

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MARCH 23, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 23, 2016 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.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

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

Chairman Eisel granted privilege of the floor to Real Property Tax Services Director Mike Sabansky.

Mr. Sabansky presented a draft resolution explaining a proposed unified policy to deal with the taxable status of any commercial solar installations that would be constructed in the County.

He explained that the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) states that once a county receives a letter of intent, it only has 60 days to enter into an agreement on taxation. New York State presently provides for a 15-year exemption from taxation of commercial solar projects, the proposed resolution is mandating participation in a PILOT agreement for any projects built in the County. The PILOT would call for a distribution of tax monies of 50 percent for towns and 25 percent each, for the schools and county.

The assessments on an increase in value generated by the construction of any solar farms, would be based on a dollar value per unit of electricity produced and would be uniform across the County. Having a uniform agreement in all the towns in the County would provide for a more consistent valuation on the projects.

Supervisors were encouraged to take the proposed resolution to their town boards to review. Each taxing jurisdiction, town, county, village and schools must decide whether all projects are to be taxed or agree to a PILOT, otherwise, in accordance with the RPTL, if nothing is done the project would be tax exempt for 15 years.

Director of Economic Development Glenn Nealis explained the benefits of establishing a countywide PILOT agreement. First, due to the complexities of solar array valuations, it could be very difficult for assessors to establish a true fair market value on their own. This could result in an increased liability concerning assessment challenges and associated costs, or conversely, it could potentially result in a substantial underassessment of such properties. Second, due to a

realization that many municipalities are struggling to maintain and grow their tax base, a countywide assessment value would eliminate the potential for companies to pit one town against another in seeking the lowest possible assessment. Due to the nature of solar array projects, the primary burden of hosting the project falls upon the town. An additional advantage of the proposed countywide PILOT is that the most impacted taxing jurisdiction would receive the primary benefit of the PILOT, as a built in community benefit package that would be received annually through the life of the agreement. Lastly, a countywide PILOT would provide some level of budgetary surety and consistency for all of the taxing jurisdictions by establishing a fixed payment schedule throughout the term of the PILOT.

Director of Planning Nicole Franzese noted that whether a solar array could be built in a particular town depends on the town's land use/zoning law. Supervisors wanting more information are welcome to contact the Planning Department.

Ms. Molé offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 42**

#### **TITLE: DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK APRIL 4 –10, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 4-10, 2016 is National Public Health Week with a theme of "Healthiest Nation 2030"; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1995 the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

**WHEREAS**, health must be a priority in designing our communities, from healthy housing to parks and playgrounds so everyone can live, work, learn and play; and

**WHEREAS**, education is the leading indicator of good health, giving people access to better jobs, incomes and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, poverty and poor health go hand-in-hand, everyone has the right to good health. We must remove barriers so everyone has the same opportunity to improve their lives and their health; and

**WHEREAS**, our food system should provide affordable food with nutritious ingredients, free from harmful contaminants; and

**WHEREAS**, our health is connected to our environments. What happens upstream to our environments at work, school and home affects our health downstream. We must protect the air we breathe indoors and outdoors and the clean water we drink as well as protect our health from natural and manmade weather events and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, in the work to become the healthiest nation, we cannot do it all on our own. We must expand our partnerships to collaborate with planners, education officials, public, private and for-profit organizations – everyone who has an impact on our health; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Public Health Week the public health community comes together to celebrate accomplishments and bring a renewed focus to the work ahead and what it will take to become the Healthiest Nation; and.

**WHEREAS**, strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Delaware County recognizes April 4-10, 2016 as Public Health Week.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 43**

**TITLE: 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
COUNTY INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to fund the County Insurance account to cover premiums on purchased policies for 2016 incidental liability claims, administrative costs and continued funding of the insurance reserve account

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following expenditures are authorized:

**FROM:**

10-11010-54350200	Board of Supervisors	\$6,050.00
10-11040-54350200	Clerk of the Board	2,150.00
10-11165-54350200	District Attorney	7,400.00
10-11325-54350200	County Treasurer	3,600.00
10-11327-54350200	Fiscal Affairs	1,800.00
10-11355-54350200	Real Property Tax Services	2,450.00
10-11410-54350200	County Clerk	15,250.00
10-11420-54350200	County Attorney	3,100.00
10-11430-54350200	Personnel	2,400.00
10-11450-54350200	Board of Elections	2,300.00
10-11620-54350200	Buildings	18,050.00
10-11670-54350200	Printing	75.00
10-11680-54350200	Information Technology	4,600.00
10-13110-54350200	Sheriff	32,950.00
10-13140-54350200	Probation	12,600.00
10-13150-54350200	Jail	83,500.00
10-13620-54350200	Code Enforcement	550.00
10-13640-54350200	Emergency Services	8,900.00
10-14012-54350200	Public Health Services	12,400.00
10-14310-54350200	Mental Health Clinic	26,050.00
10-14317-54350200	Alcoholism	11,900.00

