#### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APRIL 22, 2015

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman James E. Eisel, Sr. presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Mr. Hynes.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Mr. Dolph led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Clerk noted that all communications received have been referred to their respective committees for review.

Mr. Dolph conveyed his appreciation to Mr. Marshfield for including his wife, Terri, in the last Board meeting's opening prayer and to county employees and community members for their prayers, cards and calls of get well wishes. This outpouring of kindness is just one of the many reasons he and his family find living in a small community so rewarding.

Chairman Eisel noted that Mr. Hynes had a surgical procedure and was doing very well. He indicated in a recent conversation with him that he hopes to be back very soon. A get well card for Mr. Hynes was passed around.

Chairman Eisel granted privilege of the floor to Commissioner of Social Services Dana Scuderi-Hunter who presented Rhonda Terry as Employee of the Month.

Mrs. Terry began her employment with the county as a Welfare Examiner with the Department of Social Services in 1998. In 1999, she was promoted to Program Specialist and to her current position of Third Party Resource Specialist in 2011. As a Third Party Resource Specialist, she ensures clients are enrolled in the applicable specialty areas of Medicaid and is one of the department's Certified Application Counselors.

Commissioner Scuderi-Hunter stated that she is proud to introduce Mrs. Terry as Employee of the Month. Mrs. Terry is always willing to tackle the challenges and changes that are a reality of the department with a sense of humor and dedication. Her passion for what she does is evident in her ability to master the requirements of the position while being a supportive co-worker and showing genuine kindness and compassion toward the individuals the department works with.

This year, Mrs. Terry spearheaded the department's effort to enroll all eligible incarcerated individuals in the Medicaid program. This effort will help decrease medical costs to the county when inmates are hospitalized during their incarceration and to quickly activate their Medicaid coverage when they are released from jail. The department depends on Mrs. Terry's expertise to resolve the managed care and Medicaid issues that arise regularly.

Commissioner Scuderi-Hunter noted that Mrs. Terry is a valuable asset to the department and thanked her for her outstanding performance.

Commissioner Scuderi-Hunter presented Mrs. Terry with a \$50.00 check. Chairman Eisel presented her with the Certificate of Employee of the Month and thanked her for her dedicated service.

Chairman Eisel granted privilege of the floor to Mr. Triolo. Mr. Triolo introduced Director of Economic Development Glenn Nealis to provide an update on Economic Development's Small Business Promotion.

Mr. Nealis stated that Vecc Videography, a Delaware County business, has produced a series of videos interviewing local businesses. The series called *Entrepreneur Zone* currently features over twenty videos of the area's small businesses. The promotion is possible through funding from the Delaware County Local Development Corporation.

The videos provide an opportunity for local small business owners to tell their story and speak of their initial challenges and the resources and alliances that have helped them in navigating the start-up and growth process. The videos will serve as a promotional tool to market this area to second homeowners and visitors as a region that is supportive of small business development and offers a wide variety of opportunities for entrepreneurs. Additionally, the videos will encourage local entrepreneurs to act on their business ideas and to educate local high school students to the business opportunities and support that is available locally. The videos are available on the Delaware County Economic Development website and its Facebook page as well as collaborating organizations throughout the region.

Two *Entrepreneur Zone* videos, Greentree Home Candles in Hobart NY and John Houshmand's Furniture and Design Firm and Horse Hay business in Hobart, NY were viewed.

Chairman Eisel thanked Mr. Nealis for sharing the videos commenting that the video series does a fantastic job demonstrating that the county provides tremendous opportunity for the development of new small business in beautiful and rural Delaware County.

Chairman Eisel granted privilege of the floor to Chamber of Commerce Director Executive Director Mary Beth Silano and Executive Director of the Catskill Center Allan White to discuss the Catskill Park Coalition.

As President of the Catskill Association for Tourism, Ms. Silano addressed the Board in regards to a collaborative effort by multiple organizations in the Catskill Mountains. The Catskill Park Advisory Committee is asking the New York State Legislators to include a \$4 million line item annually, out of the New York State Environmental Protections Fund (EPF), to support the Catskill Park. She pointed out that a significant amount of funding goes to the Adirondack Park and the Advisory Committee is advocating that the Catskill Park receive the same recognition.

