

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APRIL 26, 2006

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman James E. Eisel, Sr. presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present.

Mr. Donnelly offered the invocation.

Mr. Rowe 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 Delaware County Sheriff Tom Mills who presented Edith Mills as Employee of the Month.

Sheriff Mills jokingly noted that Mrs. Mills is no relation. She was hired in January 1997 as a Typist and promoted to Account Clerk in January 2004. She is responsible for maintaining the timekeeping records for the Sheriff's Department and the 100 bed correctional facility. In addition, she performs many diversified duties: she is called upon to attend meetings, take notes, serve as a confidential secretary and a various array of other tasks.

Sheriff Mills stated he is very happy to honor Mrs. Mills as Employee of the Month, adding that she is tireless in her devotion to the Sheriff's Department. He pointed out that Mrs. Mills is responsible for the timely submission of payroll for over 120 people which takes a significant amount of time and effort. She always expresses herself clearly and with a smile.

Sheriff Mills presented Mrs. Mills with a \$100.00 Savings Bond and thanked her for her dedication. Chairman Eisel presented her with the Certificate of Employee of the Month and thanked her for her dedicated service.

Chairman Eisel granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Utter.

Mr. Utter stated that on April 18, 2006 he had the distinct privilege of attending a luncheon in Binghamton, hosted by the New York Chapter of the Southern Tier Branch of the

American Public Works Association, with the Commissioner of Public Works Wayne Reynolds. At the luncheon, Commissioner Reynolds proudly accepted the Technical Innovations Award for 2005. The award recognizes the development, management and implementation of a creative idea, device, process or system that enhances the goals of protecting the environment. Delaware County received this award for the development and implementation of the composting project. He stated that this facility is the most modern and up-to-date composting plant in the state, country and possibly the world.

Mr. Utter also noted on May 11, 2006 Commissioner Reynolds and Director of Solid Waste Susan McIntyre will travel to Syracuse where they will be the recipient of the Technical Innovations Project of the Year Award for the State of New York given by the New York State Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

In conclusion, he stated it makes him proud to be part of an organization that has done so much, adding the credit should go to Commissioner Reynolds and his staff.

Chairman Eisel granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Utter who introduced Commissioner of Watershed Affairs Dean Frazier.

Commissioner Frazier reminded the Board that the time frame of January 1, - June 30, 2006 is the last opportunity for the towns and villages under the current permit to make changes to their position on prohibition of acquisition designated by the hamlets, to change parcels in villages, to change their position as to waving the minimum acreage size for acquisition by the City for hamlets, and to identify and set aside 50 acres for industrial or commercial purposes. These changes need to be done by resolution and submitted to the City by the end of June.

Chairman Eisel granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Bracci who introduced Commissioner of Social Services William Moon.

Commissioner Moon referenced the packet placed on each Supervisors' desk containing the Annual Youth Bureau announcement of the Summer Youth Employment Program. He stated any questions regarding the program could be answered either by himself or Youth Bureau Director Lara Yambor. He further stated the Summer Youth Employment Program is in its ninth year and thanked the Board of Supervisors for providing the funding that allows the Bureau to match with other programs and hire the youth that participate in the program.

Commissioner Moon explained that he wanted to lay the groundwork for a resolution that will be brought before the Board on May 10, 2006. The resolution will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve four caseworker positions. He stated it is difficult to recruit experienced individuals who really know what they are getting themselves into, additionally, there is a very small pool of people to pull from. He said he hopes to fill the positions fast enough to slow down the attrition rate, and expects to see some impact as early as fall of this year. The Commissioner clearly pointed out this is a strategy not a solution to the problem.

