

REGULAR MEETING
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 9, 2005

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 9, 2005 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. Shelton.

Mr. Donnelly offered the invocation.

Ms. Molé led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Eisel noted that Mr. Shelton is absent due to the fire that destroyed the Town of Tompkins highway garage and town hall last night.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Clerk read a letter from Undersheriff Charles A. Newman, thanking the members of the Board of Supervisors for the plaque presented to him at his retirement party. His letter also thanked those who attended and sent cards. Undersheriff Newman referenced the challenges the Board has faced and the difficult decisions that lie ahead and he sincerely believes the Board will make the right decisions for the people of the county.

The Clerk also noted that a letter was just received from the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA) which will be part of the record.

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

For Standing Committee Reports, Finance Committee Chairman Mr. Donnelly asked Clerk of the Board Christa Schafer to bring the Board up to date on the USL system.

Mrs. Schafer stated that progress with the USL Financial System has definitely been a slow one. She advised that numerous problems have been encountered and the team is working diligently to resolve each issue.

The Supervisors will be signing the newly formatted Abstract for the approval of payment of bills. The report still requires some tweaking however, the Abstract took our accountant only an hour and a half today to complete in comparison to the 5 to 7 hours it has taken in the past.

Mrs. Schafer said that we are still in the test stages of the voucher and are in hopes that within the next few weeks, departments will be able to print the voucher from the information entered into the system thus, eliminating the need to hand write vouchers.

The process of closing the 2004 year end has never been done on the system, it is taking time to balance accounts. Mrs. Schafer said she is optimistic that once accomplished, that some of the problems incurred in 2004 will be resolved in 2005.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55

**TITLE: WRAP GRANT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has awarded Delaware County Department of Social Services a weatherization grant in the amount of \$23,701.00 representing 100% federal energy funds, to intensify services to low income households which may benefit from conservation information and weatherization activities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Social Services Department Budget for 2004 is hereby amended to:

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT

10-16012-44468900	Federal Other Social Services .	\$23,701.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

10-16012-52400000	Capital Outlay	\$23,701.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56

**TITLE: HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the designated local agency to administer the County's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for 2004-2005, said monies to be utilized to reimburse the county at 100% of its expenditures

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2005 Social Services budget be amended to increase the following accounts:

REVENUE:

10-16141-444641000 / 6141005 / 971	HEAP	\$400,000.00
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APPROPRIATIONS:

10-16141-54342010 / 6141005 / 971	HEAP Emergency	\$250,000.00
10-16141-54342020 / 6141005 / 971	HEAP Administration	\$31,000.00
10-16141-54342040 / 6141005 / 971	HEAP NPA	\$119,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Mr. Thomas noted that 100% of the \$400,000.00 is received from the government.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57

**TITLE: CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is a comprehensive program of primary and secondary prevention of lead poisoning which includes public and professional outreach and education, and in collaboration with local primary care providers; screening, diagnostic evaluation, medical management and environmental interventions; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in children under six years of age; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the county work plan has expanded to include additional outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, the lead program is in need of a new computer; and

WHEREAS, the lead program expenses are 100% reimbursed by the New York State Department of Health Lead Grant; and

WHEREAS, the lead program is a required component of the comprehensive Municipal Public Health Services Work Plan

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following transfer of funds be authorized:

FROM:

10-14060-54255000 Education Services \$4,500.00

TO:

10-14050-52200000 Equipment \$ 900.00
10-14050-54183000 Community Outreach & Education \$3,600.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Maddalone and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

Mr. Utter offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

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

LETTING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2005 & FEBRUARY 22, 2005

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. 1-05 Rental of Construction Equipment to; Admar Supply Co. Inc., 27 Canal Road, Albany, NY 12204; American Asphalt (Gorman Brothers Inc.), Church Street, Port of Albany, Albany, NY 12202; Anderson Equipment Co., 720 E. Franklin St., Endicott, NY 13760; Boyle Excavating, Inc., 233 Boyle Road, Harpersfield, N.Y. 13786; Catskill Rental, PO Box 664, Margaretville, NY 12455; Clark Companies, Inc., P.O. Box 427, Delhi, N.Y. 13753; Cobleskill Stone Products, Inc., P.O. Box 220 Cobleskill, N.Y. 12043; Contour Construction, LLC, 145 Podpadiac Rd., Richmondville, NY 12149; Delhi Rock Drilling, Inc., 20306 State Highway 28, Delhi, N.Y. 13753; Robert H. Finke & Sons, Inc., P.O. Box 127, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158; Hertz Equipment Rental Corp., 3 Avis Drive, Latham, NY 12110; LaFever Excavating Inc., 3135 County Highway 6, Bovina Center, N.Y. 13740; Reclamation Inc. of Kingston, P.O. Box 292, West Hurley, N.Y. 12491; Seward Sand & Gravel, 532 County Highway 58, Oneonta, N.Y. 13820; Stony Hollow Run Inc. P.O. Box 205, West Hurley, N.Y. 12491; Central Asphalt Div. of Suit-Kote Corp., 1911 Lorings Crossing Rd., Cortland, N.Y. 13045; Sullivan County Paving & Construction Inc., 420 Bernas Road, Cohecton, N.Y. 12726; Tracey Road Equipment, Inc., 6803 Manlius Center Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057; Tri-Town Development Corp., PO Box 237, Sidney, NY 13838; Vestal Asphalt, 201 Stage Rd, Vestal, N.Y. 13850.
Bid Price: See Summary Sheet