Mr. White explained that New York State has substantial funds in the EPF to fund the Catskill Park. An economic assessment of public land established that 1.7 million people come to the Catskills spending about \$46 million a year. The Advisory Committee sees the public access land as a tremendous economic resource to the county and believes the reason the Catskill Park has not received its fair amount of funding is because no one has been asking. Each year

representatives of the Catskill Park Coalition go to Albany requesting funding for the Catskill Park with a focus on realistic upgrades. Park upgrades include, new or improved parking areas, stream crossings, new or enhanced trails and additional signage and for the marketing and advertising of the park. The Advisory Committee is asking for the Board's support in their effort to request a dedicated stream of funding for the Catskill Park. He pointed out that New York State pays taxes on the land but the committee believes the state has a responsibility to be better stewards of their land and to work with the municipalities to promote new opportunities for economic gain.

Mr. White noted that Green, Sullivan and Ulster counties have passed resolutions in support of adequate funding and asked that Delaware County consider doing the same.

He noted that the coalition was very successful this year with the support of our senators in obtaining \$500,000.

Mr. Merrill stated that the Town of Colchester has land inside the Blue Line; terminology used to explain property within the Catskill Park. He noted that his town has already passed a resolution in support of the Catskill Park Coalition's efforts and agrees New York State should be funding park upgrades and marketing. Mr. Donnelly noted that the Town of Andes also has land inside the Blue Line and passed a resolution. Ms. Miller said the Town of Middletown also has land inside the Blue Line and passed a resolution. She asked that the remaining towns and the Board of Supervisors support the three towns in the Blue Line by passing a similar resolution.

Mr. Taggart expressed a concern also shared by Mr. Donnelly that the land acquisition portion of the financial breakdown, purchasing of land for the Catskill Park, should be decided upon by the elected officials of the towns the property is located in, as they are answerable to their residents. He noted that he is in support of equal funding.

Mr. White explained that land acquisition is not the primary focus of the Coalition. There may be a need to acquire access parcels to establish a better connection between public land and municipalities but those acquisitions would be to create a better tourism experience. The focus at this time is primarily on stewardship, enhancing trails, parking areas and signage aimed at providing a better outdoor experience. He noted that the decision to purchase land would not be made by the Advisory Committee but the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Chairman Eisel stated that \$1 million a year could purchase a lot of land. He understands and appreciates that Delaware County is a viable place for tourism but is opposed to more land acquisition. He felt that the three towns within the park should have the right to decide upon an acquisition. Mr. White noted that a Public Access Plan was written in 1999 but due to a lack of funding was never implemented. The Advisory Committee is proposing a comprehensive planning process of city and state lands be done in order to determine the best-shared use of the 500,000 public access acres.

In answer to Mr. Axtell, Mr. Allen explained that "Forever Wild" was not intended to mean non-use. He referred to the three categories: wilderness, wild forest and intensive use and provided a sampling of the types of activities that could be enjoyed in each category. The challenge is creating new ways to enhance the tourism experience while respecting conservation concerns.

Ms. Silano noted that the Catskill Park is a \$90 million economic impact for Delaware County.

In reply to Mr. Ellis, Mr. White explained that the best way to ensure that Delaware County receives its fair share is to be part of the planning process that will kick off this year. It is important to have a good representation in order to develop a plan that meets the needs of all the towns in the Blue Line.

Chairman Eisel thanked Ms. Silano and Mr. White for their efforts to enhance the county's economic resources through the upgrade and promotion of the Catskill Park.

