

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman James E. Eisel, Sr. presiding.

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

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Mr. Merrill 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 Ms. Molé who introduced Public Health Services Epidemiologist Amanda Walsh to provide an update on the Ebola virus.

Ms. Walsh stated the Delaware County Public Health Disease Control Program conducts daily disease surveillance for a variety of reportable communicable diseases, works closely with the infection control practitioners located at hospitals within the five county area, provides guidance and information to hospitals, health centers, medical professionals and the public regarding communicable diseases. Additionally, the department maintains a working relationship with New York State Department of Health and all Public Health departments in surrounding counties. The Disease Control Program focuses on surveillance and early detection of a disease, contact investigation, treatment or care, and prevention of the further spread of disease.

A PowerPoint presentation was given. Ms. Walsh explained that the Ebola virus was first discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River and is a rare and deadly disease. The 2014 Ebola outbreak is the largest to date and the first for West Africa. The virus's host remains unknown but researchers believe that the virus comes from animals and that bats in Africa may be responsible. The virus spreads through direct contact with body fluids or contaminated objects of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola. Symptoms of the virus will appear two to twenty-one days after exposure. The Ebola virus is spreading in Africa more so than the United States due to cultural practices and differing types of hospitals and treatment areas. At this time, there is not an FDA-approved vaccine for Ebola. Treatment consists of supportive care and in some instances an experimental antibody treatment has been used. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the healthcare community across the country, state and county are prepared to safely manage a patient suspected of being infected with the Ebola virus disease.

Ms. Walsh answered in response to Chairman Eisel, that to her knowledge a vaccine is not emanate for the nation. She explained that a variety of factors determine vaccine development. There are elements of Ebola that scientists do not have the answers to yet. Viruses also have the potential to mutate creating different strains and making it difficult to develop an effective vaccine.

In answer to Mr. Taggart, Ms. Walsh said that the CDC is handling the lab testing and the response time depends upon how many specimens are submitted to the lab and the lab testing process itself. If an individual is suspected of having the Ebola virus, Public Health and the hospital begin the process of isolating the patient, begin supportive care and contact investigation without waiting for lab results.

Ms. Walsh explained in answer to Mr. Triolo's concern about the enterovirus-D68 in children, that enterovirus-D68 was one of many respiratory viruses. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough and muscle or body aches. D-68 is just one variety of enteroviruses; there are over 100 enteroviruses. Enterovirus-D68 has been primarily affecting children with asthma or a history of wheezing. Delaware County has no cases of enterovirus-D68.

In response to Mr. Spaccaforno, Ms. Walsh stated that colloidal silver was not being used as a treatment for Ebola as far as she knew.

Chairman Eisel thanked Ms. Walsh for a very informative presentation.

Chairman Eisel granted privilege of the floor to Mr. Axtell who introduced Director of Emergency Services Steve Hood.

Mr. Hood introduced United Way of Broome County Executive Director Alan Hertel, Director of the Susquehanna River Region 2-1-1 Candace Gregory and United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties Executive Director Sue Dapkins.

Ms. Dapkins noted that the 2-1-1 service is a critical resource designed to connect people in need to services in their community. The center is staffed with certified trained individuals who receive incoming calls requesting information. The United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties has advocated for the expansion of the 2-1-1 service into Delaware County for a number of years. New York State has recently earmarked funds to support the expansion of the 2-1-1 service to unserved counties, Otsego and Delaware among them.

Mr. Hertel shared that the Susquehanna Regional Call Center has operated for decades under the name of First Call for Help and was officially designated the Susquehanna Region 2-1-1 Call Center on February 11, 2011. The center currently serves the counties of Broome, Tioga and Chenango and maintains a database of 5,000 programs and services administrated across a number of counties including Delaware and Otsego. This program is a great asset and he hopes that Delaware County supports the expansion.

In answer to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Hertel stated that the majority of funding comes from the state, the United Way, and the participating counties of Chenango and Tioga. The expansion is possible at this time because the state has committed \$30,000 for this purpose in their current budget. State funding for the 2-1-1 system is applied for on a yearly basis but they are working with state representatives to secure an ongoing commitment.

Mr. Hertel stated in reply to Mr. Taggart, that the center operates on a budget of about \$200,000. That amount supports a trained staff of five people, three full-time and two part-time, software upgrades and other operational expenses. The current hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Susquehanna Regional Call Center is entering into a contract with another 2-1-1 call center who will answer calls after hours and weekends making the call center a 24/7 operation.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Hertel advised that additional staff is not being considered with the expansion into Delaware and Otsego Counties. In 2011 after the flood, the call center opened and relieved the Broome County 911 system of 12,000 calls. Ms. Gregory added that the enhanced software provides capabilities that will help with the additional call volume. She pointed out that their call volume answer rate is about 97 percent and even with the increase in volume during the flood of 2011, the rate did not dip below 85 percent.