Commissioner Moon explained the difficulties the department has been wrestling with for the past 18 months. He stated that he has held specific review sessions with the Social Services Committee on these problems and at the most recent session it was decided to make a bold attempt to try to reduce the adverse impacts the casework problems are creating. He further stated that over the course of the past 16 months, 15 caseworkers have left their position for various reasons. This year, a caseworker left in January and two in March. He pointed out each departing caseworker had an assigned caseload and when he or she left the cases had to be managed until a new caseworker could begin assuming the caseload. Depending upon the complexity, a case can take 100 to 200 plus hours. The training of caseworkers is governed by state regulations and involves a ten week training conducted by the state in several central locations around the state. Due to scheduling and other process functions tied to the training, it takes about seven to nine months for most caseworkers to complete their core training.

In addition, as caseworker attrition has expanded so has the growth in the number of children in foster care. He pointed out that the county's five year average through 2004 was 55. In 2005, the county ended the year with 93 children, and today that number is 99. The cases are more intense and complicated resulting in an increase in overtime which has added more stress to an already stressful environment. The environment needs to change as it can get very hostile. Commissioner Moon remarked that he refers to this as the three C's, too many cases, too many children and increasing costs.

He briefly explained the New York State Block Grant and the difficulties the grant causes the department. He pointed out that when the county has exhausted the grant the state provides no additional funding. He advised that 68 percent of the county's cases are federally eligible and 32 percent the county is paying the full burden.

In conclusion, Commissioner Moon stated if the county keeps going at the same rate, the department will surpass the \$1.4 million budgeted for 2006. The strategy is to ask for four caseworker positions to slow down the attrition rate. If the positions are not needed they will sit vacant but, if he can't change the environment the cycle will continue.

Mr. Bachler commented he will support Commissioner Moon's request, adding he has read the report and sees the need.

Commissioner Moon explained in reply to Mr. Bachler that only federal participation remains once the department has reached the threshold of spending the state foster care block. He referenced the chart in the packet of information given to the Supervisors. He further stated it might be possible to shift some of the costs into another claiming mode that the state will pay.

Mr. Bachler questioned how other counties compare. Commissioner Moon stated that the state did three studies of counties bordering the I-88 corridor who had significantly higher attrition rates than any other counties in the state. He pointed out that our western counties, comparable to Delaware, have a rich staff who have been there between 10 to 25 years that are

not experiencing a turnover problem. Further stating that turnover in Social Services departments in many districts is not a small item.

Mr. Marshfield pointed out that in 2003 because of the county's budget crunch Social Services cut 11 positions. Commissioner Moon added that five of them were caseworker positions. Mr. Marshfield commented that perhaps we should not have cut those positions. Commissioner Moon answered that in retrospect he is not sure if the curve the county mounted would have been quite as high if we didn't make the cuts.

Commissioner Moon stated in his opinion, the caseworker ratio is not the problem, the problem is the turnover. He further stated when the turnover issue is resolved, the department could go back to a lesser level of staff. He touched on the difficulties the department has meeting the family and federal court reporting requirements of thirty days, adding that about one third of the department's records did not meet that standard. The intensity of the cases are changing effecting other departments such as Mental Health and Probation.

Mr. Marshfield stated that he will support the Commissioner's resolution and asked if more caseworkers would create a burden on Mental Health and other outsourcing agencies the county utilizes. Commissioner Moon answered he believed the relationship would remain the same.

In answer to Mr. Marshfield, Commissioner Moon replied that the four additional caseworker positions would not increase the department's budget established for 2006. He believes this move will cause the department's cost to retreat and when our cases begin retreating our costs will also begin retreating dramatically.

Commissioner Moon explained in reply to Chairman Eisel, that he felt foster care cases have the potential to retreat.

In response to Mr. Homovich, Commissioner Moon stated that the caseworkers are scheduled to work Monday through Friday, adding after hours and holidays are scheduled for two caseworkers at a time plus a supervisor. He said our Social Services Investigators are on call as well. Mr. Homovich asked if it would make sense to schedule different work hours for some of the caseworkers. Commissioner Moon stated that alternate working schedules were discussed but, this presented limitations to the department's ability to function fully, adding those hours were not always compatible with the hours of the organizations the department works with. There are floating schedules that allow people to work flexible hours. Mr. Homovich stated that these caseworkers are dealing with a stressful job, sometimes the last thing you want in a stressful job is overtime. He further stated that it might be cost effective to pay a shift differential instead of overtime.