PROPOSAL NO. 5-05 Liquid Bituminous Concrete & Related Equipment Bid to: Gorman Asphalt DBA American Asphalt, Church Street, Port of Albany, Albany, NY 12202; Central Asphalt Division of Suit-Kote Corp., 1911 Lorings Crossing Rd., Cortland, N.Y. 13045; Peckham Materials Corp., Foot of Union Street, Athens, N.Y. 12015; Vestal Asphalt Inc., 201 Stage Road, Vestal, N.Y. 13850.
Bid Price: See Summary Sheet

- PROPOSAL NO. 6-05 Stone & Gravel Products to: Barrett Paving Materials, Inc., PO Box 400, Washington Mills, NY 13479; Brandows, 80 Olive Branch Rd., Schenevus, NY 12155; Carver Sand & Gravel LLC, 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY 12009; Cobleskill Stone Products, Inc., PO Box 220, Cobleskill, NY 12043; Burton F. Clark, Inc., PO Box 427, Delhi, NY 13753; Hanson Aggregates, New Yrok, Inc., PO Box 513, Jamesville, NY 13078; LaFaver Sand & Gravel, LLC., 3135 County Highway 6, Bovina Center, NY 13740; Platterkill Sand & Gravel, Inc., 111 Back Road Spur, Gilboa, NY 12076; Seward Sand & Gravel, Inc., 532 County Highway 58, Oneonta, NY 13820; Stevens Excavating, 15 Stevens Lane, Otego, NY 13825.
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 7-05 Gravel Processing to: Clark Companies, PO Box 427, Delhi, NY 13753
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 8-05 Transit Mixed Concrete to: B & B Ready Mix, 2376 State Highway 12, Greene, NY 13778; Masters, RMC, Inc., PO Box 25, Kingsley, PA 18826; Otsego Ready Mix, Inc., 2 Wells Avenue, Oneonta, NY 13820
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 9-05 Structural Steel Fasteners to: Fastenal Co., 7352 State Highway 23, Suite 3, Oneonta, NY 13820
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 10-05 Steel Structural Shapes, Misc. to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 11-05 Used Steel Pipe & New Steel Pipe End Sections to: Allegany Pipe & Tubular, 2954 County Road 22, Andover, NY 14806-9616; Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820.
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 12-05 Interlocking Steel Sheet Piling to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820
- Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
- PROPOSAL NO. 13-05 Steel Reinforcing Bars to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820.

	Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 14-05	Epoxy Coated Steel Reinforcing Bars to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 15-05	Guiderail Components to: Cardona & Sons, 397 Anthony Street, Schenectady, NY 12308; Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 16-05	Gabions to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 17-05	Pressure Treated Timbers to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 18-05	Plain Elastomeric Bridge Bearing Material to: Allied Building Products, 24 Railroad Ave., Albany, NY 12205 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 19-05	Bridge Deck Membrane to: Allied Building Products, 24 Railroad Ave., Albany, NY 12205 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet
PROPOSAL NO. 23-05	Steel Sign Posts to: Otsego Iron & Metal Co., PO Box 339, Oneonta, NY 13820 Bid Price: See Summary Sheet

Towns may participate in these bids.

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Rider.

Mr. Utter stated that all the specifications and documents are available at the Department of Public Works for review.

In response to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Utter said the bids are sent out to Highway Superintendents.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 114 of 2003 authorized the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Preliminary Design phase of a federally funded project to reconstruct County Bridge No. 60, Otego Road over Ouleout Creek (BIN 3352390) in the Town of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions Nos. 102 and 106 of 2004 authorized the Chairman of the Board to execute Supplemental Agreements #1 & #2 with NYS DOT to continue work on the Design and Right of Way acquisition phases of the project; and

WHEREAS, the design and right of way acquisition phases are complete and it is anticipated the supplemental for the construction phase is forthcoming from the State and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has undertaken an approved consultant selection process and has completed the negotiations with a consulting engineering firm to provide professional services associated with construction inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Department of Public Works is authorized to make award to C&S Engineers, Inc., 499 Col. Eileen Collins Boulevard, Syracuse, NY 13212.

Proposal Fee: Maximum Amount: \$173,356.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Bachler.

Mr. Utter pointed out that the shares are 80% Federal, 15% State and the remaining \$8,667.80 representing the 5% county share. He noted that County Bridge No. 60 is located in Franklin over the Ouleout Creek.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROPOSAL NO. 30-04
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 223 of 2004 authorized the department of Public Works to make award to F.P. Kane Construction, Inc. for the Bovina Community Wastewater System and Stormwater Improvement Project, in the amount of \$2,948,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the project was separated for fiscal reasons to enable Delaware County to develop a contract with the Corps of Engineers for the funding of that portion

(identified in the contract documents as "Option 10"); and

WHEREAS, receipt of the contract with the Corps of Engineers appears imminent and will be submitted for Board action at a future meeting; and

WHEREAS, continued delay of Option 10 work jeopardizes completion of the project in this construction season; and

WHEREAS, negotiations between owners of two properties and the Department of Public Works required changes in the base bid portion of the plans to the east interceptor swale and outfall 4, which has led to minor increases in costs that have been incorporated into work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Public works is authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$870,653.00 increasing the total project cost to \$3,818,653.00.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Woodford.

