

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MARCH 28, 2018

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 28, 2018 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 Tina B. Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Mr. Pigford who arrived shortly after the roll call.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

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

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Mr. Pigford. Mr. Pigford introduced Director of Public Health Amanda Walsh who gave the annual training overview of the Medicaid Compliance Program.

Ms. Walsh explained that Medicaid providers are required to operate under established Medicaid Compliance regulations. As the governing body, the Board of Supervisors must also receive the compliance program training. The Supervisors were given a copy of a booklet entitled: *Delaware County Public Health Nursing Service Compliance Program Training Booklet 18 NYCRR 521 Regulation* to follow along with the presentation.

The topics contained within the Corporate Compliance booklet were discussed. It was noted that the Department of Public Health has an established system of checks and balances designed to detect and prevent inaccurate billing and inappropriate practices as required by regulations.

The Supervisors were asked to sign and return the Attestation Form upon completion of their review of the booklet. The forms are retained as proof of completion of the Medicaid Compliance Program training.

Ms. Walsh referenced Resolution No. 66 entitled: *Delaware County Public Health Services Celebrates National Public Health Week April 2-8* that will be called up later in the meeting. During this week, the public health community comes together to celebrate accomplishments and brings a renewed focus to the work ahead.

She noted that participants are needed for the Medical Countermeasures Drill that will be held on Tuesday, April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Delhi American Legion. The drill will test Public Health's capacity to serve community members and be able to respond effectively and efficiently in real emergencies. Anyone interested in participating should call the Department of Public Health.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59

**TITLE: 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS PROJECT
OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has been granted \$5,000.00 from CDPHP to expand the agency's existing Tai Chi for Arthritis program for the County's older population; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to engage in activities to support health promotion and stay healthy wellness programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018 Budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

10-16772-42270607/6772050/977	Grant from Corporations	\$5,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10-16772-54327000/6772050/977	Contracted Services	\$3,750.00
10-16772-54327625/6772050/977	Travel	\$1,250.00

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60

**TITLE: 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, funds have been made available to the Sheriff's Office by way of felony drug prosecutions which funding is routinely collected; and

WHEREAS, an additional taser equal to those worn by other members of the Special Response Team (SRT) is needed to similarly equip all members of the SRT so they are fully equipped when there is a need to respond to special tasks.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-00000-34899000	Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds-Sheriff's Office	\$1,670.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-13110-52200000

Equipment

\$1,670.00

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF PROPOSAL NO. SW1-18
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 51 of 2018 authorized the award of Proposal No. SW1-18, Purchase of Tandem Axle Roll-Off Truck to Mohawk Valley Freightliner for the price of \$145,222 each; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturer has offered a seven-year extended warranty that was not included in the original bid specifications for a price of \$5,735 per truck; and

WHEREAS, the Department has reviewed the warranty and our usual costs over the first seven years and determined that the warranty would be beneficial to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 for Proposal No. SW1-18 adding the extended warranty at a cost \$5,735/truck bringing the total cost per truck to \$150,957.00.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF PROPOSAL NO. 27-18
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 49 of 2018 authorized the award of Proposal No. 27-18, Purchase of Four Tandem Axle Dump Trucks with Snow Equipment to Tracey Road Equipment for the price of \$209,061 each; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturer has offered a seven-year extended warranty that was not included in the original bid specifications for a price of \$5,735 per truck; and

WHEREAS, the Department has reviewed the warranty and our usual costs over the first seven years and determined that the warranty would be beneficial to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 for Proposal No. 27-18 adding the extended warranty at a cost \$5,735/truck bringing the total cost per truck to \$214,796.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63

TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING/PUBLICATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT IN REGARD TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL CDBG SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Community Renewal is accepting applications from eligible communities to compete for funds available through the 2018 CDBG Small Business Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, a request for assistance, in the form of a grant, has been received by the County to aid in the expansion of a local business; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Community Renewal application process requires that the governing body of the applicant hold a public hearing to obtain the view of citizens on community development and housing needs, as well as the proposed activity; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing originally authorized by Resolution No. 55 of 2018 had to be postponed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Economic Development to schedule a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 12:45 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION FOR LAND PURCHASE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Resolution 17 of 2017 authorized the Chairman of the Board working with the then Acting County Attorney to negotiate and enter into an option with the landowner to determine the suitability of a site for a DPW highway facility; and