Mr. Spaccaforno offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 70**

#### TITLE: 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 23-11 the sum of \$14,438.00 was received and made available to the District Attorney's Office to assist in the prosecution of offenses committed under New York State Penal Law Article 265 which deals with the possession of certain illegal weapons; and

WHEREAS, there is currently still available the sum of \$7,508.02; and

**WHEREAS,** the District Attorney is in need of a multi-media projector and computer for the DWI prosecutor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following transfer be authorized:

#### FROM:

10-11165-54465000/1165002/964 Miscellaneous

\$1,032.99

#### TO:

10-11165-52200000/1165002/964 Equipment

\$1,032.99

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Tuthill and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 71**

#### TITLE: 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT SUMMER YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM YOUTH BUREAU

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services is the designated local agency to administer the Summer Youth Training Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be cost effective to have the Youth Bureau administer the Summer Youth Training Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding will be used for summer youth employment, training, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the expenditures will be 100% reimbursed by the Department of Social Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2015 Budget be amended as follows:

#### **INCREASE REVENUES:**

10-17310-41128901	Other General Dept Inc Other Depts	\$62,129.00

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

10-17310-51000000	Personal Services Exp-YB	\$50,400.00
10-17310-58100000	State Retirement	5,000.00
10-17310-58300000	Social Security Employer Contribution	3,125.00
10-17310-58400000	Workers Compensation	2,873.00
10-17310-58900000	Medicare Employer Contribution	731.00

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Miller and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Triolo offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 72**

# TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE NYSDOS AND ESTABLISH ACCOUNTS TO DEVELOP A VOLUNTARY STREAM CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE TAILWATERS OF THE DELAWARE RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/WATERSHED AFFAIRS

**WHEREAS,** the Towns and Villages of Colchester, Deposit, Hancock, and Friends of the Upper Delaware River have formed the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition whose mission is "to develop and implement science-based initiatives and policies that enhance the local economy, the cold water fishery and mitigate flooding in the Upper Delaware River and Tailwaters;" and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated funding for stream work related to flooding, fishing and recreation in the upper Delaware River and Tailwaters is essentially nonexistent; and

**WHEREAS**, there is important need to develop a SCMP to provide the basis for future funding of projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County has been awarded a New York State Department of State Grant to Develop a Voluntary Stream Corridor Management Plan (SCMP), Contract No. C1000519 in the amount of \$73,954.00; and

WHEREAS, the required in-kind match and commitments are in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Study of the Tailwaters demonstrated the economic value of the fishery and recreational activities exceeds \$400 million over twenty years to affected communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Oquaga Creek (whose headwaters are in Broome County) flows through the Village of Deposit creating high risks to the Village and critical infrastructure during high water events and therefore will be included in the SCMP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into contract with the NYSDOS for contract No. C1000519; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the 2015 budget be amended as follows:

#### **INCREASE REVENUES:**

10-18741-43358901/8740035/900 NYSDOS

\$73,954.00

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

10-18741-54327200/8740035/900 Contractual Services

\$73,954.00

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Molé and Ms. Miller and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Axtell offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 73**

### TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### **LETTING OF MARCH 6, 2015**

**WHEREAS,** notice to bidders has been made, and proposals received, having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents have been approved by the County Attorney.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Department of Emergency Services is authorized to make award to the bidder meeting the specifications for the Delaware County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan update with annexes and revisions.

PROPOSAL: CEMP Update with Annexes & Revisions:

Contingency Management Consulting Group, LLC 5000 Ritter Road, Suite 202

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Bid Price: \$47,568.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes.

Director of Emergency Services Steve Hood stated in answer to Mr. Taggart that the lowest bidder did not meet the evaluation criteria outlined in the request for proposal.

In answer to Chairman Eisel, Mr. Hood noted that the consulting group would take the county's existing CEMP and rework it.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 74**

### TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS - DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### **LETTING OF APRIL 9, 2015**

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents having been approved by the County Attorney:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is authorized to make awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 28-15 Purchase of Medium Duty Service Truck: Robert Green

Truck Division, Route 17 East, Exit 107, Monitcello, NY

12701

Bid Price: \$80,049.00

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Rowe noted that this was a budgeted piece of equipment and explained that based on the department's usage experience, needs and specifications the higher bidder was chosen. The lowest bid did not fully meet the bid specifications.

In answer to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Rowe noted that a medium duty truck is about 26 thousand-pound vehicle.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 75**

### TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS - DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### **LETTING OF APRIL 9, 2015**

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents having been approved by the County Attorney:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is authorized to make awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 29-15 Purchase of 35,000 Pound Service Truck: Tracey Road

Equipment, Inc., 1523 Rt. 11 North, Kirkwood, NY 13795

Bid Price: \$147,467.00

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes and Mr. Spaccaforno.

