

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 1:02 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman Tina B. Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present, except Mr. Merrill, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Layton.

Reverend Rivera offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were accepted as presented.

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

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Vernold. Mr. Vernold introduced Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Commissioner of Planning, Parks, and Watershed Affairs, to give the status of the Clean Path Project and for a discussion on the NYSEG rate increase.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett distributed a copy of an email from Attorney Kevin Young of Young/Sommer LLC along with a document that Mr. Young submitted on behalf of Delaware County to a judge at the Public Service Commission. Clean Path, a private company that built an electric line that goes from Delhi to New York City has withdrawn from the project. The New York Power Authority is picking up that project. Different than a private entity they are a public entity. They have eminent domain authorities; they have the power to do this project with very little involvement from the local communities.

Mr. Young submitted a letter of request to consider the impact to the upstate communities being the Towns of Delhi, Colchester, Hancock and Hamden. The biggest issue is our socioeconomics. The energy that is being generated is pushed downstate where they rely mostly on fossil fuel. Upstate gets most of their energy from nuclear plants, we are already considered 90% renewable. The cost of doing this project is being done on the backs of all the rate payers to NYSEG. Supply charges have gone up quite high. They have blamed it on the cold weather, but the supply cost is in some cases three or four times higher than last year. A lot of it is to account for the costs needed to build infrastructure to move energy to New York City.

The socioeconomics of that have hurt our rural communities. People must choose between buying their prescriptions or paying their electric bill because they can't afford both. They pay the electric bill because they cannot go without power. In this area you either have

REA or NYSEG and are limited to which you can have. Mr. Young has submitted the demand for the state to consider the socioeconomics impact in the upstate communities to make way for the clean energy to basically push forward the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) which this Board has already objected to its implementation because of the impacts to the rural communities in previous resolutions.

Mr. Young would like to attend next month's meeting and do a presentation regarding this, after he has had time to meet with them. He would like to be prepared to pass a resolution and object to the Power Authority basically pushing this line through with absolutely no consideration for the impact on the Upstate region. He is asking for host communities benefits and a reduction in electric bills. He is asking that the Upstate communities be treated as equal partners in this project.

Mr. Driscoll stated that she is very interested. They have had so many people come into the town hall to complain about their electric bill. Even for the town hall the bill has doubled. She doesn't know how they can pay these bills with the expectation to go all electric. Some people in her town can't eat. She supports this completely.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett stated that according to a recent housing study a third of Delaware County's population cannot afford at least one of the basic necessities of food, shelter, childcare, transportation or health care. When more than a third of your population can't afford the basics, they can't afford an increase in their electric bill. She has heard stories of people not being able to buy groceries or prescriptions or pay their mortgage because the electric bill is so high. That makes it very difficult to live in this region.

Chairman Molé questioned if anyone objected to Kevin Young attending the next month; no one objected.

In response to Mr. Cetta, Mrs. Johnson-Bennett explained Clean Path determined it was not cost effective if they had to pay taxes and host community benefits to the upstate communities. We filed against them if they would pay taxes in Westchester County and to New York City where they are getting the benefit of energy, but they are not going to pay taxes in Delaware County and Sullivan County, then it's a violation. So, because of that they determined they had to rerun the numbers as part of Article 7 to determine whether they could afford to do that, and they determined that it wasn't cost effective and could not afford to continue the project and withdrew.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Mrs. Johnson-Bennett said Mr. Young is not sure but thinks no one will receive taxes because the Power Authority is a public company. That makes it more cost effective for them compared to a private company. It is a necessary line to provide the energy downstate but it's being done on the backs of our communities, and we are receiving no benefit for the cost. That is really the big issue.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Mrs. Johnson-Bennett said an offer of a one-time purchase such as a truck rather than an ongoing benefit would not be enough to support the long-term cost of the impacts of having this in our communities. That is why Mr. Young objected to that sort of

community benefit.

Mr. Marshfield commented this is a big deal to the four towns but for the Town of Delhi it is a super big deal because they are putting an ac-dc substation in Delhi. He doesn't know what the cost is but it is major.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett agreed and commented that the cost to the community for that is substantially greater. The battery storage facility has a terrorist threat component, so it requires additional security measures. There are EMS considerations if there is a fire. How many would need to be evacuated? When could they go back to their homes? What are the air quality emissions? A lot of these studies were never done when they filed the application. We don't know of the potential benefits of having that facility in Delhi.