Mr. Utter stated that the Corps of Engineers had committed \$519,000 to this project in Bovina. The money is not in hand yet however, we have been assured it is coming. In previous resolutions it was said that we would not jeopardize this project even if it meant that the county had to fund the whole project that the Corps of Engineers had promised to do. As of today, we have a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) draft from the Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$549,000. Mr. Utter noted that the draft is like having the money but, noted the money is not in hand yet.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Utter said that the Board will be apprized when the PCA is received, adding when the PCA comes in it will take Board approval.

Mr. Thomas stated he appreciated the memo from Commissioner Reynolds.

In response to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Utter confirmed that jobs previously planned that would not have been completed due to lack of funding will now be completed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

Mr. Utter offered the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 61

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

LETTING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2005

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. 24-05 Backhoe to: Five Star Equipment, Inc., 1653 NY RT. 11,
Kirkwood, NY 13795
Bid Price: \$69,960.00 With Trade

PROPOSAL NO. 25-05 Wheeled Loader to: Anderson Equipment Co., 720 East
Franklin St., Endicott, NY 13760

Bid Price: \$140,883.00 With Trade

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. Copies of the summary sheet of the bids received have been supplied to each Supervisor.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Rider.

Mr. Utter stated that there were two bids received.

In response to Chairman Eisel, Mr. Utter explained that a wheeled loader is a bucket loader on wheels instead of tracks.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62

TITLE: APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 393 of 2000 authorized the construction of a Co-Composting Facility at the existing Solid Waste Management Center and authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$16,920,000 in bonds to pay the cost thereof; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 394 of 2000 established a tentative budget for the construction of a Co-Composting Facility with Revenues and Appropriations of \$16,920,000; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the facility is currently underway and due to material price escalations and an underestimate of the total project cost, the projected total cost is \$20,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined that the construction of landfill cell # 6 should be started in 2005 in order to provide uninterrupted solid waste disposal service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \$5,800,000 of surplus be appropriated:

FROM

32-00000-34911000 Fund Balance Unreserved \$5,800,000.00

TO

32-18161-52430000 Compost Construction \$3,100,000.00
32-18161-54000000 Cell 6 Construction \$2,700,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Bachler and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63

**TITLE: STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, under the guidelines of the State Homeland Security Program, has announced the availability of a grant which will subsidize 100% of the cost of supporting a rapid response security team.

WHEREAS, application for this grant is made and when awarded, the Federal/State Government will award the county a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this will be a joint venture, including the participation of all local police departments within the county; and

WHEREAS, this grant is established to accomplish the following goals:

- * Deploy a team of highly-trained security specialists to incidents needing immediate attention.
- * Incidents which may require rapid-response deployment include, but are not limited to:
 - 1) Acts of terrorism at: schools, public places, government facilities and commercial enterprises.
 - 2) Drug-enforcement deployment
 - 3) HAZ-MAT incidents
 - 4) Disruptive incidents at Correctional Facility

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office be given permission to accept grant funding as described above and that the following accounts be established to accommodate the monies received and expenditures to be incurred under this program.

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

10-13110-43330500/3110009/907 State Civil Defense \$20,000.00

APPROPRIATION:

10-13110-51327000/3110009/907	Personal Services Expense	\$8,500.00
10-13110-58332700/3110009/907	Social Security	\$527.00
10-13110-58932700/3110009/907	Medicare	\$124.00
10-13110-52200001/3110009/907	Equipment	\$10,000.00
10-13110-58132700/3110009/907	State Retirement System	\$849.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Utter and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64

**TITLE: SEEKING EXPANSION OF EMPIRE ZONES TO DELAWARE COUNTY
DELAWARE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

WHEREAS, Empire Zones were authorized by the State Legislature to provide for enhanced public and private sector incentives for certain highly distressed areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, the value of incentives offered through the Empire Zones, has become a more significant variable in attraction of business to New York State; and

WHEREAS, non-designation of an Empire Zone for the remaining 11 counties have put these counties at a disadvantage for the attraction of new business; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County is further disadvantaged in regards to the attraction of business due to its location within the New York City Watershed; and

WHEREAS, certain members of the New York State Assembly have started a new initiative to designate one Empire Zone for each county

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce urges the Delaware County Board of Supervisors to join forces with these members of the New York State Assembly in support of their efforts for the expansion of the Empire Zone Program which is salient to the economic growth of Delaware County.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Rowe.

Mr. Rowe remarked that not having an empire zone has hurt the town of Hancock on two occasions with the Becton-Dickenson property. He said the town of Hancock could not offer the incentives they were able to get from other states. When the facility was in the manufacturing mode it was assessed at \$8 million, when it closed the property was assessed at \$1 million. He added this hurt the town, the school and the county, we have to do something to get everyone on the same playing field.