10-14321-54350200	Expanded Mental Health Programs	1,150.00
10-16010-54350200	Social Services	57,900.00
10-16326-54350200	Economic Development	2,350.00
10-16510-54350200	Veteran's Service Agency	2,150.00
10-16610-54350200	Sealer of Weights & Measures	608.00
10-16772-54350200	Office for the Aging	5,350.00
10-17510-54350200	County Historian	155.00
10-18020-54350200	Planning Department	3,650.00
10-18740-54350200	Watershed Affairs	1,850.00
22-18160-54350200	Solid Waste	75,500.00
26-15130-54350200	Highway Department	<u>136,500.00</u>
	Total:	\$545,238.00

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$545,238.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-11910-54350200	Unallocated County Insurance	\$545,238.00
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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. Spaccaforno and adopted by the following vote:  
Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 44**

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

**LETTING OF MARCH 10, 2016**

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. 27-16: Purchase of 2 Tandem Axle Dumps w/Snow Equipment to:  
Ben Funk Inc.  
3609 Route 9  
Hudson, NY 12534

Bid Price: \$210,733.50 each

Other municipalities in Delaware County may participate in this award.

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 referenced the Summary of Bids noting that one bid was received late and returned unopened. Additionally, Mack Trucks generally bids but they appear to be reluctant due to a contractual clause allowing the County to impose a fine upon the company for missing its scheduled delivery date. Department of Public Works Commissioner Wayne Reynolds is attempting to clear this up.

There will be a resolution presented at the next Board of Supervisors meeting for \$922 reflecting the purchase of two steering columns and battery disconnect systems for these trucks. The cost of each steering column is \$300 and each battery disconnect system is \$161.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Commissioner Reynolds said that the existing trucks would be sold at auction.

Mr. Merrill, speaking as the Budget Director addressed the cost of the truck noting that he was comfortable with the pricing based on the specifications of the truck.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

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

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

#### **LETTING OF MARCH 10, 2016**

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. 29-16: Purchase of Tracked Excavator to:  
Anderson Equipment Co.  
720 East Franklin Street  
Endicott, NY 13760.

Bid Price: \$114,512.00

Other municipalities in Delaware County may participate in this award.

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 referenced the Summary of Bids and advised that the two lowest bidders did not meet the minimum specifications.

In answer to Mr. Taggart, Commissioner Reynolds stated that the excavator has a two-year warranty.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Chairman Eisel waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction without objection of the following not pre-filed resolutions.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 46**

**TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING UPDATED DRAFT COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County originally adopted an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County received funding from the O'Connor Foundation to update said plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Farmland Protection Board, in conjunction with the County Planning Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension and additional hired consultants, conducted a thorough update process; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the plan is to increase the viability of the agricultural industry, ensure that agricultural lands persist, and improve the profitability of farms in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board held a Public Hearing on June 11, 2014 as required by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a Public Hearing on this matter shall be held by the County Board of Supervisors on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, at 12:45 p.m.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

In answer to Mr. Valente, Senior Planner Kent Manuel said that he received comments from two Supervisors. Supervisors were asked to contact Mr. Manuel if updates or comments to their towns are required.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 47**

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE OPERATION SYSTEM TOOL/ FLEXIBLE FLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN (OST/FFMP) THE UPPER DELAWARE RIVER TAILWATERS COALITION (UDRTC) HAS ENDORSED DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the OST/FFMP, the current 1954 Decree Party Plan, that dictates the release of water from the Pepacton, Cannonsville and Neversink reservoirs for various purposes, may be extended as is or revised by June 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the UDRTC is currently a coalition of the Towns of Hancock, Colchester, Deposit, Tompkins, Hamden, Walton and Masonville; the Villages of Deposit and Hancock; and the Friends of the Upper Delaware River, Trout Unlimited, the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Business Coalition and Broome County, that has a vested interest in modifications to the OST/FFMP because of direct impacts of decisions driven by the OST/FFMP on them; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County recognizes and appreciates the complexities involved in the management of the Delaware basin reservoirs and the need to address the interests of multiple stakeholders and in consideration of said complexities believes the UDRTC positions will help improve river based economic and ecological conditions in their communities and the County in total; and

**WHEREAS**, the OST/FFMP includes consideration for impacts fisheries and recreational activities the Upper Delaware River Cold Water Fishing and Boating Economic Impact Study (April 2014), clearly demonstrated that the economic net present value of the local fishery and recreational activities is \$414 million over 20 years. The study also showed that with more consistent releases associated with the OST/FFMP that the \$414 million net present value could increase by an additional \$274 million over the same timeframe which is an important economic consideration for communities located in the immediate tailwaters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Delaware County Board of Supervisors supports the position of the UDRTC requesting the Decree Parties to consider their requests as summarized in Attachment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution also be forwarded to the Decree Party Members (Governors of PA, NY, NJ and DE, NYC Mayor), Decree Party Principals, Delaware River Congressional Task Force, the Delaware River Basin Commission and Executive Director, NYS Assemblymembers Clifford Crouch and Claudia Tenny; NYS Senators John Bonacic and Fred Akshar .