Mr. Marshfield commented that there had been a fire up north at a similar substation. It took weeks to put the fire out. They had no idea how to get the fire out. It's a unique project in our County and it has its own issues.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 37**

##### **TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT ACCEPTANCE OF SNAP ED FUNDING OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

**WHEREAS**, the Office for the Aging has been granted \$108,184.00 from New York State to provide nutrition information through the Seniors' Health Improvement & Nutrition Education (SNAP ED) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has been designed to break the state up in area clusters for the provision of service; and

**WHEREAS**, there are residents who struggle with proper nutrition and obesity; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding will be used to provide nutrition education through direct education, workshops, and various other events through Delaware, Greene and Sullivan Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

##### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-16772-43377200/6772067/977	State Programs for Aging	\$108,184.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

10-16772-54327470/6772067/977	Grant Nutritionist	\$17,500.00
10-16772-54327200/6772067/977	Grant Contractual	\$25,325.00
10-16772-54327625/6772067/977	Grant Travel	\$5,010.00
10-16772-54327595/6772067/977	Grant Supplies	\$37,174.00
10-16772-54327520/6772067/977	Grant Postage	\$500.00
10-16772-54327000/6772067/977	General Grant Related Exp.	\$17,486.00
10-16772-52200001/6772067/977	Grant Equipment	\$5,189.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 38**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
SOLID WASTE CAPITAL AND LANDFILL**

**WHEREAS**, a budget amendment needs to be made to the Solid Waste Fund 22 Budget to cover expenses for 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Sales Tax revenue received for Fund 22 in 2024 was greater than budgeted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

22-18160-45503101	Interfund Transf (Fr GF S/Tax)	\$21,000.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

22-18160-51000000	Personal Services	\$13,000.00
22-18160-54238010	Disposal of C&D	\$8,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 39**

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
APPROPRIATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board (OSFAB) of 2021 appropriated funding to counties to assist in the New York State's efforts for treatment, recovery, harm reduction and prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County was awarded a total of \$668,135.00 from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to be used for eligible costs incurred during the period January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2039; and

**WHEREAS**, the Opioid Settlement Funds Committee has done a thorough and impartial review of proposals and has approved the following project for funding:

- Rural Health Network of South-Central New York Inc. to provide train the trainer for QPR in Delaware County \$14,716.83.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-11325-43308902/1327890/887	State Aid Other-Opioid Revenue	\$14,716.83
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-14310-54586000/1327890/887	Contractual Opioid	\$14,716.83
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 40**

**TITLE: OCCUPANCY TAX DISBURSEMENT APPROVAL  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROMOTION OF TOURISM**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County established a Hotel Occupancy Tax for the purpose of promoting the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law stipulates that revenues derived from the occupancy tax are to be allocated for the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Law, Delaware County established and empowered the Tourism Advisory Board to solicit, review and recommend proposals for the use of the funds raised from the occupancy tax for the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2024, the Tourism Advisory Board reviewed the 2025 Media Plan proposal submitted by the Tourism Promotion Agency for Delaware County under the TPA grant program and has recommended for approval by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors the use of \$175,550 in occupancy tax revenues for the implementation of the plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors approves the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Board to utilize \$175,550 in occupancy tax revenues to help fund the 2025 Media Plan.

The resolution was seconded by Mrs. Driscoll and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 41**

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the revenues received under the Hotel Occupancy Tax are set aside and placed into the Restricted Fund Balance (Hotel Occupancy Tax) for the purpose of the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 40 of 2025 the Board of Supervisors approved the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues and the authorization of the use of Occupancy Tax revenues requires such funds to be transferred from the restricted fund balance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2025 Promotion of Tourism Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-00000-34899000/1325891/889	Hotel Occupancy Tax Reserve	\$175,550.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

10-16420-54105000	Advertising	\$115,050.00
10-16420-54535000	Professional Services	\$60,500.00

The resolution was seconded by Mrs. Driscoll.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Director of Economic Development Glenn Nealis said that the revenues for 2023 were about \$409,000, and \$505,000 for 2024 including penalties.