WHEREAS, that site was the parcel of property identified by Town of Delhi tax map no. 150.-1-92.1 (Site No. 3); and

WHEREAS, public opposition to the County's purchase of that property resulted in the option not being exercised; and

WHEREAS, 11 landowners approached DPW with property for consideration for a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the County's Consulting Architect/Engineer for the project evaluated each of those sites with site selection criteria and criteria weighting factors established by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the number of sites was reduced to the three highest ranked sites plus the null site of developing at the current location for closer evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the County's Consulting Architect/Engineer further evaluated the four sites and determined that Site No. 3 is the most economical site from the standpoint of capital and operational costs as well as public safety improvements for Delaware County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to sign an option agreement and other legal documents, after it is approved by the County Attorney for one year at a cost of \$120,000 and if subsequent extensions are required for \$60,000 per year to enable environmental, archeological, and physical studies to be completed to determine if the site is suitable for the development of the DPW facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 17 of 2017 not having been rescinded and after due diligence the Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign all necessary said documents.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Spaccaforno.

Mr. Tuthill stated that the constituents of his Town have expressed their opposition to the County building a DPW facility on the McFarland site. He felt the people did not have an opportunity to speak their concerns and the public meetings that were held consisted of lengthy presentations, with limited time for questions and concerns. Additionally, it took months to get answers to many of the questions and concerns raised. The Board has long had an issue with eminent domain and he does not believe it should be used for the purpose of building a bridge. The McFarland property has been slated for the Village of Delhi's hamlet extension area and made off limits for purchase by New York City. He expressed concern that the property might now be lost to the County. He did not feel the hybrid option was ideal and felt there could be a better plan that would not alienate the host community. For these reasons he would be voting against this resolution.

Mr. Marshfield read from his prepared statement entitled: *Site #3 (McFarland) vs. Hybrid Site #7/11 (Page Avenue/Bishop)*

In reviewing our last Power Point presentation and the packet given to the Supervisors, I have the following comments.

In fairness to both suggested proposals I find that not only should we have had the submitted pros to site #3, but we should have had the pros to site selection #7/11, the hybrid.

Site 7/11 (Delhi/Bishop) pros are as follows: This proposal will have no lawsuits, it is out of the floodplain, there are no archeological issues, no public outcry, located in a commercial zone, no options to pay, quickest site selection for moving the project along, it's along a State highway, accessible to the landfill personnel if sharing of some services is desired, no additional bridge to maintain forever, it retains a highway patrol in Delhi, there are no eminent domain issues with a willing seller, #7 is owned by the county, all utilities are already there on site #7, no neighborhood issues on #7, and most of all #3 is in the designated hamlet area of the Town of Delhi and #11 is not in a designated hamlet area of Hamden. Site #11 has a two bay 42' x 75' commercial garage, 20' clearance inside, 6" reinforced concrete floor, 750,000 btu boiler, 200 amp single phase electric service, and the two insulated doors are 14' wide and 16' high. Based on values in this proposal, this garage would cost between \$475,000 and \$600,000 to build.

Both sites do not address deductions for selling the excess land and buildings, which admittedly could be in fact an advantage to site #3.

Site #11 does have municipal sewer and water available less than .7 tenths of a mile from the site and this was not addressed on the proposal such as #3 was.

I find that the insertion of the Hoag's Crossing Bridge in the 7/11 site, to be most unfair, even though the direct costs were not part of the immediate project. Hoag's Crossing is a 60' bridge and should remain in our normal bridge replacement policy and to figure \$7,000,000 for a replacement is in my mind not sensible. It shouldn't be inserted in the hybrid sites future costs, as it was never inserted in the original pure Page Avenue site costs. Residents on County Route 18 in emergencies can easily traverse Glen Burnie Road for about 4 miles, then coming to State Route 28 another no more than 4 miles from downtown Delhi. As far as the historic Fitches Covered Bridge, it is ludicrous to continue to allow 2700 cars to traverse that bridge over any given weekend. This bridge should be easily closed for one weekend out of the year and it would solve that unusual and unique problem.