Chairman Eisel commented that it would be an economic advantage to our county if we had an empire zone in our portfolio. He said that companies are going elsewhere because we cannot provide the extra benefits. In his opinion, the eleven counties in New York State without

an empire zone are being discriminated against and hopes this effort will be successful.

Mr. Donnelly noted that some counties have two Empire Zones.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR STATEWIDE RURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUNDING
JUDICIAL/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2004 New York State Governor Pataki vetoed \$2,345,000.00 in Rural Preservation Program funding that would support community based housing organizations in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pataki's proposed budget for 2005-2006 would again cut funding for the Rural Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, Rural Preservation Program funds provide vital operating funds to community based housing organizations, without which, federal dollars can not be leveraged to deliver much needed programs to communities and will be in danger of being recaptured by the Federal Government and allocated to other states; and

WHEREAS, the benefit these funds provide locally can be found all around New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Housing Coalition estimates that Preservation Companies statewide return \$26 in economic activity for every Rural Preservation Program dollar appropriated; and

WHEREAS, if the Governor's veto stands, Rural Preservation Companies statewide will face a cut of over fifty percent of their annual operating budget allocations; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Opportunities, the M-ARK Project, and Western Catskills are local Rural Preservation Companies that rely on these funds as their largest source of operating funding; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Opportunities, the M-ARK Project, and Western Catskills use these funds cost-effectively covering all of Delaware County, to leverage other funding to assist first-time home buyers, provide housing rehabilitation and home repair programs for seniors, and manage affordable rental housing; and

WHEREAS, without core operating funds these organizations will not be able to continue to administer the grant-funded programs that Delaware County residents, especially seniors depend upon

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, urges Governor Pataki to restore funding in the 2005-2006 budget to 2003-2004

levels and urges him further, to add the 2005-2006 budget, the funding that was cut from the 2004-2005 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, Senator John Bonacic, Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, Assemblyman Daniel Hooker.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Utter.

Mr Marshfield stated that the town of Hamden received funding twice, and that he has a list of about every town in the county that has received money. He said it is extremely important that this money be there in the future, adding he supports this resolution and thinks the benefits to the county are tremendous.

Mr. Utter noted that Delaware County has three rural preservation companies, Delaware Opportunities, the M-ARK Project in Margaretville and the Western Catskills in Stamford that have brought millions of dollars into Delaware County which is used as seed money for other programs. Over the last 20 years these organizations have brought \$53 million into Delaware County. The \$53 million has been used to obtain other grants that total over \$160 million. He said that Margaretville, Middletown and Andes have been the recipients of many of these grants, citing low income housing programs, new home buyer programs, and revitalization programs. If the Governor cuts the funding it is really going to devastate Delaware County, adding he will vote for this and urges everyone to vote for this.

Mr. Donnelly stated that this funding has been very beneficial to the town of Andes. Without funding from Delaware Opportunities, the M-ARK Project and Western Catskills many of the senior citizens and low to moderate income families would not have been able to replace their windows, roofs, or heating systems in their homes. He added the town of Andes has certainly benefitted from this funding, and it also is a tremendous benefit to the entire county.

Chairman Eisel said that the same is true in his town with Western Catskills. The funding has helped young people get homes.

Mr. Hynes remarked that Roxbury has been the recipient of some money from the M-ARK Project and Western Catskills. He added that this shows just how out of touch Albany is with upstate New York, they don't realize what is happening in areas like ours. In his opinion, the best thing that could happen is the State budget doesn't pass.

Mr. Maddalone commented that the town of Sidney is revitalizing what used to be called the projects, replacing housing that was built during the second world war with new housing. He said the funding is doing a tremendous job and is really helping Sidney.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66

**TITLE: RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE
LEGISLATURE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A LOCAL MEDICAID CAP
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a vital component of New York’s health care financing system, providing the resources to deliver health care to New York State’s most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Medicaid program, counties in New York State have been required to contribute a 25 percent matching share with the exception of certain long-term care and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, in most states, the state government assumes all of the responsibility for the non-federal share of the Medicaid program, so that the burden of paying for the medically needy is distributed over the widest possible tax base; and

WHEREAS, nationally, New York State Counties fund 85% of all local Medicaid dollars taken by states to fund the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, local taxpayers are currently funding a \$7 billion Medicaid local share that is growing at double digit rate, making Medicaid the largest and most volatile single expense in county budgets; and

WHEREAS, the growth of local Medicaid costs are siphoning away the limited resources available to fund county budgets without adding new pressures on property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, counties have called for a cap on local Medicaid costs as a way to stabilize local property taxes and lessen the burden the Medicaid program places on local real property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has made a proposal that would substantially reduce the impact of the Medicaid local share and provide long term stability to county government in New York; and

WHEREAS, this plan is not without controversy as it is legally tied to the enactment of over \$1.9 billion in state share Medicaid cost containment measures; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this proposal, other members of the Senate and Assembly have introduced and supported various other “one-house” local Medicaid relief proposals; and

WHEREAS, the 2005-06 budget provides a unique window of opportunity for the Governor and members of the Senate and Assembly to come together and enact significant Medicaid relief that will lessen the burden of local real property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to reach agreement on a local Medicaid cap during the 2005-06 legislative session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of the Resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Mr. Marshfield stated that he thinks we are being very generous with this resolution as far

as the State goes, adding this would be a minimum we would expect.