**Attachment A**

o With the Decree Parties having been unable to reach an accord over the last 4-years, we request that the Decree Parties adopt (3) interim procedures to help limit unnecessary and avoidable damage to the ecology and economy of the upper Delaware River region, while they continue their negotiations:

- A Procedure for the Re-implementation of a Thermal Relief Program to provide thermal protection to the upper Delaware River system during periods of high air temperatures.
  - Procedure for the Moderation of the Rate of Reduction in Directed Releases”; to better mimic natural reductions in river flows, and maximize protection of the coldwater habitat, and the species that rely upon it.
  - Procedure for the Distribution of Directed Releases”, to ensure that a limited portion of directed releases will be made from Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs, in combination with directed releases from Cannonsville; to protect all three recognized coldwater ecosystems.
- o Recalculation of the allocated water set aside for release for downstream needs in the reservoirs based on the past five years of substantially reduced consumption of water by New York City, due to their successful conservation measures.
  - o Watershed stakeholders must have an opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions about the content and impact of any intended changes to the OST/FFMP that affect the Delaware River Basin, prior to their adoption. Accordingly, we request a public hearing and 45 day public comment period on all draft plans/changes before finalization and adoption by the Decree Parties.
  - o Include in the OST/FFMP, language that assures that during any special projects or conditions that develop, requiring diversions from one or more of NYC’s systems to be temporarily limited or shut down, that the New York City Delaware River Basin Reservoirs not be disproportionately utilized relative to the other New York City reservoirs.
  - o Where appropriate, findings from the soon to be released USGS study on the Wedge Dwarf Mussel be incorporated into the OST/FFMP.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Merrill shared that this resolution is similar to another passed last year asking for the same considerations. The Flexible Flow Management Plan is up for renewal. The concern is that the Decree Party members are not cooperating with each other and because they do not agree they continue to renew the same plan. The language in the attachment of the resolution outlines what is appropriate for the Decree Parties to consider.

Mr. Rowe noted that the outlined comments would help improve river based economic and ecological conditions in the communities and the County. He pointed out that tourism suffers when recreational conditions are not acceptable.

In answer to Chairman Eisel, Commissioner of Watershed Affairs Dean Frazier stated that no response to the previous resolution was received from the Decree Parties.

Mr. Merrill added that four of the five Decree Party members have agreed to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss these concerns face to face.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 48**

**TITLE: URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO GRADUALLY RESTORE THE 50/50 STATE/COUNTY COST SHARING FOR THE SAFETY NET PROGRAM AND TO INCREASE SHELTER GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS TO COUNTIES  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the 2011-12 State Budget dramatically lowered the state's fiscal responsibility in the Safety Net Program by shifting the cost to 71% county/ 29% State, severing the historic 50% state / 50% county partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, this continues a long line of state legislative actions that has transferred the state's constitutional and fiscal responsibility to care for the need to county taxpayers, while providing counties virtually no control over eligibility for services and benefit levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safety Net funding shift also builds upon recent trends where the state has leveraged significant savings from maximizing available federal resources largely for state financial plan purposes only, at the expense of local property taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the net effect of this state practice forces local property taxes to be higher than they should because available savings are being spent by the state rather than to lower the cost of state mandates which can provide direct relief to local property taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of the states do not have Safety Net programs and New York is one of only 11 states that provide benefits to childless adults that do not have some disability; and

**WHEREAS**, most other states do not require counties to fund such a large share of public assistance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, counties in New York are required to finance the vast majority of Safety Net costs, putting in twice as much funding as the State; and

**WHEREAS**, for the first half of 2015, state data indicates that county Safety Net costs have increased by nearly 9% over the prior year; and

**WHEREAS**, counties believe that the rising cost of providing shelter assistance to recipients is a major contributor to this increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of state funding support for Safety Net Assistance is part of a larger trend where the state has reduced its fiscal commitment for nearly every Public Assistance program including Child Welfare, Adoption Subsidies, Food Stamp Administration, Safety Net, Child Support Enforcement, Juvenile Justice and programs designed to help recently released state incarcerated offenders return to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of

Supervisors calls on the State to gradually restore the historic 50/50 state/county cost sharing for the Safety Net program over a five year period, starting with an increase in county reimbursement for shelter assistance, which has not been raised in over a decade, in order to help lower the local property tax burden for homeowners and small businesses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Hynes.