In reply to Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Nealis stated that there is a time limit to register, make payments and to file reports. This wasn't a big amount but there were small amounts of interest and penalties.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 42**

**2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**TITLE: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DPW COMPLEX  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, work is closing out on the DPW Building project; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriated contractual funds for 2025 will not meet what is required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

**DECREASE FUND BALANCE:**

41-00000-34899000	Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,000,000.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

41-15112-54000000	Contractual Expense	\$2,000,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cetta and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 43**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ON  
ALL NYC ROADS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE**

**WHEREAS**, The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) owns, maintains and operates approximately forty miles of public roads around the Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoirs in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, DEP is desirous of contracting with the County for the maintenance and repair of those roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEP will deposit money with the County annually for work to be performed the following year with the total contract value being \$11,619,990.00 over a ten-year period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of New York for the construction work.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Haynes stated yes this is included in the budget, but this is a new contract.

In response to Mr. Gladstone, Commissioner of Public Works James Thomas said this contract is for reimbursement of our cost plus 25% for administrative cost.

Mr. Haynes stated that this is an increase over the previous contracts that were for 15% reimbursement.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 44**

#### **TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

**WHEREAS**, a Project for the Delaware County Bridge Structural Steel Preservation Program (FFY26), PIN 9755.08 (the Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of said program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-Federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Delaware 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 work.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, duly convened, does hereby

**RESOLVE**, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the above-subject project; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Delaware to pay in the first instance 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering/Design work for the Project or portions thereof; and



**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sum of \$71,000.00 is hereby appropriated from 34-15112-54000000 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase 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 Delaware 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 Chairman of the Board of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the County of Delaware 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.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Haynes indicated that this is for Turk Hill in Grand Gorge and Harper Road in Harpersfield.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 45**

##### **TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, DISTRICT CORPORATIONS OR STATE AGENCIES FOR SHARED HIGHWAY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, all municipalities, including the County of Delaware, have the power and authority to contract for the purpose of renting, leasing, exchanging, borrowing or maintaining of machinery and equipment, with or without operators, with other municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, all municipalities, including the County of Delaware, have the power and

authority to borrow or lend materials and supplies to other municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined that the County of Delaware and other municipalities have machinery and equipment which is not used during certain periods; and

**WHEREAS**, it is determined that the County of Delaware and other municipalities often have materials and supplies on hand which are not immediately needed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined that by renting, borrowing, exchanging, leasing or maintaining highway machinery and equipment and the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies, the County of Delaware and other municipalities may avoid the necessity of purchasing certain needed highway machinery and equipment and the purchasing of or storing a large inventory of certain extra materials and supplies, thereby saving the taxpayers money; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized and determined, from a practical working arrangement, that no program of borrowing, exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of highway machinery and equipment or borrowing or lending of materials can be successful if each individual arrangement has to receive prior approval by the county Board and the governing board of each of the other municipalities which may be parties to such agreements, since such agreements must often be made on short notice and at times when governing bodies are not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon each municipality to design a simple method whereby materials and supplies, equipment and machinery, including the operators thereof, may be obtained or maintained with a minimum of paperwork and inconvenience and with a swift approval process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into renting, exchanging, borrowing, lending or maintaining arrangements with the persons serving in similar capacities in other municipalities without the necessity of obtaining approval of the County board prior to the making of each individual arrangement; and

**WHEREAS**, a standard contract has been prepared which is expected to be adopted and placed into effect in other municipalities, and will grant the person holding the position comparable to that of the Commissioner of Public Works authority to make similar arrangements; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined that it will be in the best interest of the County of Delaware to be a party to such shared services arrangements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to sign contracts with municipalities, School Districts, District Corporations or State agencies for Shared Highway Services.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 46**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**LETTING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

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. 2-25	Cutting & Tree Trimming to: Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC, 708 Blair Mill Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090
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Bid Price: See Summary Sheet

Towns may participate in these bids.

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. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 47**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**LETTING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

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. 3-25	Liquid Bituminous Concrete & Related Equipment Bid to: All States Construction, Inc., DBA Gorman Construction, 200 Church Street, Albany, NY 12202; Peckham Road
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Corp., 438 Vaughn Road, Hudson Falls, NY 12839; Suit-Kote Corp., 1911 Lorings Crossing Rd., Cortland, N.Y. 13045; Vestal Asphalt Inc., 201 Stage Road, Vestal, N.Y. 13850.

Bid Price: See Summary Sheet

Towns may participate in these bids.

