

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MARCH 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:02 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. Davis.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting and public hearing were accepted as presented.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 45**

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DESIGNATION OF DELAWARE COUNTY AS LOCAL SPONSOR  
FOR SNOWMOBILE GRANT  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has made funds available to develop and/or maintain snowmobile trails in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, applications for grants for such development and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails require a local government sponsor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders, the Otego Snow-Goers, the Delaware Valley Ridge Riders, the Central Catskill Trail Association, Big Valley Trail Breakers, Maywood Snowriders, Delaware Otsego Chenango Snowriders and the D & D Snowdiggers have applied for said funds for the development and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails in Delaware County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Delaware County is hereby declared as the Local Sponsor for this application under the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Snowmobile Grant Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Planning Department 2021 Budget be amended to receive and dispense these moneys in compliance with the requirements of the Preservation Snowmobile Trails Grant Program as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-17989-43388900/7989005/908 State Otr Culture & Recreation \$105,216.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-17989-54555000/7989005/908 Recreation Snowmobile Grant \$105,216.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3847, Noes 0, Absent 952 (Davis, Pigford).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 46**

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES E911**

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Services Department applied for and was awarded a grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) for the purchase of P25 compliant interoperable communications equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award will allow for the purchase of end user radios, base stations and antenna systems for use with the new communications system; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant was awarded in the amount of \$460,776.00 to Delaware County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Emergency Services Department is authorized to accept this grant funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the 2021 Emergency Services Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

38-13640-43338900/3640392/911 State Civil Defense \$460,776.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

38-13640-52200001/3640392/911 Grant Equipment \$460,776.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Axtell and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4424, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 47**

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
COUNTY INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to fund the County Insurance account to cover premiums on purchased policies for 2021 incidental liability claims, administrative costs and continued funding of the insurance reserve account,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following budget modification be made:

**FROM:**

10-11010-54350200	Board of Supervisors	7,966.00
10-11040-54350200	Clerk of the Board	2,320.00
10-11165-54350200	District Attorney	3,303.00
10-11171-54350200	Public Defender	2,788.00
10-11185-54350200	Medical Examiner	\$839.00
10-11325-54350200	County Treasurer	4,125.00
10-11327-54350200	Fiscal Affairs	2,254.00
10-11355-54350200	Real Property Tax Services	2,976.00
10-11410-54350200	County Clerk	10,163.00
10-11420-54350200	County Attorney	3,000.00
10-11430-54350200	Personnel	2,856.00
10-11450-54350200	Board of Elections	2,872.00
10-11620-54350200	Buildings	20,060.00
10-11670-54350200	Printing	57.00
10-11680-54350200	Information Technology	16,774.00
10-13110-54350200	Sheriff	43,325.00
10-13140-54350200	Probation	17,482.00
10-13150-54350200	Jail	87,947.00
10-13620-54350200	Code Enforcement	642.00
10-13640-54350200	Emergency Services	14,015.00
10-14012-54350200	Public Health Services	14,132.00
10-14310-54350200	Mental Health Clinic	31,000.00
10-14317-54350200	Alcoholism	13,512.00
10-14321-54350200	Expanded Mental Health Programs	970.00
10-16010-54350200	Social Services	65,168.00
10-16326-54350200	Economic Development	2,451.00
10-16510-54350200	Veteran's Service Agency	2,353.00
10-16610-54350200	Sealer of Weights & Measures	387.00
10-16772-54350200	Office for Aging	6,942.00
10-18020-54350200	Planning Department	4,907.00
10-18740-54350200	Watershed Affairs	1,258.00

22-18160-54350200	Solid Waste	80,833.00
26-15130-54350200	Highway Department	<u>156,673.00</u>
	Total:	\$626,350.00

**TO:**

10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$626,350.00
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$626,350.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-11910-54350200	Unallocated County Insurance	\$626,350.00
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any unexpended year-end balance in account 10-11910-54350200 Unallocated County Insurance be transferred to 10-19901-59990200 Operating Transfer (out) for transfer to the Insurance Reserve Fund.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:  
Ayes 4424, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 48**

**TITLE: CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO RESCIND THE  
NEW YORK STATE RIGHT OF WAY FEE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 New York State enacted a right-of-way use and occupancy fee for any fiber optic cables located in or crossing a state-controlled right of way and authorized the New York Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter fee-bearing permits with fiber optic installers; and