Mr. Hertel noted that in 2013 the center handled 44,000 calls out of their office located in the United Way of Broome County in Vestal, NY and a few thousand website inquires. He noted that the center was recently recognized for having received the highest number of calls per population base outside of New York City.

Mr. Hertel stated in answer to Chairman Eisel that the state has already contracted with a consultant to work with phone service providers who indicate the 2-1-1 system is expected to be in operation before the end of this year.

In reply to Mr. Spaccaforno, Mr. Hertel said there is no cost for the 2-1-1 program to the county at this time. Ms. Dapkins noted that the United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties is committed to raising funds to help offset the cost of the program and has some promising opportunities. As public awareness is very important to the usefulness of the program, some of the funds will be allocated to a public awareness campaign.

Chairman Eisel thanked Mr. Hertel, Ms. Gregory and Ms. Dapkins for their commitment to the expansion of 2-1-1 into Delaware County.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 176**

**TITLE: 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 137 of 2014 transferred funds to engineering for personal services; and

**WHEREAS**, fringe benefits were not included in that resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2014 budget be amended as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATION:**

24-15010-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib	\$3,500.00
24-15010-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib	\$800.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

24-15020-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib	\$3,500.00
24-15020-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib	\$800.00

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Miller and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4324, Noes 0, Absent 475 (Rowe, Ellis).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 177**

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER REGION 2-1-1 SYSTEM TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES TO DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1 service is a critical resource to connect people in need to services in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1 is a free, easy to remember phone number and online database that connects people quickly and effectively to existing health and human service programs, joblessness support and disaster response information in their communities. Services people can find by calling 2-1-1 include healthcare, rent and mortgage assistance, food and shelter, job training, transportation, childcare, senior care, veteran services and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1's role in emergencies and disaster response can also serve as a critical resource for residents. Relieving the burden on the 911 system, 2-1-1 offers one number for people affected by disaster to call for non-emergency information such as confirming evacuation notices and finding local emergency shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, 2-1-1 can be an incredible resource for Delaware County residents. Trained specialists provide a confidential assessment and referral to local resources, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 2-1-1 is a one-stop-shop to literally hundreds of local services that are a lifeline for struggling families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susquehanna River Region 2-1-1 System, in conjunction with the United Ways of Broome and Delaware County's, has offered to expand its services to include Delaware County at no cost to Delaware County taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors offer its support to the Susquehanna River Region 2-1-1 System in its expansion into Delaware County.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes and Mr. Spaccaferno and unanimously adopted.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 178**

**TITLE: SALE OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

**RESOLVED** that the following described parcels of tax acquired property be sold to the party indicated for the price herein stated and the County Treasurer is authorized to execute and deliver deed, therefor, and to cancel all Delaware County tax liens thereon, upon receipt of cash consideration hereinafter set forth.

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<b><u>ASSESSED TO:</u></b>	<b><u>JOHN T TONZILLO</u></b>
TOWN OF:	123689:HANCOCK
TAX MAP NO:	430.-1-11.3
SCHOOL DISTRICT:	123606:HANCOCK
ACREAGE:	200.00'F x 575.00'D: 2.14A ACRES
CONVEYED TO:	ROBERT CARLYLE WEYRAUCH 147 SIGNOR ROAD EAST BRANCH NY 13756
CASH CONSIDERATION:	\$25,100.00
TAX DEFICIT:	\$9,060.72

	HAR12TX.006
<b><u>ASSESSED TO:</u></b>	<b><u>FREDERICK R BLAICH</u></b>
TOWN OF:	123801:HARPERSFIELD
TAX MAP NO:	54.5-5-15.11
SCHOOL DISTRICT:	125201:STAMFORD
ACREAGE:	130.00'F x 210.00'D ACRES
CONVEYED TO:	30 RIVER ST INC 86 OLD RT 28 FLEISCHMANN'S NY 12430
CASH CONSIDERATION:	\$15,210.00

VILLAGE SHARE \$3,042.00  
COUNTY SHARE \$12,168.00  
\$8,916.66

TAX DEFICIT:

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Donnelly and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4097, Noes 227 (Triolo), Absent 475 (Rowe, Ellis).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 179**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$956,127.16 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	\$793,926.68
OET	\$17,963.97
Public Safety Comm System	\$19.00
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights and Measures	\$130.00
Landfill	\$36,786.56
Road	\$26,778.13
Machinery	\$65,819.07
Capital Road & Bridge	\$7,068.75
Capital Solid Waste	\$7,635.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4324, Noes 0, Absent 475 (Rowe, Ellis).