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. Cetta and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 48**

##### **TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 215 of the County Law stipulates that the Board of Supervisors must authorize for the disposition of personal property no longer necessary for public use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Department of Social Services is authorized to sell by trade-in, on-line auction or for scrap the following item:

<u>Dept/Vehicle</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial No./Vehicle ID NO.</u>
DSS 467	2020 Chevrolet Malibu	1G1ZC5STXLF103276

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and unanimously adopted.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 49**

##### **TITLE: CORRECTION OF CURRENT TAX ROLLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 554 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency has been presented with an application for correction of the 2019 through 2027 tax roll by Supreme Court Order and after investigation recommends approval of the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 554 of the Real Property Tax law that

the following be approved and the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the approval of the application on behalf of the Board.

Town of Delhi: Tax Map No. 192.-1-25, assessed to DRNC Realty, LLC., with the assessment of 10,800,000 be reduced as follows:

2019	9,000,000
2020	9,000,000
2021	8,000,000
2022	8,000,000
2023	7,000,000
2024-2027	7,000,000

Town and County Refunds are as follows:

2020 (\$6,121.04) Due to underpayment of the 2020 PILOT, this amount will be deducted from the refund amount from 2021.

2021	\$9,368.07 less \$6,121.04 = \$3,247.03
2022	\$16,024.89
2023	\$17,523.21
2024	\$29,275.07
2025	\$31,616.11
TOTAL	\$97,686.31

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Ms. Boukai said that DRNC Realty LLC is the nursing home.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 50**

#### **TITLE: LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF SALES TAX LEVY**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors requested the New York State Legislature to extend an increase in the sales tax levy in February of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Legislature amended the law to allow for the collection of a sales tax at a rate which is one percent additional to the statutory three percent rate authorized by law; and

**WHEREAS**, current authorization to collect the additional one percent sales tax expires

on November 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors may formally request from the New State Legislature approval to continue with the additional tax every two years; and

**WHEREAS**, a continuation of the additional one percent sales tax levy was requested by the Board and approved by Chapter 314 of the Laws of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it appropriate to use the sales tax as a means to help stabilize the county property tax levy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors formally request that the New York State Legislature amend Section 1210 of the Tax Law to allow Delaware County to continue the collection of the additional one percent sales tax consistent with state approvals in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2020, and 2023.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and unanimously adopted.

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 51**

##### **TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK GRANT BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, New York State has issued an Electronic Poll Book Grant to Delaware County to help with the costs of new purchases of Electronic Poll Pads and new software; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County Board of Elections has been approved of receiving \$43,722.15 in funds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

##### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-11450-43308000/1450016/961	Grant New York State	\$43,722.15
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##### **INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-11450-54327000/1450016/961	Grant Related Expenses	\$43,722.15
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 52**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$2,054,622.76 were hereby presented to the Finance Committee for approval for payment on February 12, 2025 prior to presentation to the Board of Supervisors;

**THEREFORE**, the County Treasurer was directed to pay said expenditures as listed below and this Board now approves of said payment as follows:

General Fund	\$1,854,968.31
OET	\$61,749.68
Public Safety Comm System	\$722.50
CAP DSS	\$31,709.71
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$22,823.50
Road	\$84.06
Machinery	\$82,565.00

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$3,445,320.15 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	\$1,927,461.96
OET	\$150.00
CAP 97 Main	\$2,430.06
CAP DSS	\$24,893.16
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$189.52
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$147,607.81
Road	\$512,484.71
Machinery	\$133,455.57
Capital Solid Waste	\$22,494.63
Capital Road & Bridge	\$78,450.50
CAP DPW Complex	\$92,573.23
Capital Solid Waste Improvements	\$503,129.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 180, Noes 0, Absent 20 (Merrill, Scott, Layton).

Chairman Molé made the following committee appointments:

**SOUTHERN TIER REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (ST8)**

**4-years term ending December 31, 2028**

Appoint:

Sophia Picco, Economic Development Specialist

ReAppoint:

Supervisor Allen Hinkley

Mr. Kosier recalled Local Law Intro. No. 1 entitled *Delaware County Occupancy Tax Law for Lodging Establishments and Short-Term Rentals*.

The local law was seconded by Mrs. Driscoll and unanimously adopted.

Ms. Molé announced that the Social Services Committee would meet after the Board Meeting.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.