**WHEREAS**, fiber occupants using or occupying the right-of-way in fulfillment of a state grant award through the New NY Broadband Program are not subject to a fee, as described in Section 7 of the Transportation Corporation Law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 nonprofit organizations, businesses, legislators, and residents of Delaware County became aware of the fee because the DOT started charging the fee; and

**WHEREAS**, in Delaware County it is virtually impossible to install fiber optic cables for any distance without utilizing or crossing a state right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has caused more people to be working from home and more students to be learning from home, and has increased the use of telemedicine, thus magnifying the need for additional broadband services in unserved and underserved areas so rural residents can engage in everyday activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, in his 2021 State of the State address championed his Connectivity Agenda which includes, among other provisions, enactment of a requirement for affordable internet for low-income families and a series of actions to promote broadband build-out and market competition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor said, “Without affordable broadband, people are not just disconnected, they are disenfranchised. Broadband must be available to everyone, everywhere, and, in New York, we will make sure it is;” and

**WHEREAS**, the DOT fiber right-of-way fee is acting as a significant financial deterrent to broadband build-out in rural areas, with some projects already cancelled and others put on hold due to the fact that these fees will cost providers hundreds of thousands, and in some cases, millions of dollars annually; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors formally opposes the enactment of the DOT right-of-way fees on fiber optic cable and urges the Governor and the New York State Legislature to rescind the right-of-way use and occupancy fees on fiber cable immediately so that the Governor’s pledge can be fulfilled and the expansion of the fiber network in Delaware County can continue in order to serve unserved and underserved areas; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors supports repeal of Section 24-e of the Highway Law and Section 7 of the Transportation Corporation Law in relation to reducing the cost of expanding broadband access; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if no complete repeal is possible, fiber occupants using or occupying the right-of-way in fulfillment of a federal grant award, including nonprofit entities, should be exempt from the fee, as with state grant awards through the New NY Broadband Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, State Senator Fred Akshar, State Senator Peter Oberacker, State Senator Mike Martucci, Assemblyman Brian D. Miller, Assemblyman Chris Tague, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, Assemblyman Michael Tannousis, other New York counties, and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 49**

**TITLE: CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO REEVALUATE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION (FCC) BROADBAND  
AVAILABILITY MAPS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) maps state that more than 98 percent of New York’s residences and businesses have access to one or more high-speed wired and/or wireless broadband services; and

**WHEREAS**, based on data gathered directly from schools, municipalities, and other organizations, there are large gaps in broadband service across rural and upstate New York, contradicting the FCC maps; and

**WHEREAS**, maps developed by the FCC misrepresent the accessibility of broadband service and are often referenced by agencies and grantees; and

**WHEREAS**, even in areas where broadband is purported to be available, the level of service is not sufficient to constitute true broadband access; and

**WHEREAS**, the prices for access to broadband in areas where it might be available is at such a level or required to be part of other purchases, that it is inaccessible to many New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS**, our residents need access to reliable and affordable broadband service for school, employment, telehealth, and social aspects of life; and

**WHEREAS**, as we have seen in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, broadband services are a vital need for breaking down the digital divide that creates groups of haves and have-nots within our state; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband access provides a critical public infrastructure need for New York residents, municipalities, counties, emergency services, and more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors calls upon Governor Cuomo, our Federal and State Legislative delegation to work with the FCC and local leaders and officials to reevaluate FCC broadband availability maps to reflect the true need; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor and our Federal and State Legislative delegation should work to expand broadband access to all areas of New York State in order to ensure this vital economic development infrastructure need is available to all New Yorkers to prevent further isolation of those in need; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, State Senator Fred Akshar, State Senator Peter Oberacker, State Senator Mike Martucci,

Assemblyman Brian D. Miller, Assemblyman Chris Tague, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, Assemblyman Michael Tannousis, other New York counties, and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Eisel.

Mr. Valente stated this is a particularly important resolution inasmuch as many on the committee feel as though there is a little too much politics in assessing whether we do or do not have good internet coverage. It's in all levels of New York State government where this can sit and die or be glossed over with significant gaps in service in neighborhoods like ours. We're not covered in Delaware County at any level of acceptability, yet because they found a way to call the entire county as covered very much the way cell phone companies do, it looks good on their resume. Meanwhile, here in the county we have parents who cannot participate in online schooling because they do not have access to any kind of adequate coverage. It is something if you have some nominal minimum amount of coverage, but that doesn't count. It does not work if it doesn't get you into a Zoom meeting. We would like the state to really look at who is and who is not in need of service and with that financial aid to bring it to us.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 50**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY  
NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**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.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sheriff's Office is authorized to sell by trade-in or online auction or dispose of as unserviceable the following items:

<b><u>Dept. Vehicle No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Serial Number/VIN</u></b>
SHF 88	2016 Ford XPL SUV	1FM5K8AR0GGB28313
SHF 90	2016 Ford XPL SUV	1FM5K8AR6GGC62243

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

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 51

### TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE NYS POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION PLAN FOR DELAWARE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the Governor by Executive Order 203 requires all localities to adopt a police reform plan by April 1, 2021 in order to be eligible for future state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the guidance provided by the state a plan was developed and a public hearing was held.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative Plan as amended to the Board of Supervisors is hereby adopted.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and Mr. Ellis.

Ms. Molé announced in response to a lot of the points that dissenters on the committee had made, public comments at the hearing, and some of the emails received prior to today's meeting she had an amendment to the plan that she wanted to add. She asked the Zoom moderator to post the amendment so it could be shared on Zoom. One of the main questions the public had was they wanted some clarity in the plan. She noted the amendment would be included in the introduction of the plan. She asked the Clerk to read the amendment.

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone introduced Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond to give comments on the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

Sheriff DuMond read from his prepared statement. He thanked Chairman Molé and Supervisor Gladstone for privilege of the floor and the opportunity to comment on the Police Reinvention Plan for Delaware County.

“Many years ago, I had the privilege to learn from a very brilliant mentor. I was advised at that time to “surround yourself with experts, give them the tools and resources to do their jobs effectively, and allow them to own their decisions and therefore they will have a stake in the game to make great decisions”. Regardless of the countless executive training programs I have completed throughout my career, none of them have topped this simple piece of advice which has served me well right through this committee process. Surround yourself with experts.

When Executive Order 203 first came about, I looked at it as an easy lift. After all, we were already meeting almost all of the requirements of the order due to our continuous State accreditation status. As the governor's workbook and his representatives would suggest in the process, it would be straight forward for an accredited agency. I remember immediately feeling grateful for all the hard work that went into the Sheriff's Office accreditation program and us becoming an accredited agency. We were granted this special and unique distinction; an honor only held by us in Delaware County, the Sheriff's Office; and only held by 31% of police agencies throughout the entire state. By design, accreditation forces police agencies to maintain



progressive and evidence-based policing principles and never allows an agency to become stagnant or complacent. Nonetheless, I set out for the Sheriff's Office to benefit from this exercise as mandated by the Governor and recommended the appointment of several reform committee members, to include the dissenting members each and every one of them, to bring a variety of perspectives and ideas; many of which are really incorporated in this plan.

The Sheriff's Office is an established leader in law enforcement operations and our agency, as well as our members, have been continuously and publicly recognized across New York State as such. Upon receiving our last re-accreditation status in 2020, the lead state auditor remarked "I have been performing audits for over 20 years and I have never seen an agency more prepared for accreditation than this office". As a result of that, Sergeant Kim Smith, our accreditation manager and training coordinator was awarded the prestigious Carl Draxler Award by the NYS Sheriff's Association for her professionalism and excellence in these areas. I always challenge every member of the Sheriff's Office to "put Delaware County on the map" and the members of this office never disappoint me. Whether it is removing dangerous criminals from our communities, protecting innocent victims, routine calls for service such as changing flat tires, mowing a yard or shoveling snow for one of our vulnerable citizens, providing emergent first aid or administering a life-saving dose of Narcan, I consider myself blessed to have the privilege to lead such capable public servants that make Delaware County proud every day!

Please allow me to take a moment and reflect on just a few of the accomplishments that have been made just over the past few years by your Sheriff's Office:

- FEMA Anti-Terrorism/Domestic Terrorism Executive Training.
- K9 Program at very little cost to the taxpayer.
- Mounted Police Patrol Program.
- Sheriff's Substations throughout County to enhance visibility in all 19 Delaware County towns.
- Sheriff's School Substations in each of the 15 school districts as a prevention to school violence and to build better relationships with children and school staff. This was a first in NYS and I am very proud of this.
- Dedicated, FT School Resource Deputy.
- Expanded Criminal Investigation Division by one Deputy to focus exclusively on felony drug sales within our communities.
- Free Sheriff's App – Enhances Community relations. Push notifications, submit a tip, press releases and most wanted features.
- Enhanced Sheriff's Web Page to include confidential TIP Feature.
- Body Camera Program – Again, 1st agency in Delaware County. Digitally capturing and securely storing every interaction a Deputy has with a member of the public providing openness and complete transparency in the service we provide.
- Speed Trailer Program.
- Initiated a Special Response Team. Fully equipped and trained to deal with violent encounters to include active shooters, school shootings, hostage situations, acts of terrorism, high risk warrants, etc.
- Initiated Offender Watch Program to maintain and track sex offenders. Free service to the community to include push notifications, etc.