Mr. Marshfield stated that a similar resolution addressing these concerns passed last year. Through legislative actions, the state has transferred a portion of its fiscal responsibility for this mandated program to the county taxpayers. The resolution is urging the Governor and legislature to restore the 50/50 state/county cost sharing for the Safety Net Program and to increase shelter grant reimbursements to counties. The County has about 90 participants in the program and is responsible for 71 percent of the cost. The resolution is time sensitive to the state budget and supported by the New York State Association of Counties.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

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

**TITLE: URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES TO HOLD LOCALITIES HARMLESS FROM NEW COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FEDERAL CHILD CARE LAW CHANGES TO ENSURE LOCAL CHILD CARE SLOTS ARE NOT LOST DUE TO INCREASED COSTS OF MEETING THE NEW FEDERAL MANDATES  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the federal government is implementing new child care safety and quality standards that are intended to improve child care services nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors supports vital health and safety measures for child programs and strong training and support services for providers, and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors recognizes that child care is critical to support working families and enhance child development and school readiness for children, and

**WHEREAS**, the new federal standards will require all child care providers to be checked against a variety of databases including FBI fingerprinting, National Crime Information Center, National Sex Offender Registry, state criminal and sex offender registry, and child abuse and neglect registry in each state an applicant has resided over the past five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the state estimates there are over 220,000 regulated and legally-exempt providers as well as household members over the age of 18 that would be required to have a background check at a cost of nearly \$102 per person; and

**WHEREAS**, these federal standards will require annual, unannounced full inspections of all facilities, including legally-exempt providers, which will require New York to conduct 25,000 additional inspections each year; and

**WHEREAS**, new federal rules will require a mandatory pre-service/orientation and ongoing health and safety training for all child care staff in a variety of topical areas including first aid/CPR; and

**WHEREAS**, in New York the cost of First Aid/CPR classroom training is estimated at \$125 per person and would apply to as many as 220,000 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has estimated that meeting these new standards could increase costs for the state, counties and child care providers by up to \$90 million; and

**WHEREAS**, while the federal regulation focuses on child development, it is essential that we recognize that child care is critical as a work support, and that the added costs of implementation will reduce subsidies to low income families who need child care in order to go to work; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significantly constrained property tax cap limits, counties do not have the ability to absorb new costs of this magnitude while also meeting new federal subsidy requirements including 12-month eligibility redetermination and the phase-out of families leaving the subsidy program; and

**WHEREAS**, without additional federal or state funding support to cover these increased costs counties may be forced to close intake (including closing active cases) or lower income thresholds, which will reduce the number of low income working families receiving subsidized child care services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Delaware County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and State Legislature to hold counties harmless from a fiscal perspective to ensure that existing child care slots and subsidies provided by counties are not jeopardized over the coming years as these new federal standards are implemented; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Hynes.

Mr. Marshfield noted that this is another mandated program. The resolution makes it clear that the County is in favor of a healthy and safe environment for the children but is calling on the state and federal government to cover the cost associated with the implementation of the new childcare safety and quality standards. This resolution is also time sensitive to the state budget and supported by the New York State Association of Counties.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 50**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,551,899.93 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	\$968,239.87
OET	\$11,038.18
Public Safety Comm System	\$96,905.41
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$61.43
Landfill	\$86,352.41
Road	\$136,665.98
Machinery	\$78,756.79
Capital Road & Bridge	\$166,846.94
Capital Solid Waste	\$7,032.92

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and Mr. Spaccaferno and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4700, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Chairman Eisel made the following appointments:

Youth Bureau:

Jasper Koota  
Hannah Baxter

Tourism Advisory Board:

Glenn Nealis, Director of Economic Development  
Teresa Allen, Co-Chair, Upper Delaware Business Coalition  
Mike Triolo, Supervisor for the Town of Stamford  
Robert Nash, the Colonial Motel  
Art Merrill, Supervisor for the Town of Colchester  
Leland Ploutz, Octagon Farm Motor Lodge  
Liz Callahan, Executive Director of Hanford Mills Museum

Mr. Rowe stated that he read in the Press and Sun Bulletin recently that one of the casinos in the North Country paid a \$50 million licensing fee to the State of New York. Ten percent of the fee will go to the host county and 10 percent will be divided among the surrounding counties. If the same formula is used when the anticipated casino for Sullivan County is licensed Delaware County will receive a significant financial opportunity.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.