Chairman Eisel remarked the reality of the budget, if we can make this first step, maybe we will be on our way.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67

TITLE: SALE OF COUNTRYSIDE CARE CENTER

WHEREAS, the County has considered the various alternatives for the future operation and/or sale of the Countryside Care Center including building a new nursing home, reconstruction and/or renovation of the existing nursing home, sale of the existing nursing home or closing the existing nursing home; and

WHEREAS, Leatherstocking Healthcare, LLC has made a proposal to purchase the Delaware County Countryside Care Center for \$2,700,000; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation thereon

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract for the sale of the Delaware County Countryside Care Center for the above sum with the following terms and conditions to be included in any contract of sale.

- 1) That Delaware County residents will always be given priority as to treatment at the former Delaware County Countryside Care Center.
- 2) The agreement be contingent upon the transfer or obtaining the necessary operating certificates to operate a nursing home facility as it presently exists by Leatherstocking Healthcare, LLC.
- 3) The contract to contain such other terms as the Finance, Human Resources and Social Services Committees or Chairman of the Board may deem appropriate other than those normally found in a contract of sale for such a facility.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Bracci and Mr. Maddalone.

Mr. Donnelly stated that having served as Committee Chairman for Public Health, Finance and Capital Projects, he was very proud to say this Board like all others before take their duties very seriously. There will always be one vested interest or special interest group that will know more then we do about an issue at least in their own opinion, and cited the misinformation and rumors surrounding the Public Safety Building.

To do due diligence in reference to Countryside he continued, we have visited a number of nursing homes around the State and in Pennsylvania over the last three years to try and determine what would be best for Delaware County. There have been over thirty Board or

committee meetings to discuss our findings and to try and stay current with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) rules and State mandates. He said that it is his belief that if the government of New York State can give you something then they can also take it away with the stroke of a pen. A prime example is the DOH formula that existed for many years was 90% State reimbursement and 10% county share, which was not supposed to be subject to change, is now 75% State and 25% county, adding when will they decide to abolish it all together.

After visiting the Mohawk Valley Nursing Home, Mr. Donnelly said he truly believes their offer to purchase Countryside is in the best interest of our residents, staff and the people of Delaware County. He further stated that if his mother were still alive, he would not hesitate to place her in Countryside or the Mohawk Valley Nursing Home. He stated for these reasons, he will vote for the sale of Countryside.

Ms. Molé stated that the resolution before the Board today is one of the most difficult decisions in County history. The decision should be based on what will best provide quality health care for the elderly in Delaware County, the employees that serve them, and the taxpayers that foot the bill.

She pointed that the county has a \$87 million budget for 2005, \$22 million of that amount is funded through the real property tax levy; with approximately \$3.5 million and growing subsidy to Countryside Care Center, fundamentally, 16% of every real property tax dollar is used to finance that facility.

Ms. Molé commented on the half truths and out right lies that have circulated throughout the community noting that all that has accomplished is upsetting and scaring the residents. The countless hours of research, meetings, public hearings, and tours to other nursing home facilities indicate that the Board of Supervisors have investigated every option in the process of this important decision.

In conclusion, she thanked Chairman Eisel for the extraordinary amount of time, effort, and attention he has devoted to this critical issue and was in hopes that her yes vote on this resolution will result in a high quality, modernized, better health care facility for the elderly, better paying jobs and conditions for the employees, and a significant tax relief or all Delaware County residents.

Mr. Marshfield outlined some of the steps taken to ensure that decisions made are in the best interest of the county and its residents. He pointed out that the Supervisors looked at many options including closing the facility which would mean losing 240 jobs and in turn create a \$6 million-dollar annual effect on the local economy, renovating the existing facility at a price of about \$14 million with an annual county subsidy of approximately \$4 million, do nothing and lose about \$4 million per year, build a new facility for 126 residents for about \$19 million and ask the county for a subsidy of about \$1.5 million annually, sell the facility saving the financial losses and uncertainties, build a new facility at a cost of \$19 million and renovate the existing facility into an adult/assisted living facility which would cost \$5 million for 65 assisted living quarters and offices for other county departments, adding that this scenario would create a county subsidy of about \$150,000 annually. He noted there are risks with all the options.

The resolution before the Supervisors will allow the Board to negotiate with the potential buyers, Leatherstocking Healthcare, LLC, certain terms and conditions to be included in the proposed contract of sale. The conditions he had in mind for discussion and implementation are: Delaware County residents regardless of their ability to pay are given priority admission to the facility, current residents at the facility will remain at the facility for as long as they need the

assistance and care to stay there, board seats on the new facility be reserved for Delaware County residents, an option for the facility to return to county ownership if the new owners decide to go out of business, the employees be retained for their services, thus keeping the \$6 million economic benefit local. Also included in the list was the disclosure to the Board of Supervisors of Leatherstocking's financial backing, not only for the purchase, but also for renovations and operations, and the disclosure of possible long-term goals for the facility including the projected new services that will be brought into the area.