- Initiated Project SAFE CHILD Program. Securing and storing fingerprints and other identifying information for possible missing children cases, etc.
- Initiated Sheriff's Superstar Program to recognize members and community members who go above and beyond for our communities.
- Civil Accreditation.
- Jail Prepped for Accreditation.

The Police Reform and Reinvention Plan builds upon our robust initiatives and even goes further to take on the issues identified as part of the plan: (Just a few)

1. 5-year Grant for Mental Health Trainings with Chenango Health Network  
The Sheriff's Office will enter into a 5-year partnership with the Chenango Health Network for mental health and substance use disorder training through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This is at no cost to the County. This helps us meet our MH, SUD Training goals.
2. Partnership with Delaware County Mental Health for a Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Referral System  
Delaware County Mental Health and Addiction providers network will develop a Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Referral System to assist folks and get them the services before they become involved in the criminal justice system. This helps us meet our procedural and restorative justice goals.
3. Recruitment Partnership with SUNY Delhi  
The Sheriff's Office will explore forming a relationship with the SUNY Delhi Criminal Justice Program (our local university) in order to foster more diverse recruitment of Deputy Sheriff candidates. This helps us meet our diversity in recruiting goals.
4. But more importantly, and perhaps the most forward-thinking proposal that was made by the committee and adopted in this plan, is the Liaison Committee. This committee will act as a conduit between the Sheriff's Office and Delaware County citizens into the future. Meetings will be conducted bi-annually with the Sheriff and the committee will continue to focus on future programs that can be considered to address and enhance support for mental health and substance abuse disorder calls or other arising concerns. This helps us meet our community outreach goals.

In this spirit, I am also happy to announce a brand new program that happened since the draft plan has been completed, launched just this week called "Handle With Care". "Handle With Care" (HWC) was designed to promote partnerships between law enforcement and schools to help provide a safe and supporting academic environment for children exposed to traumatic events known as "adverse childhood experiences," or ACEs. ACEs, if unaddressed, can lead to problems such as drug use, depression, and they can have a lasting impact on a child's health, well-being, and academic success.

Program in collaboration with schools will address “traumatic events” such as:

- a child being a victim of violence, abuse, or neglect;
- witnessing violence in the home or community;
- a death of an immediate family member or guardian;
- the arrest of a household member or execution of a search warrant in the home;
- being forcibly displaced from a home caused by fire, eviction, or other event; or
- having a family member overdose or attempting to die by suicide.

“The Handle With Care Program fits the larger context of “trauma-informed policing”. One of today’s presenters spoke about trauma-informed policing at the public hearing earlier today. Trauma-informed policing helps officers understand the lasting impacts of trauma, creating better awareness of the needs of victims as well as their own. By raising awareness among police officers and educators about trauma and offering them ideas and practices to promote resiliency, we empower them to help children—and we also empower them to help themselves. I plan to champion this program across the state and the New York State Sheriff’s Association.

Programs such as “Handle with Care” will complement our Reform plan and build upon the great work of our members going forward.

Regarding race and the “changing demographics” of our County, I believe the members of my office have a strong and proven track record of responding to change. In recent years we have seen strife nationally and within New York State. When this happened, I relied on my decades of working with disadvantaged and marginalized individuals from culturally and economically diverse populations. As a result, we have reached out to our communities, we broke bread with them, we discussed their concerns, and we built strong bridges to enable trust and effective communication. These relationships are solid and have longevity! They are a direct reflection of our commitment to care and protection of all people in Delaware County. I strongly feel that because of these relationships, we have avoided the problems experienced elsewhere in our state and nation. In Delaware County, dissenting member Simon Purdy created a report from our public survey which concluded that MH and SUD calls were important and merited further discussion but that racial bias was a marginal issue and said “These results seem to suggest a lack of racial inequality...it would be problematic to use these results as true evidence of a racial disparity...” Mr. Purdy further determined that “those who identified as racial minorities reported a significantly higher number of issues that they felt comfortable with in reporting to the Sheriff’s Office...we also see no significant difference between white respondents and racial minority respondents in regard to overall trust/views of the Sheriff’s Office. These results seem to suggest a lack of racial inequality, which is good news in the current context, especially in regard to trust and comfort in reporting” Mr. Purdy concluded.