Commissioner Moon stated in answer to Mr. Maddalone, the best of times is when we have been at full staff, adding we tend to mitigate the overtime better at that time. When the

department is running short of staff or at training what tends to happen is that are less people to deal with what's coming through the door.

Chairman Eisel granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Maddalone who introduced Director of Emergency Services Nelson Delameter.

Mr. Delameter provided copies of the State of New York National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation strategy. He advised that the towns and villages should have received a letter asking them to identify a NIMS point of contact.

He explained the NIMS program is a federal directive that has been handed down to the state to implement the system with the incentive being all future preparedness federal grant money is tied to the compliance. Referencing the handout, he noted that on page 15 there was a complete list of the Federal Preparedness Grant Programs that compliance is tied to. A familiar program that has been used by many of the fire departments throughout the county, Assistance to Firefighters Act Grant, is an example of what would be lost if a town or village is not in compliance. As of right now, the federal disaster funds as well as the hazard mitigation funds are not part of this initiative however, he has spoken to people from the state who have advised him that within a couple of years this will change.

In February 2003, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD5) was issued. This directive is the management of domestic incidences and administration of NIMS, however, the state and locals did not receive the directive or the guidance until December, 2006. The directive states that New York State must be in compliance by September 30, 2006, the county, towns and villages must be complaint by September 15, 2006. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has been tasked with issuing a statement of certification to New York State by September 15, 2006 stating that the county, its municipalities, and its response agencies are NIMS compliant.

Mr. Delameter stated that he is the NIMS point of contact for the county and has been working diligently with the Department of Public Works, Planning Department, Sheriff's Department and the Public Health Department since January 2006 trying to get a handle on the NIMS compliance and what needs to be done.

He explained that NIMS implementation is basically formalizing the tasks that the county already does in an emergency by getting it down on paper in a form that mirrors the NIMS plan. The HSPD5 requires the implementation of a National Response Plan, a copy of which is located at the Department of Emergency Services. Mr. Delameter referenced the county's completed Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which had been prepared based on the Incident Command System (ICS) as the state directed and pointed out that now the federal government is stating the plan needs to be based on NIMS. There are six components that make up the NIMS strategy, command and management, preparedness, resource management, communications and information management, supporting technologies, and ongoing management and maintenance.

Mr. Delameter stated the county is in very good shape as far as compliance, training, and credentialing. He indicated that meetings are in process to adjust the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to meet the strategy changes. He pointed out a major hurdle will be the resource management portion of the NIMS component which entails resource typing. He explained that any piece of equipment that can be deployed in an emergency must be typed according to the Federal Resource Guide.

Mr. Delameter concluded that there are three progress reviews, the first was in March 2006 and the county met those requirements, now they are working toward the second period review which will be in June and the third review in September. Then, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors must certify that every municipality in the county is compliant. Mr. Delameter pointed out his goal is to get through all of this as painless and as quickly as possible without much burden to the fire departments and local communities.

In answer to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Delameter stated the individual appointed as the local NIMS point of contact would most likely be responsible for the typing of equipment. NIMS compliance is about having everything in written form, especially mutual aid agreements.

Mr. Delameter stated in response to Chairman Eisel, that the local NIMS point of contact could be anyone the town or village names.

In response to Mr. Utter, Mr. Delameter stated that appointing a NIMS point of contact is part of the implementation process. The local NIMS contact will be the individual the county contact will work with. He added the local point of contact will not be required by NIMS to complete all the training that is required for the county point of contact.

Mr. Delameter advised in answer to Mr. Marshfield, the county is only required to be NIMS compliant. NIMS incorporates the ICS system.