In conclusion, he remarked there are varied feelings throughout the county. The Board of Supervisors have a responsibility to our elderly, employees, residents, businesses of the county and we can only do this with a well-planned and thoroughly thought out agreement for the sale of Countryside Care Center. He said that he supports this resolution and will dedicate himself to an agreement that protects the elderly of this county.

Mr. Thomas stated that he does not support this resolution, adding that even the title does not seem appropriate for its content. He agrees that there are things that the county has to deal with. He pointed out that the county enacted a 1% sales tax which generates \$4.6 million a year to handle garbage and the same was done to support the new jail.

He expressed his great love for Countryside and noted that his mother resided and died at Countryside, he thanked the people that work there for their care of the elderly and infirmed. He said he had a desire that any potential buyer would have met with the workers at Countryside to talk openly and absolutely so that the employees could keep their thoughts open and understand the conditions of employment, adding this has not happened. He stated that he does not want to entrust Countryside Care Center to anyone else, adding that for 30 years he has been openly involved with Countryside and cannot say enough good things about Countryside. He said he will not support this resolution.

In reply, Mr. Marshfield said that he agreed 100% with Mr. Thomas, but asked what is his solution.

Mr. Bracci asked how is the county going to pay for this. In reply Mr. Thomas said the way we pay for garbage and the jail.

Mr. Thomas stated this is his opinion and that he is not here to debate the issue. Further, he said that a lot of hours have been spent discussing this and that he has not been convinced that this is the thing to do. The county spends a lot of money on less meaningful things than taking care of our seniors. He had hoped that town of Tompkins Supervisor Mr. Shelton could have been here today to offer his thoughts, adding Mr. Shelton has a long history with Countryside. He asked that he be respected for what he feels in his heart.

He said he met with Countryside Care Center Administrator Kurt Apthorpe to discuss what could be done about Countryside. It is beyond his understanding that we can be losing \$10,000 a day and he doesn't have an answer to why other than putting your money where your mouth is. He does not totally disagree with what has been said but, that he knows what loving people means.

Mr. Bachler stated that in his 18 years as Supervisor, this will be the most difficult decision he has had to make. If Countryside is sold the county will be giving up control. He pointed out that in the past there had been waiting lists and that admission could only be made when a vacancy became available. Last week a long-time Meredith resident needed placement at Countryside and there were no available beds so he had to find placement elsewhere. Mr.

Bachler noted the plans that were in the works to build a new facility called for a 120 beds, we now have 160 residents, obviously that would be undersized already.

Last week he traveled with several of the Supervisors to Ilion, New York to visit the Mohawk Valley Nursing Home. He said they witnessed a clean, efficiently run facility that had a very warm, friendly, homelike atmosphere. They saw changes that had been made to improve working conditions, such as an improved air handling system in the laundry area and changes that helped to cut down on workplace injuries. He said the employees that were spoken to enjoyed working there and they saw a relaxed atmosphere between the employees and administration. One resident remarked when questioned if she was satisfied with the level of care said, "I have everything I could ask for here."

In his opinion, it is time to give Delaware County taxpayers relief by eliminating an annual shortfall of over \$3.5 million. He said that Leatherstocking Healthcare LLC plans on many improvements to Countryside and pledges that placement of Delaware County residents will be a priority and will be included in their mission statement.

Mr. Bachler expressed his concern that New York State government has forced counties into this situation with unfunded mandates and unreliable promises for financial assistance. In many instances the State has shifted the burden to local government. He said it is unfair that the county can only receive rebasing by building or selling to a new buyer. Further, he believes that the Supervisors and staff will work hard to negotiate a fair deal for our employees. He stated that his vote will be to sell.

Mr. Bracci stated that Countryside is in the middle of his town and that he has devoted a considerable amount of time and energy to this subject. He said that he respects everyone's opinion but, the bottom line is how will this affect the residents. He has gone to other nursing homes, and served on the committees and cannot see how this will negatively effect the residents of Delaware County. He said he will vote to enter into negotiations with Leatherstocking, he likes what is in the resolution and feels he can be assured that our elderly will be taken care of.

Mr. Bracci commented if you don't agree, come up with a solution. He pointed out that in Delhi store fronts are empty, the county is losing its tax base and that as Supervisors we have an obligation to reverse this trend. In his opinion, there is no other option, but to sell.

Ms. Freyer commented that the idea of using sales tax had floated through her mind, adding even more so when the additional money was found and that she was surprised the idea of using sales tax had not been brought up on the Board floor before today.

Ms. Freyer stated this decision has been most difficult for her. Between her grandmother, her sister, her own working experience and volunteer ministry work she has had hands on experience in nursing homes for the last 15 years. She said for many a decision to sell will feel as if this Board has turned their backs on those who are and will be in need.