The proposed W. Branch Delaware River bridge allowance in #3 which once stood at \$4 million is now at \$1.9 million. Many felt that the \$4 million would end up being double, but now it is less than one-half that?

The Delhi public has been totally against the site #3 and that opinion means a lot to me. I worked in Delhi for 50 years among these same people and I respect what they are conveying to us, I hear them loud and clear. Take a look at the Bracci lot today, it has about 20 round bales of hay positioned there with "no bridge here" painted on them.

Within and near Delhi the residents protest the use of these sacred lands for this project, and your constituents the further you get from Delhi, resent the costs associated with these projects, neither project site escapes that scrutiny. I have fielded calls near and far, and that is what they are saying. Who knows better what the public can afford than our public themselves. They are paying the bill!

Do we need an 80,000 square feet complex? 2 acres worth of buildings seems like excessive to me. To design a facility after a NYSDOT Kirkwood facility is far beyond what our taxpayers can afford.

However, I am glad to see that the proposed project break room was reduced from 1500 square feet to 1000 square feet, which by the way I feel is still plenty. I also question the 5,750

square feet small engine/tires/fluids rooms when the early prints I look at only allotted 2000 square feet for those same rooms. If the 2000 square feet is correct, the cost of both project sites could be reduced by almost a million dollars. Additionally, I would also like to see the new two bay garage on site #11 (Bishop) utilized thereby being able to save more dollars for our tax payers. I also think more consideration should be given to leaving the small engine repair shop on Page Avenue in Delhi, but I do think there are ways to efficiently transport vehicles to Hamden if needed without encumbering extra costs. The Human Resources committee should be consulted as well on this for their recommendations.

At one time a site in DeLancey was under consideration with equally as much opposition as the Delhi Site. I know what it means to support our constituency and to not ignore their public opinion. If this DeLancey project was still on the scope as a primary site, I would certainly have wanted the respect, support and consideration of my fellow supervisors, the same respect, support and consideration I am now giving to Delhi.

Do I really need another highway department in the Town of Hamden, do I want more land taken off the tax roll in Hamden, and the answer to both is not really. But for all of the taxpayers in Delaware County, this hybrid solution is by far the best. The proposal shows a cost difference of \$1,174,000 more for the hybrid sites. You can reduce this cost difference by another \$500,000 - \$600,000 in utilizing the Bishop garage vs. building new. With the remaining \$500,000 difference you have no options to pay, no eminent domain issues, little if any public outcry, no lawsuits, no archeological issues, no forever maintenance and replacements on another bridge, and this site will move the project along to match the DPW's immediate needs. And most of all you don't leave the Delhi community torn apart.

Abe Lincoln once said, "public opinion is everything", he felt as a leader it meant finding out what his electorate wanted, and within reason giving it to them. Our public has and is sharing their opinions with us, there is a more viable alternative and that is the hybrid site #7/11. Is it perfect, heck no, but it is a good solution for all parties concerned, a solution that is not politically motivated.

Mr. Spaccaforno explained in response to Mr. Marshfield, that two-thirds of the Bishop property is located in a floodplain. Building a critical facility in a floodplain will significantly impact the burden on the taxpayers as it will limit the amount of available grant funding. He pointed out that past flooding events have proven that often times getting from the Town of Hamden to the Town of Delhi is impeded by road closure during the event. Additionally, the Bishop property does not allow for any future expansion and the use of the existing garage and traffic alignment may not be suitable. He pointed out that the Public Works Committee has evaluated all the sites recommended to them and the McFarland site continually ranks as the most suitable.

Mr. Gregory opined that it is the responsibility of the Supervisors to provide the Public Works employees with a safe and efficient work place. Delaying construction of a new facility while fighting court battles and designing additional bridges and roads hinders this obligation to our employees. Additionally, we need to listen to the people of the host community; many have spoken to him about their opposition to the McFarland site, yet no one has come to him with opposition to the Bishop property. His assessment of the information presented is that the hybrid option would allow the building project to move along quicker. The McFarland site requires eminent domain, building a bridge and has significant community opposition. The Bishop site

requires no bridge, has no community opposition, is situated on a state highway and has a willing seller.