Chairman Eisel and Mr. Donnelly thanked the Board for reappointing them to the Catskill Watershed Corporation Board (CWC). Mr. Hynes thanked the Board for his appointment to the CWC Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 107

TITLE: PROCLAMATION OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, emotional disorders will strike one in four Americans every year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems affect all ages including children, adults and senior

adults; and

WHEREAS, one in five children suffer from a diagnosable mental health disorder and one in ten have a serious disorder which, if left untreated, can lead to school failure, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, senior adult males are the most likely age group to commit suicide and are one of the least likely population groups to seek treatment for depression; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of community-based mental health care have always been comprehensive, cost-effective, well managed, high quality consumer responsive services; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Community Services Board celebrates Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illnesses, and the stigma that will exist pertaining to persons with emotional disabilities

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2006 as Mental Health Month in Delaware County, and desires all residents of the county to become educated about the benefits and importance of good mental health care and to seek services for emotional problems early from mental health professionals.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Woodford and Mr. DuMond and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 108

**TITLE: OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, May 14 - 20, 2006, has been proclaimed "National Police Week" ; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 87-54, passed by a Joint Resolution of the 87th Congress of the United States and signed into law by President John F. Kennedy, designates May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of federal, state, and municipal peace officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. The calendar week of each year during which May 15th occurs is Police Week, and throughout the United States, police departments conduct community activities during this week and hold memorial services on May 15th.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Delaware County take this opportunity to publicly thank the men and women who protect our life and property 365 days a year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during the week of May 14 - 20, 2006, we acknowledge those who have chosen police work as their life's vocation. Their role is a silent one until they are needed. But once called into service, they are ever quick to respond, and vigilant and resourceful in their resolve. We are honored by their presence and mindful of their sacrifice.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. DuMond and Mr. Bachler.

Mr. Donnelly commented the resolution is very appropriate. Two New York State Troopers have already been killed this year.

Sheriff Mills added an Albany policeman was killed this morning in an automobile accident.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 109

**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 2005-2006, said monies to be utilized to reimburse the county at 100 percent of its expenditures

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 2006 budget modification be made:

INCREASE REVENUE ACCOUNT:

10-16141-44464100/6141006/971	HEAP	\$181,591.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

10-16141-54342010/6141006/971	HEAP Emergency	\$181,591.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4806, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 110

TITLE: BUDGET MODIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the 2006 Budget has appropriations for unemployment distributed among different departments for reimbursement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the General Fund has an account for undistributed unemployment benefits that is used to pay for any unemployment claims during the year and this modification has been part of the past practice of the county; and

WHEREAS, the remaining balance in the appropriation will be rolled into the Employee Benefit Reserve at the end of the year

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

FROM:

10-11040-58500000	Clerk of the Board	\$161.00
10-11165-58500000	District Attorney	181.00
10-11325-58500000	Treasurer	173.00
10-11327-58500000	Fiscal Affairs	222.00
10-11340-58500000	Budget Officer	48.00
10-11355-58500000	Real Property Tax	279.00
10-11364-58500000	Acquired Prop	71.00
10-11410-58500000	County Clerk	804.00
10-11420-58500000	County Attorney	61.00
10-11430-58500000	Personnel	287.00
10-11450-58500000	Elections	148.00
10-11620-58500000	Buildings	860.00
10-11670-58500000	Printing	38.00
10-11680-58500000	Information Technology	684.00
10-13020-58500000	Public Safety - 911	40.00
10-13110-58500000	Sheriff - Law Enforcement	1,300.00
10-13140-58500000	Probation	659.00
10-13150-58500000	Sheriff Jail	2,909.00
10-13315-58500000	Stop-DWI	106.00
10-13620-58500000	Safety Inspections	60.00
10-13640-58500000	Emergency Services	101.00
10-14010-58500000	Public Health	1908.00
10-14012-58500000	Public Health	272.00
10-14013-58500000	Immunization	51.00
10-14035-58500000	Children Spec Health Care	25.00