Ms. Freyer noted that Countryside and the Board are not alone in where they find themselves today but, there have been many clues, many warnings over the years. In the early 1980's the State decided they would dictate medicaid reimbursement, invent a formula, that in the end has spelled disaster for many nursing homes. She urged the Board not to be fooled, the State cannot come up with an answer to the problem they invented. As a county that owns a nursing home, they have left those solutions up to us, while continuing to dictate the terms under which we will be funded.

She pointed out that the State is not the entire problem, that in her opinion the Board should shoulder their share of the responsibility for where we find ourselves today. By not taking a strong position we let down those that depend on us and find ourselves making decisions with our backs to the wall.

Appropriate action must be taken to safeguard where we are going, not just where we are and where we have been. For these reasons, she said she will vote to sell Countryside, adding however the vote goes, she implores the Board to be as informed as they can be in any of the decisions that will be forth coming.

Mr. Rowe stated that he is opposed to the sale of Countryside. In his opinion, it goes back to the jail and composting both funded with taxpayers money. He said that the county spent \$20 plus million on the jail and \$18 million plus after the \$2 million grant for DEC on the composting facility, adding he believes the seniors are worth a little money up front for their well being.

He expressed concern over turning the facility over to a new owner stating that he does not believe we are setting them up for much success. He said that the people he spoke to in Hancock are not for selling the facility. He pointed out that the \$3.6 million subsidy that could go down to \$1.5 million, we found \$8 million and a certain percentage of that should be put into a capital reserve account for Countryside. He stated that he will oppose the resolution.

Mr. Ryan commented if the county did not have the jail and the composting facility we would all be in the nursing home or the hospital, adding to belittle it says something about the perspective in which we are looking at it. He suggested the county should not be in the composting business just as we should not be in the nursing home business. He said that past practice is a good predictor of future performance, adding we are losing \$4 million that says to him that we do not know what we are doing. Something is wrong at the nursing home and no one has a solution, if it is not working we should get rid of it.

Mr. Ryan said the county needs to reduce taxes and bring people into this county, the solution is not to raise the sales tax because we need to take care seniors. We need to take care of our seniors by making this a viable economic community. He said he will vote to sell the nursing home and lay the ground work for selling trash.

Mr. Maddalone stated that he is getting the feeling that people are thinking that if the nursing home is sold that care is going to go down the tubes. He said that new owners are going to need people to work. It is going to be the same care, maybe even better. He said that the people at the Mohawk Valley Nursing Home get tremendous care. It is his opinion that the Leatherstocking people are going to do the right thing for Delaware County and make money at it. Nobody is going to be put out on the street, adding it is wrong to think that way. He said that we need to get out of the nursing home business and he personally feels the town of Sidney should get out of the hospital business.

Mr. Meredith stated that when we first looked at the possibility of selling Countryside he kept a very open mind. He said he did a great deal of research, traveled to Mohawk, read about Otsego Manner and for the past two months the nursing home is all he has been thinking about. He said that he is going to support the resolution today because he does not see any way that the sale will impede on nursing home care.

Mr. Hynes said that he is opposed to the sale of Countryside, adding it is a sad day when we are selling part of Delaware County history. He remembered when we tried to change the

name of the facility and it was insisted that Delaware County had to be part of the title or the name of the facility could not be changed, adding he has always been very proud of the sign that reads Delaware County Countryside Care Center.

He stated that he is unable to comprehend the fact that the county cannot run the facility and make money but, new owners can. He said that he voted for composting but, remarked that the two should not even be compared.

He served on the Board at Mountainside, is the President of the Adult Home in Roxbury, and is very interested in the elderly. He believes that part of government's responsibility is to take care of those that need help. He knows the care that has been given at Countryside and the work the staff has done. They do not go to work thinking union or non-union they go to work because they care about the people in the facility.

Mr. Hynes said it breaks his heart to discuss the sale of Countryside and noted that five or six years ago there was 100% support for Countryside. He pointed out that each time the issue is debated the loss keeps growing.

Mr. Hynes noted the Board responded to the people who spoke out about the budget and there are a number of petitions in support of keeping Countryside and we are not responding. He is very proud of the facility and would like to keep it, adding he will vote not to sell the facility.

Chairman Eisel said that he visited the Mohawk Valley Nursing home and was very impressed with the condition of the facility which was built in the 70's. He said that in his heart he knows that Delaware County residents will be taken care of and that he believes the transition will be seamless. If this passes today as part of our purchase agreement we will get assurance that Delaware County residents will be priority number one.

He said he knows there will be a savings to the taxpayers if we sell or privatize. His philosophy is that if the service can be obtained in the private sector we should help make that happen. Ralph Reed of Leatherstocking will be expanding services which will provide more opportunities and jobs for our county residents. It is his opinion, that the Board should vote to give this firm a chance, they are professional and know the health care industry, they have to comply with the same rules and regulations with DOH as the county does.

Financially, our State government is making it more difficult for the county to continue the operation of Countryside without a large infusion of taxpayer dollars and at the same time making it more lucrative for the private sector. The health care industry is a mess and not getting any better we have an opportunity to privatize Countryside, it is a win win for the taxpayers and our elderly.