I want you to know that the Sheriff’s Office will nonetheless continue this dialog into the future. As our reform plan indicates, we will focus on our youth, particularly those who are vulnerable and at-risk. We feel this outreach for our communities through the younger generation will maintain these relationships well into the future.

As your Sheriff, I am an active member in both the NYS and National Sheriffs Associations; currently serving as Treasurer of the State Association as well as on the Executive, Legislative, Jail, and Standards/Goals/Ethics Committees. At the National Sheriffs Association, I serve on the Domestic Violence, Crime Victims, and Government Affairs Committees. I am a proud Graduate of the National Sheriffs Institute. In 2018, I was accepted to the 272<sup>nd</sup> Session of the National FBI Academy, however, I turned down the nomination due to being elected Sheriff and needing to devote my full attention and energy to carrying out the privilege of serving this Office. I am providing you this information to illustrate a point. Please rest assured, I am completely focused on the needs of Delaware County and deeply committed to developing the future leaders of the honorable Office of Sheriff.

In addition, I would like to get the message out to our communities that the Sheriff's Office is here to serve them without bias and with the utmost integrity into the future as it always has always done in the past. Since 1797 we have had a rich history of adapting, overcoming, and solving problems and I am completely confident in my members' abilities to continue this tradition tomorrow, the day after that, the day after that, and every day into the future.

Next, I understand there is a document called the "minority report" being circulated by the remaining two dissenting members of the reform committee. I had an opportunity to review this report this morning and I must say the report is outrageous, disrespectful and misrepresents and mischaracterizes the diligent and faithful work of the reform committee as well as the honorable work of those who work in the Sheriff's Office.

Scripture reminds us that on the darkest days, the light shines brightest. Our members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Department are often that light for people in distress in our County and I promise you that will not change!

I want to acknowledge the wonderful and diverse group of folks who made up the reform committee. I am grateful for their hard work, sage counsel, and contributions to this plan. I thank the committee members.

On behalf of the noble members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, please know we are humbly grateful for this Board's support especially Chairman Tina Molé's leadership as we know we would not be able to accomplish our mission without all of you.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve you and the people of all of Delaware County our communities as your Delaware County Sheriff. Thank you."

Ms. Molé thanked Sheriff DuMond.

Mr. Marshfield stated the Town of Hamden was most fortunate to have one of their highly respected business owners on the Police Reform Committee. Erdem Kâhyaoğlu is a member of the Muslim community and knows firsthand instances of racially biased behaviors associated with our police agencies. In the past there may have been negative racial behaviors associated with local police agencies but according to Erdem, never with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Some say that we're trying to reform something that is nonexistent within the

Sheriff's Office, but nonetheless it is imperative on us to continually review and improve our plan and that option has been set out in this plan. Our Sheriff's Office in 2020 made seven different changes in accordance with state legislative requirements. Reporting, Record keeping, penalties, rights, choke holds requirements were some of those changes. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has numerous programs and activities to enhance public safety and fairness to all our community members.

He thanked and said he appreciates the time and effort that each and every committee member has spent to devise this plan and like most committees, we don't unanimously get everything we set out for but things can certainly be further worked out in the future. He believes we have a good plan before us today; certainly a good start. One that could and should be revised in the future by our citizen liaison committee. He supports this plan and he honors the hard work of all those who worked on it.

In response to Mr. Gladstone regarding the amendment, Ms. Molé said it says as amended in the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Merrill 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 \$1,996,037.46 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	\$1,210,556.79
OET	\$14,159.25
Public Safety Comm System	\$6,130.23
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$3,003.55
CAP MH	\$172,820.14
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$34,688.74
Road	\$307,019.96
Machinery	\$71,196.16
Capital Road & Bridge	\$142,937.28
Capital Solid Waste	\$33,525.36
CAP DPW Complex	\$0.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Marshfield, and Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4424, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis).

Chairman Molé made the following committee appointment:

**DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

**3-year term ending December 31, 2023**

Appoint:

Diane Munro, Roxbury

**POLICE REFORM LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Appoint:

Supervisor Wayland Gladstone

Joseph Ermeti, Public Defender

Cindy Heaney, MH Director, Chair

John Grenier

Jen Cutting

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