10-14050-58500000	Lead	20.00
10-14059-58500000	Early Intervention	148.00
10-14060-58500000	Edu Physically Handi	81.00
10-14189-58500000	Emergency Medical	55.00
10-14310-58500000	Mental Health Clinic	1,544.00
10-14311-58500000	Community Support	134.00
10-14312-58500000	Mh Crisis Serv Prog	66.00
10-14313-58500000	Kendras Law	78.00
10-14315-58500000	Enh Childrens Serv	70.00
10-14317-58500000	Alcoholism Clinic	662.00
10-14321-58500000	Exp Mental Health	149.00
10-16010-58500000	Social Services	3,930.00
10-16326-58500000	Economic Development	196.00
10-16510-58500000	Veterans	95.00
10-16610-58500000	Sealer of Weights and Measurers	55.00
10-16772-58500000	Office for the Aging	433.00
10-17310-58500000	Youth Bureau	475.00
10-18020-58500000	Planning	555.00
10-18740-58500000	Watershed Affairs	234.00
24-19050-58500000	Public Works	9,816.00
42-68460-58500000	Countryside Care Center	29,652.00
62-11710-58500000	Workers Compensation	105.00
	Total	\$60,001.00
TO:		
10-19050-58500000	Unemployment Insurance	\$60,001.00

The resolution was seconded by Ms. Molé and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4806, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 111

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

LETTING OF APRIL 13, 2006

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents have 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. SW2-06 One or More Tandem Axle Roll-off Trucks with Tiltframe
and Tarp System to: Tracey Road Equipment
6803 Manlius Center Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Bid Price: \$114,615.00 (Includes Options 2, 5 & 6)

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. Rowe and Mr. Bachler.

Mr. Utter stated that the purchase of one truck was budgeted for 2006. He pointed out that the proposal states one or more tandem axle roll-off trucks with a tiltframe and explained that in accordance with DPW's long range plan another truck is scheduled for replacement in 2007. He advised that between the rising price of steel and the new emissions standards for diesel engines in 2007 next year's truck could be priced \$10,000 to \$11,000 more than this year.

Mr. Utter noted there is enough money in the reserve account to pay for the second truck and suggested it would be beneficial to the county to lock in the price and purchase the second truck in 2006 rather than 2007. He indicated that he has opted to spend money not budgeted in his own town to save money. He pointed out if the money remained in the reserve account and accrued interest at the rate of four or five percent it would earn approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000. Waiting until next year to purchase the truck will cost the county approximately \$10,000 over the amount we paid in 2006. It is prudent economics to buy this year.

This resolution, he said, allows for the purchase of one truck. There would have to be another resolution to spend an additional \$114,615 for the purchase of a second truck. He explained what this would do is lock in another truck at this price.

Chairman Eisel agreed, stating he has done the same thing in the town of Harpersfield, adding his town bought an extra \$8,000 of steel products because they knew the prices were going up.

Mr. Utter stated that when he was an employee on the bridge crew he could remember spending days unloading tractor trailers of sheet pilings because a company was going out of business and Commissioner Reynolds was able to lock in a good price to save the county many thousands of dollars.

In answer to Chairman Eisel, Mr. Utter stated the old truck is part of the over-the-road fleet which runs everyday, accumulating about 250,000 to 260,000 miles in a couple of years.

These trucks are normally relegated to the bridge crew or one of the other shops, adding when they are worn out they are used as yard trucks at the composting facility.

Commissioner Reynolds stated in answer to Mr. Hynes, the bid is good for 45 days from the time it was submitted.

