers of a cake with the following areas being the different layers:

Infrastructure:

Railroad, Airport, Natural Gas, Broadband, Electricity

Education:

Partnerships with BOCES, Morrisville, Individual School Districts, etc.

Arts, Recreation, Housing:

Mr. Craig said that their Tourism function supports arts and recreation in the county all year long. He said the only thing they don’t normally deal with is housing as it is not really their purview. Mr. Craig said that housing is a big issue here, however, and worth mentioning.

Mr. Craig stated that Commerce Chenango attempts to provide incentives to generate investments which will at some level create or retain jobs in Chenango County. Mr. Craig mentioned a parking lot effort for Raymond and projects with Golden Artists Colors and Chobani. He noted that there are two PILOT agreements currently in place in the Town of Columbus,

Mr. Craig commented that the New York Susquehanna Railroad project is the largest project the Chenango County IDA has ever done and it involved rail revitalization, washout repair, drainage upgrades, signage, etc.

Mr. Craig mentioned Mr. Palmatier’s transition from Natural Gas Consultant to Economic Development Consultant. He noted Mr. Palmatier’s role in finding a solution to the lack of natural gas for companies in Norwich, Oxford and South New Berlin. Mr. Craig said that the major thrust for his initiative has been led by Otsego County. He said that the intent is to get the Public Service Commission to lean on NYSEG to provide a larger supply of pipeline natural gas. Mr. Craig noted that the Constitution Pipeline would have made the solution simple but that is on hold. He commented that Norwich Pharmaceuticals, Alvogen, Kerry, United Health Services and SUNY Oneonta were all forced to switch to more expensive fuel sources during times of high demand.

Mr. Craig discussed Outdoor recreation in regard to the use of our state lands and the county’s rivers. He stated that Destination Chenango is the campaign they are using for all of their print publications this year.

Mr. Craig said they try to support the needs of the local employers but they also want to expose young folks to the job opportunities in Chenango County. He mentioned job fairs and entrepreneurship programs that Commerce Chenango has participated in.

Mr. Craig mentioned the opportunities for Solar Energy in Chenango County. He stated that this is a complicated issue right now. Mr. Craig mentioned a potential project for the Town of Norwich which hinges upon the determination of how much tax will be assessed and how much of a tax break the IDA can furnish. He said that the assessors do not agree on the process to use and there is a very complicated formula involved. Mr. Craig said that they do not wish to set a precedent that won’t end up being favorable. He said that they are awaiting industry direction on the correct calculations to use so that Chenango Count is able to set its own policy.

Airport Business Park:

Mr. Craig said that the IDA incubator building is being leased until at least 02/28/18. He mentioned that Chentronix is in the process of buying the Norwich Aero building. Mr. Craig said that Commerce Chenango will (at some point) have to market the incubator building.

Leadership Chenango:

Mr. Craig noted that this is an attempt to familiarize folks having leadership potential with the opportunities and challenges of solving problems in non-profit organizations, governments and businesses. Mr. Craig mentioned the United Way’s new thrust for the working poor.

Mr. Craig stated that they are required to create a written report every year. He said that has been placed in all of the supervisors mailboxes. Mr. Craig said that other mandated reports are also available online. He said that those include a more granular level of detail.

Supervisor Heisler said that he is a little confused regarding the housing issue. He said that after spending forty years in the industry he knows that you don't built a house on speculation. Mr. Heisler said that you have to have someone to buy the house before you build it. He said that in this day and age you can't build a housing development and hope people who can afford the houses will come. Mr. Craig said that his point was that people may choose a place other than Chenango County to live and work; a place where the houses already exist. Mr. Heisler said that he recently attended a meeting where everyone involved was clamoring over the inability to get people to work. He said that this is quite a dichotomy and he doesn't envy Mr. Craig's task. Mr. Craig mentioned that when NBT is looking for someone to fill a position they don't just look in Chenango County. He said that the question becomes what would be available here to someone who might be interested in taking an available position. Mr. Heisler asked why the jobs aren't being filled. Mr. Craig said that there is a mismatch between what local available employees are able to do and what the employers need to have done.

Supervisor Brown said that we spent six million dollars on the railroad. He asked if anyone is interested in using it. Mr. Craig said that he had a meeting last week. He said that he will be setting up meetings with prospective clients and businesses that have used the railroad in the past. Mr. Craig said that there are definitely people who want to utilize the railroad. Mr. Brown asked if we will soon see trains going up and down the tracks. Mr. Craig said it depends if you define a train as three cars or 15 cars. Mr. Brown said that he doesn't know if he cares how many cars there are if the people are stopping in this county to do business.