In closing, Chairman Eisel said that he is voting to sell Countryside and believes that in less than a year's time we will look back and realize we made the right decision.

Mr. Bachler wanted to clear the air regarding the composting facility. It did have an over run of \$2 million which he attributed to escalation of costs, adding that the project was to be done over ten years ago and there was delay after delay. He noted that first it was the 21st Bridge Program and then the jail, all this put composting back. He remarked that if it was not for Commissioner of Public Works Wayne Reynolds and the men that work for him we would have had a \$3 million on top of the \$2 million escalation. He remarked we have to deal with trash and we create a great deal of it.

Mr. Rowe said that he did not mean any disrespect with his comments but, wanted to put it in context that we have money for other projects, we should have money to build a new building for the seniors. He added that he appreciates the job Commissioner Reynolds and his staff do.

Mr. Ryan remarked that he was using a specific to make the point that government does not belong in private industry. The work that Commissioner Reynolds does saves the county money, you can see it in the figures.

Mr. Hynes commented that the county knows a lot about care.

Mr. Marshfield noted an important part of the summary that Commissioner Reynolds provided regarding the composting facility is that the out of pocket cost to the county is \$165,213 more than the projected \$16,920, adding most of that increase is to cover DPW labor and equipment. He said that he experiences daily through his work at the Delaware County Electric Co-op increases of material items from 8% to 10% because of fuel or other factors, adding he does not believe the county will be able to renovate Countryside at \$5 million or build new at \$19 million. Further stating, he can bet the State will keep the per bed rate at \$151,000 whether we renovate or build new.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3958, Noes 737 (Rowe, Thomas, Hynes), Absent 111 (Shelton).

Chairman Eisel waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction of the following resolutions which were not pre-filed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE IMPOUND FEES DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF

WHEREAS, in the performance of our routine duties within the Sheriff's office it is sometimes necessary for the Sheriff to exercise dominion and control over levied or seized property; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to save the taxpayers of Delaware County money, and wisely utilize our resources, we are seeking to impose an impound fee while storing such property, which charge is a widely-accepted practice and charged back against the claimant; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a competitive fee of \$25.00 per day be charged for property, to include cars and trucks, being stored at our facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Sheriff's Office commence the practice of charging a fee for storing seized property.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Utter.

In response to Mr. Thomas, Delaware County Sheriff Mills replied the intent of the resolution is to impose an impound fee on any seized property that is stored in the impound yard

at Public Safety Facility.

In reply to Mr. Bracci, Sheriff Mills said the \$25 per day fee is the accepted fee, adding that seized property is left for months on end, the imposition of an impound fee will move the people along.

Mr. Bachler commented that he was glad to see that Sheriff Mills raised the impound fee from the \$10 originally talked about.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69

**TITLE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS
COUNTRYSIDE CARE CENTER**

WHEREAS, Countryside Care Center budgeted, purchased and/or repaired certain items in the 2004 Budget as Maintenance Repair Expense; and

WHEREAS, Countryside administration recommends reclassification of these items to obtain maximum reimbursement from New York State

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an amount of \$30,790.23 be transferred from Contractual to Equipment so that the following items can be capitalized and reimbursed in the Medicaid rate:

FROM:

42-68220-54415000	Maintenance Repair	Total Replacement Activities Door	\$541.00
42-68220-54415000	Maintenance Repair	Total Replacement of Fire Hydrants	\$25,846.90
42-68220-54415000	Maintenance Repair	Replacement of Door Roller Latches	\$2,241.33
42-68220-54595000	Maintenance Supply	Purchase of Protective Door Guards	\$2,161.00

TO:

42-68412-52200000	Fixed Equipment	\$ 4,943.33
42-68414-52200000	Land Improvement	\$25,846.90

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Hynes.

Mr. Thomas explained this transfer will allow for a better reimbursement rate.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned for a short recess and reconvened with all Supervisors present except Mr. Shelton.

Mr. Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 70

**TITLE: STIPULATION WITH VILLAGES IN
TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware has commenced a tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and said proceeding is returnable before the New York State Supreme Court Delaware County, April 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, said proceeding effects tax liens of both the County and several villages of Delaware County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Attorney representing the County is authorized to stipulate with said villages that the County of Delaware will take title to such properties that upon sale of said properties the County will divide with the appropriate village the proceeds of said sale in proportion to the agreement upon "Notice of Stipulation".

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

Mr. Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved it adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 71

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,523,925.87 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	\$757,035.13
Countryside Care Center	\$154,951.15
OET	\$4,231.77
Jail Expansion	\$744.91
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Road	\$128,093.16
Machinery	\$132,626.10
Capital Road & Bridge	\$46,464.62
Capital Solid Waste	\$230,093.41
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$69,685.62

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Thomas and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4695, Noes 0, Absent 111 (Shelton).

Mr. Donnelly asked that the Finance, Social Services and Human Resources Committees

meet on Thursday, March 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Conference Room to discuss ideas and suggestions as they relate to negotiations of the sale of Countryside. He asked that Director of Personnel Lorna Taber, Countryside Care Center Administrator Kurt Apthorpe and Commissioner of Social Services William Moon attend.

Upon a motion the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.