Mr. Maddalone asked if the committee was in favor of this proposal. Mr. Utter replied yes.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4806, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 112

**TITLE: EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS
COUNTY INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fund the County Insurance account to cover premiums on purchased policies for 2006, incidental liability claims, administrative costs and continued funding of the insurance reserve account

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

FROM:

10-11325-54630000	County Treasurer	\$800.00
10-11410-54350200	County Clerk	5,400.00
10-11620-54350200	Buildings	1,200.00
10-11620-54350200/1620001/ 975	Buildings (ARC)	5,900.00
10-13110-54350200	Sheriff	34,810.00
10-13140-54350200	Probation	18,500.00
10-13144-54350200	Probation CSS	450.00
10-13150-54350200	Jail	40,000.00
10-13315-54350100	STOP DWI	400.00
10-13640-54350200	Emergency Service	1,000.00
10-14010-54350200	Public Health Nurses	24,330.00
10-14012-54350200	Public Health Nurses	2,670.00
10-14189-54350200	Emergency Medical Ser	700.00
10-14310-54350200	Mental Health Clinic	10,000.00

10-14311-54350200	Community Support Prog	2,000.00
10-14313-54350000	Kendra's Law	1,000.00
10-14317-54350200	Alcoholism	4,500.00
10-14321-54350200	Expanded Mental Health Prog	500.00
10-16010-54350200	Social Services	40,000.00
10-16326-54350200	Economic Dev	550.00
10-16510-54350200	Veteran's Service Agency	1,180.00
10-16610-54350200	Sealer of Weights & Measures	390.00
10-16772-54350200	Office for Aging	2,600.00
10-18020-54350200	Planning Department	1,275.00
10-18740-54350200	Watershed Affairs	400.00
42-68350-54350000	Countryside Care Ctr	52,000.00
26-15130-54350200	Highway Department	95,000.00
22-18160-54350200	Solid Waste	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	Total	\$372,555.00

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$372,555.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-11910-54350200	Unallocated County Insurance	\$372,555.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unexpended year end balance in account 10-11910-54350200 Unallocated County Insurance be transferred to 10-19901-59990200 Operating Transfer (out) for transfer to the Insurance Reserve Fund.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Maddalone and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 4806, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 113

**TITLE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FURTHER FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT
AND WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDING
WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the New York City Watershed Agreement was signed in 1997 by representatives of the federal government, New York State, New York City, upstate communities and not-for profit organizations to ensure the long-term protection of unfiltered drinking water supply of eight million residents of the City of New York and one million New York State residents within Westchester, Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties who depend

upon the New York City drinking water system, and to enhance the economic vitality and social character of the upstate Watershed communities which host the City's reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, while this Agreement lays the groundwork for the protection of New York City Watershed, proof of its success requires the financial support of all the involved parties; and

WHEREAS, New York State, New York City and upstate communities have willingly contributed those funds which they originally committed to provide pursuant to this Agreement, despite their individual fiscal constraints, thereby taking positive steps forward to ensure that the terms of the Agreement are fully met; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers are each authorized to contribute funds to implement the Agreement in accordance with federal laws; and

WHEREAS, neither of these federal agencies has requested funds to implement the Agreement over the nearly 10 years since it has been in place, thus necessitating action by the New York Congressional Delegation; and

WHEREAS, the federal share of the Watershed program complements the efforts already being undertaken by New York State, New York City, and the upstate Watershed communities to protect the New York City drinking water supply in a scientifically sound and fiscally responsible manner, making this initiative a national model for cost-effective means to protect an unfiltered surface drinking water source

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Delaware County urges United States Senators Charles E. Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton and United States Congressmen John E. Sweeney and Maurice D. Hinchey to seek appropriations of \$15 million to both the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for Federal Fiscal Year 2007 in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Agreement, and to demonstrate the full commitment of the United States Government to this effort.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 114

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$913,491.17 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	\$409,040.13
Countryside Care Center	\$52,738.76
Jail	\$25,668.83
OET	\$7,846.47
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Road	\$31,552.98
Machinery	\$206,890.72
Capital Road & Bridge	\$62,863.23
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$116,890.05

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4806, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.