Supervisor Brown asked about the company interested in the 27 million dollar solar project. He said they are coming to us saying that they will spend 27 million dollars but they don't want to pay taxes because that amount is too much. Mr. Brown asked how this situation differs from a scenario where he wanted to build a 27 million dollar factory but didn't want to pay taxes. Mr. Craig said that is what they are trying to nail down. He said the reason these solar farms exist at all is because of Federal Tax Credits. He said you cannot apply normal economics to solar projects because at the end of the project they aren't worth anything. Mr. Brown said that he understands that but now we are telling the IDA they should become involved. He asked why that is. Supervisor Brown said that the 88 acres proposed for the solar project is paying taxes right now and the interested company wants a 15 year exemption. Mr. Craig said they want a 30 year exemption. Real Property Tax Director Stephen Harris said that the law states it is a 15 year exemption. Mr. Brown said that is why the company wants the IDA's involvement then. Mr. Craig said that New York State could save a lot of these problems by educating its assessors and providing some guidance.

Supervisor Flanagan said they are asking for a PILOT agreement, not a reduction in the assessment. Director Harris said that this type of project does lean more toward a utility valuation. He said that the IDA has more of an income based type of approach. He said at the state level there has been some concern because solar and wind projects are different from standard utilities. Mr. Harris said that there will be changes coming down the road.

Mr. Brown said that he understands that the solar industry has found itself in a strange predicament. He said they want to be treated like an industry instead of what they are. Mr. Brown said that he is all in favor of solar energy but these companies should be willing to pay. Mr. Craig said that he doesn't believe anyone is getting rich off of solar projects.

Mr. Flanagan said the question for this county is whether we want to participate in these solar energy projects or not. He said that the Governor is going to subsidize these solar projects. Supervisor Flanagan said this is going to happen and the question for us is if we want to play or not.

Mr. Craig said that the other thorny issue is the effect that something like this could have on the individual Equalization Rates of the various towns. Supervisor Jeffrey agreed with that.

Supervisor Grace said that benefits will flow to our county residents from solar projects. Mr. Craig said that this power company has to sign up 5,000 customers. He said that, as the IDA, they are a public benefit corporation so they have to calculate the public benefit of any proposed project. Mr. Craig mentioned that 5,000 customers would receive a 10% reduction in the cost of their power for 30 years. He said the question is the cost benefit analysis. Mr. Craig said that the benefits associated with solar projects are very diffuse and spread out.

Mr. Brown asked if the state will be appraising these projects. Mr. Harris said probably in some instances or communities. Mr. Brown asked if they are valuing these projects the way they value a utility. Mr. Harris said that such a project would be in the utility section of the tax roll. Mr. Brown said that this is a great project with a great idea that can be all screwed up because someone wants to make a lot of money.

Supervisor Khoury mentioned the layered cake example that Mr. Craig used in his PowerPoint presentation. He said that as far as Infrastructure goes the Chamber's philosophy is that "if we build it they will come". Mr. Khoury asked if we aren't missing an important layer here. He mentioned the importance of a low cost business friendly environment. Supervisor Khoury said that NYS is not doing well in terms of bringing in new businesses. He said that the people who really want to invest don't want to

deal with New York's business environment. Mr. Khoury asked what we are doing as a Chamber to change the environment that has put us at the bottom of the list as far as job creation. Mr. Craig mentioned the focus they put on the advocacy for changes in Workers' Compensation regulations this past year. He said he believes that type of methodology is what they will be using moving forward to advocate for changes. Mr. Craig also mentioned the need for professional lobbyists to get anything done in Albany.

Supervisor Khoury said he is just wondering if we are having any luck with our Elected Officials. Mr. Craig said that our elected officials are on our side. He mentioned the banding of the eight freshman Senators who banded together to get the attention of the influential senators in Albany.

Supervisor Grace said that we have spent 5.8 million on the railroad in total; 5.7 million of public money with less than \$100,000 of private funding. Mr. Grace asked Mr. Craig's opinion of those percentages. Mr. Craig said that he believes we got a really good deal. He said that if you look at past development this is the way it is done.

Chairman Wilcox thanked Mr. Craig for the report.

PROPOSED CHENANGO COUNTY SHARED SERVICES REAL PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PLAN

Chairman Wilcox mentioned the proposal for the Chenango County Real Property Tax Savings plan. He said this will be acted upon on August 14, 2017. He encouraged anyone who has any questions or concerns to contact the office.

REMINDERS

Mr. Woodford said that some of the instructions that came out of the Board of Elections with the nominating petitions may have contained an erroneous deadline date for submission. Mr. Woodford said that he has been informed that the actual deadline date is July 13th at 5pm, NOT July 14th, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors to be held in the Supervisors' Chambers at 10:30 a.m. on August 14, 2017.