Mr. Rowe noted that this is a budgeted piece of equipment and the lowest bidder met the bid specifications and department usage.

Commissioner of Public Works Wayne Reynolds stated in answer to Mr. Marshfield that the new truck is 4-wheel drive. The crane and compressor from the existing truck will be used on the new truck. The existing truck is about 12 years old and will be declared surplus and auctioned off.

In answer to Mr. Taggart, Commissioner Reynolds noted that this vehicle is replacing a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 76**

### TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS - DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**LETTING OF APRIL 9, 2015** 

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents having been approved by the County Attorney:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is authorized to make awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 30-15 Purchase of Single Axle Dump Truck: Ben Funk Inc., 3609

Rte 9, Hudson, NY 12534

Bid Price: \$155,652.37

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Rowe stated that the lowest bidder did not meet the rear axle specifications outlined in the bid.

In answer to Mr. Taggart, Commissioner Reynolds noted that the vehicle has a stainless steel box.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 77**

### TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS - DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### **LETTING OF APRIL 9, 2015**

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents having been approved by the County Attorney:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is authorized to make awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 31-15 Purchase of Used Bucket Truck: Altec NUECO, LLC.,

1210 Midwood Court, Bel Air, MD 21014

Bid Price: \$94,900.00

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Rowe explained that the department went to Alabama to research this purchase, noting that this type of vehicle has specific mandates as far as inspection and maintenance. Altec NUECO, LLC is offering a 30-year guarantee in writing with the requirement that they handle all maintenance and repairs. The company has offered a verbal lifetime guarantee based on the same commitment. He pointed out that based on the build dates of the truck and the bucket it appears that models are from two different years but they were actually built in the same year.

Commissioner Reynolds stated in reply to Chairman Eisel that Altec NUECO, LLC was the only bid received.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Commissioner Reynolds said that the old bucket truck was sold.

Commissioner Reynolds stated in answer to Mr. Pigford, that the company is located in Alabama however, there is a dealership in Pennsylvania that retains a representative serving the Southern-Tier New York area that is within an hour of Delaware County.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Rowe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 78**

### TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS - DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### **LETTING OF APRIL 9, 2015**

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents having been approved by the County Attorney:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is authorized to make awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 27-15 Purchase of New Self-Propelled Broom: Tracey Road

Equipment, Inc., 6803 Manlius Center Rd., East Syracuse,

NY 13057

Bid Price: \$44,750.00

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Rowe said that this is a budget item.

Commissioner Reynolds explained in answer to Mr. Taggart, that the county's shared service agreement with the municipalities allows the option to either trade services for equal value or bill a municipality directly for the services provided. The Department of Public Works (DPW) prefers to trade for equal value.

In answer to Chairman Eisel, Commissioner Reynolds noted that the county has four self-propelled brooms that can be used by the municipalities.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Mr. Triolo offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 79**

## TITLE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING INTRODUCTION OF HOME RULE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF A HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX IN DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**WHEREAS**, a hotel, motel and bed & breakfast room occupancy tax in Delaware County will serve to provide a dedicated funding stream to promote and develop the tourism industry in Delaware County and to reduce pressure on the property tax levy; and,

**WHEREAS**, economic development within Delaware County is substantially constrained by the imposition of the New York City Watershed Rules and Regulations, requiring the County to place a significant emphasis on the development of a local, four-season tourism industry in order to maintain the sustainability of its communities; and

**WHEREAS**, authorization for Delaware County to impose an occupancy tax must be first enacted by the state legislature and governor; and

**WHEREAS,** Delaware County is one of only four counties in New York State that has not received authorization from the State for the imposition of an occupancy tax, placing it at a distinct disadvantage to its neighboring counties in promoting tourism opportunities and economic development within Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, for the foregoing reasons it is the sense of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors that it is in the best interests of Delaware County to levy an occupancy tax on transient room rentals, generally known as a bed tax or a hotel/motel occupancy tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Section 2 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, that the Board of Supervisors hereby requests enactment of a law by the New York State Legislature authorizing the imposition of a two percent hotel/motel occupancy tax; subject to enactment by local law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator John

Bonacic, Senator James L. Seward, Senator Thomas W. Libous, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Assemblyman Peter D. Lopez and Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Miller.