Mr. Davis stated that the Supervisors have been made aware of the challenges faced by the Department of Public Works Committee and their diligence in seeking a resolution. There is a great deal more at stake here than money. This decision is about the health, safety and welfare of all the residents of the County. The decision to build a critical facility in a floodplain is ludicrous and does not address the utmost concern which is the County's ability to act for all of the municipalities during and immediately following a flood event or national disaster.

Mr. Eisel noted that DPW County employees are working in awful conditions. He felt the Public Works Committee had done its due diligence and it is time to move forward. The resolution before the Supervisors allows the process to move forward with the site the County's Consulting Engineers has determined to be the most suitable for the project. He opined that while no site is perfect the project should remain in the County seat and he would be voting in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Gladstone stated that the host community has expressed their opposition to the McFarland site and he felt the Supervisors had a responsibility to respect the host community. He shared his concerns stating that a public meeting to discuss the final two sites was not held, he is very much against the use of eminent domain in less than the most critical of situations, the lack of information with regard to available grant funding, and as a lifelong farmer he is opposed to taking prime agricultural land for other purposes despite the decline in agriculture. For these reasons he will be voting against the resolution.

Chairman Molé thanked Commissioner Reynolds and the Public Works Committee for their diligent work in siting a new DPW facility. The Public Works Committee has done a very thorough job of reviewing the sites meeting the criteria set by the Board of Supervisors. The consulting firm, hired by the County, has presented the Board with the two final options. It is the responsibility of the Supervisors to plan for the future of this County, to consider the facts, weigh the pros and the cons and make the best decision for the all of the residents of Delaware County. Building a new facility split between sites miles apart with a portion of it in a floodplain in her assessment is not the best option for the entire County. She felt after weighing all of the information presented that the McFarland site is the most suitable location for the County's DPW facility. For these reasons, she would be voting in favor of this resolution.

The resolution was defeated by the following vote: Ayes 2228, Noes 2511 (Gladstone, Merrill, Tuthill, Taggart, Marshfield, Ellis, Pigford, Gregory), Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65

TITLE: RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STATE FUNDING OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR EVERY ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL IN NEW YORK STATE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, our children are deserving of the best protection possible when they are away from their homes and in the care and custody of our educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, we are, unfortunately, in an era where children in schools have too often become a target for evil persons wishing to cause mayhem and terror; and

WHEREAS, chief among the things that can be done quickly to increase the safety of our children and their schools is to provide an armed police presence in the schools; and

WHEREAS, due to budget constraints, tax caps and limited sources of revenue, it is beyond the fiscal capability of many school districts and other local government entities to fund the placing of an armed police officer in every school; and

WHEREAS, the current threat to the safety of our children in their schools is a public safety emergency requiring a statewide response by our state government, with its multiple revenue sources, to address this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the New York State Sheriffs' Association in its call for the state funding of an armed school resource officer in every elementary and secondary school in New York State, and does hereby call upon the New York State Legislature and the Governor to include in the 2018 Annual State Budget funding for that purpose.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66

TITLE: DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK APRIL 2-8, 2018

WHEREAS, the week of April 2-8, 2018, is National Public Health Week; with a theme of "Healthiest Nation 2030: Changing our Future Together"; 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, we need to make healthy choices for ourselves and work together to create communities that make healthy choices the easy choice for everyone; 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 2-8, 2018 as Public Health Week.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67

TITLE: RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE STATE LEGISLATORS TO REJECT THE EMPIRE FOREST FOR FUTURE INITIATIVE WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO FOREST TAX EXEMPTION 480-A BY CREATING A NEW EXPANDED FOREST TAX EXEMPTION 480-B REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

WHEREAS, the State looks to change Forest Tax Exemption 480-a. The current 480-a exemption requires among other things a lot size of at least 50 acres of forested land. The proposed change reduced this requirement to a minimum of 25 acres with only 10 acres being forested; and

WHEREAS, such a reduction in lot size would result in a drastic increase in the number of exempt eligible properties and a drastic reduction in tax revenue to the County; and

WHEREAS, currently pursuant to exemption 480-a there are approximately 664 properties in Delaware County meeting the requirements of the lot size for this exemption.