Mr. Rowe opined that he does not feel the hotel, motel and bed & breakfast occupancy tax is a new tax and feels that Delaware County is being discriminated upon by the state's refusal to support the county's request. Delaware County is asking only to be on level playing field with its neighboring counties.

Ms. Molé, speaking as Senator John Bonacic's liaison, stated that in the view of the state this is an additional tax to the people and it is unlikely that the request will come out of committee.

Mr. Nealis noted that the committee is aware that the request will likely be denied but felt it necessary to keep asking, as they believe the implementation of an occupancy tax is in the best interest of the county.

Chairman Eisel noted that Senator Seward's office needs to have a resolution in support of the tax in order for the request to be moved forward.

In answer to Mr. Pigford, Mr. Nealis said that privately owned campgrounds would be required to collect the tax.

Ms. Miller pointed out that Chenango and Greene County are the only other counties that do not have an occupancy tax at this time.

Mr. Merrill and Mr. Axtell both stated that their constituents are in opposition to the occupancy tax and would be voting against the resolution.

Mr. Donnelly pointed out that the agencies involved in promoting the occupancy tax need to do a better job of getting the word out and educating the public. It is important to know whether the public will support the Board's request for an occupancy tax.

Ms. Miller noted that the Town of Middletown and the Department of Economic Development held a public forum at the Middletown Town Hall last year specifically to address the concerns of establishments affected by the additional burden placed upon them. Notice of this event was published in local papers as well as on social media but only a handful of home rental owners attended. The occupancy tax is necessary to establish a level playing field for Delaware County and does not place an additional tax on its residents. There is \$95,000 for promotional purposes in the county budget funded fully through the tax levy. Ms. Miller said she has communicated with our senators and agrees it is imperative to educate constituents before this comes up for a final vote of the Board. Tourism is the county's future; we have to find a way to move this forward.

Mr. Nealis added that Sullivan County is anticipating about \$1 million in occupancy tax revenue from the planned development of a new casino in the area.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Nealis advised that this is only the first step in the process. If the Board approves this resolution, it will be forwarded to our senator and assemblyman requesting its introduction in committee. Mr. Marshfield added that the occupancy tax might be a way to reduce the county budget by the amount allocated for tourism and promotion.

Mr. Triolo said it takes money to market and promote tourism in Delaware County and the occupancy tax, in his opinion, is the way to raise funds. The tax will be coming largely from individuals who do not live in Delaware County and would create a continual funding stream. This is about long-range planning for Delaware County and an opportunity to reduce the county tax levy for its residents.

In answer to Mr. Pigford, Mr. Nealis said that other counties are spending \$850,000 to \$900,000 and the state matches a portion of that amount.

Mr. Dolph noted that the state approved a fee on cell phones to help meet the county's need for a public communication system, and now they have to listen and respond favorably to our request for funding to promote tourism through the implementation of an occupancy tax.

Chairman Eisel opined that while he does not want another tax, he sees the occupancy tax as a way to augment the county's tourism and promotion budget while increasing sales tax revenue through the marketing of the county's resources.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3810, Noes 739 (Molé, Merrill, Valente, Axtell), Absent 250 (Hynes).

Chairman Eisel waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction without objection of the following not-prefiled resolution.

Mr. Dolph offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 80**

#### TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

**WHEREAS,** bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$2,282,396.33 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Treasurer be directed to pay said expenditures as listed below:

General Fund	\$2,018,207.78
OET	\$11,931.21
Public Safety Comm System	\$75,420.58
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$132.54
Landfill	\$67,982.54
Road	\$36,885.63

Machinery	\$62,238.80
Capital Road & Bridge	\$3,300.00
Capital Solid Waste	\$6,297.25

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4549, Noes 0, Absent 250 (Hynes).

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.