WHEREAS, if proposal 480-b is passed there will be a total of 6,520 properties eligible for a 40% reduction in their property taxes; and

WHEREAS, this proposal imposes a huge tax burden on the residents of Delaware County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors calls upon Governor Cuomo and the State Legislators to reject the proposed Forest Tax Exemption amendment 480-b as it would once again shift an additional devastating tax burden onto the people of Delaware County.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Chairman Molé noted the reason for this not-prefiled resolution is to express the County's concern regarding the passage of 480-b as the state budget negotiations are in the final stages and expected to wrap up by Thursday, March 29, 2018.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$933,825.13 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	\$630,778.94
OET	\$29,776.49
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
CAP 97-Main Street	\$0.00
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$222.47
Landfill	\$61,244.44
Road	\$169,643.81
Machinery	\$42,158.98
Capital Road & Bridge	\$0.00
Capital Solid Waste	\$0.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Nos 0, Absent 0.

In response to the request made by Chairman of the Public Works Committee George Haynes, Chairman Molé called for a short recess.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned for a short recess.

The meeting reconvened in regular session with all Supervisors present.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE HYBRID OPTION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 64 of 2018 entitled: *Authorization to Enter into an Option for Land Purchase* for Site No. 3 has been defeated by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works must continue to pursue the construction of a new facility to replace the current failing and undersized facility; and

WHEREAS, the only other viable option for development is the hybrid option which includes development at Site Nos. 7 and 11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Works Committee is herewith authorized to initiate the design of a patrol garage on Page Avenue in the Village of Delhi in accordance with the general outline provided by Wendel at the March 14, 2018 Board Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Committee is herewith authorized to initiate negotiations for an option on Site No. 11 to allow the onsite investigations required to complete the SEQRA investigations.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente.

Mr. Haynes explained that this resolution, if approved, will allow the Public Works Committee to move forward with a design of a patrol garage and enter into negotiations for the purchase of Site No.11 (Bishop Property).

In answer to Mr. Taggart, Mr. Haynes noted that the main concern at this time is the patrol garage.

Mr. Valente expressed concern that the hybrid option is a band-aid fix and does not take into consideration the offices for the Department of Public Works, Board of Elections, Office of Employment and Training and Veterans Affairs. In addition, the County is building a critical facility in a floodplain despite the fact that the County Planning Department is working on flood buy-out purchases for 200 private homes in the Town of Sidney.

Mr. Davis pointed out that the County has also administered a flood buy-out program in the Town of Middletown. He stated that the Town of Middletown was against it as property is so limited.

In answer to Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haynes noted that the design and location of the structures are not finalized.

Mr. Triolo remarked that he is disappointed that the McFarland site was defeated. He advised that he will vote against a purchase price on Site No. 11 that is significantly more than the appraised value of the property.

Mr. Gregory expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Committee for the work they have done through the process and for their very detailed response to all of his questions.

Mr. Hynes stated that Supervisors have been working to consolidate departments whenever possible. The defeat of Resolution No. 64 goes against that direction. He opined that it does not make sense to split up one of the County's most critical departments.

In answer to Mr. Hynes, Mr. Haynes stated that the design of the patrol garage and authorization to initiate negotiations for an option on Site No. 11 in the same resolution did not present a concern to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Haynes stated in answer to Chairman Molé, that a resolution will be presented to the Board once the appraisal is complete and an asking price is determined.

Mr. Valente referenced comments made earlier in the meeting, noting that DPW Committee realized this was a very public issue and made a great effort to include the public and the Supervisors in public meetings throughout the process. He pointed out that one such public meeting had three people in attendance. He stated that the committee welcomes input and encourages the public and the Supervisors to contact any member of the committee.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3699, Noes 1160 (Hynes, Triolo, Layton, Gregory), Absent 0.

Upon a motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.