

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUGUST 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman Tina B. Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Mr. Davis and Supervisor for the Town of Sidney.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

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

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Marshfield. Mr. Marshfield referred to a brochure about the Veterans Stand Down scheduled for September 15 at the Catskill Veterans Outreach Center in Stamford. Director of Veterans Services Charles Piper included additional information with the brochure which has been distributed to all the Supervisors to help get the information out. He added that the SUNY Delhi School of Nursing will administer vaccinations and blood pressure checks. All the services offered are to help veterans in need.

For standing committee reports, Chairman of the American Rescue Plan Act Committee Wayne Marshfield offered a brief update stating the County has received half of the ARP funding in the amount of \$4,286,353 which has been put into an interest bearing account. EFPR has computed the loss revenue calculation from 2019 to 2020. That lost revenue is \$5,248,002. Essentially, what that means is the lost revenue amount can be spent as necessary without much guidelines. The remaining \$3,324,704 has to be guaranteed to be spent on designated items in compliance with the funding guidelines.

The Committee has met twice and their next meeting is scheduled for September 8 when several broadband vendors in Delaware County will be attending to discuss broadband coverage in the County.

He stated they have had specific requests from nonprofit agencies and the Committee has discussed several of those. Feedback from County Departments of any shortfalls in their department during the pandemic was requested. The Committee also discussed the possibility of providing premium pay to County employees who are not eligible for overtime.

Mr. Marshfield stated the funding has to be obligated by the end of 2024 and the projects must be completed and funded by the end of 2026. The Committee will be thoroughly analyzing requests and looking at what is best for Delaware County.

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Mr. Haynes. Mr. Haynes introduced Commissioner of Department of Public Works Susan McIntyre to share some long awaited news.

Ms. McIntyre announced the Solid Waste Management Center has a long-term written Local Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan was reviewed and adopted by the Board in 2017 and it is predicated on the idea that the County would want to be able to stay within local control of its solid waste program for as long as possible keeping it cost effective and environmentally sound. That was all dependent upon our ability to get approval from the state to expand the landfill so we can gain between 40 and 60 years of additional capacity at that location. She said she is very pleased to say that after several years of diligent and hard work, they got the approvals last week and they are thrilled. The next phase of construction is going to be essential to doing a reclamation project for the oldest landfill cell which was built in the 70s, has no liner system, and is the greatest environmental exposure. The waste will be put in containment and the area will be redeveloped. This is a huge win for Delaware County and our ability to remain self sufficient in our solid waste program.

She said many years ago in 2013 when they were working toward the development of the compost facility, which has paid for itself many times over, nothing happens quickly in solid waste; it takes ten years to accomplish anything. By the time they get the next cell built, which should be late next year, they will be hitting that deadline. She thanked the Board for all of their support. Everyone should be very proud that Delaware County has the resources to be able to do what we have been able to do.

Expanding on Mr. Eisel's comment, Ms. McIntyre stated once they mine Cell 1, they will install a liner which will give them that additional space and they will also piggyback on top of our existing cells. She noted Mr. Eisel has been with the solid waste program since its inception. She explained we are an entitlement facility, which means we have a line in the sand at that location, and as long as we stayed within that line in the sand, that was fine. We are now crossing that line a little horizontally so they can go a lot vertically. The ability to get the variance for that expansion is critical to this next phase in our solid waste program.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Ms. McIntyre said the waste mined from Cell 1 will be placed into a lined area and they will install a double liner system in Cell 1 and redevelop that space. The ability to do that is what will give us capacity.

Concurring with Mr. Eisel, Ms. McIntyre stated Cell 1 is the only cell with no liner.

Ms. McIntyre thanked the Supervisors for their support.

Chairman of the Capital Projects Committee Mark Tuthill announced they have neared completion and will take ownership of the Behavioral Health Facility in Walton next Monday, August 30.

Mr. Cetta congratulated Director of Mental Health Cindy Heaney for contracting with the moving company to move and set up the furniture which is scheduled to start arriving on Friday. He offered tours to Supervisors who would like to go through the building before the facility goes into operation.

Ms. Molé thanked Mr. Tuthill and Mr. Cetta for the update.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 130

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been successful in securing grant funds with which to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office agrees to participate in "Statewide Police Traffic Services Program", the goal of which is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury and death from traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, involvement will include using dedicated overtime enforcement hours to participate in joint checkpoints with the State Police or other agencies where practical, or independently, in the waves of high-visibility enforcement planned throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, participation in this program will result in the award of a grant in the amount of \$11,550 to be used to pay the salaries of the road patrol deputies participating in this program. Said program runs from October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 Budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-13310-43338900/3310005/907	State OTR Public Safety	\$11,550.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-13310-51327000/3310005/907	Personal Services	\$11,550.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3847, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis), Vacant 577 (Sidney).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 131

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE SNOWMOBILE GRANT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 45 was passed on March 10th 2021 by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors to amend the Planning Department budget to receive and dispense moneys in compliance with the requirements of the Preservation Snowmobile Trails Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money awarded to Delaware County increased from \$105,216.00 to \$106,779.90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Department budget be amended to receive and dispense the increased moneys in compliance with the requirements of the Preservation Snowmobile Trails Grant Program as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-17989-43388900/7989005/908	State Otr Culture & Recreation	\$1,563.90
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-17989-54555000/7989005/908	Recreation Snowmobile Grant	\$1,563.90
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3847, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis), Vacant 577 (Sidney).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 132

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
COUNTY HISTORIAN**

WHEREAS, there is insufficient funds in the Potters Field account to complete the needed restoration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2021 Budget amendment be authorized:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$50,000.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-17510-54521000	Potters Field Expenses	\$50,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

In response to Mr. Taggart, Mr. Ellis stated that for the past few months they have been working on Potters Field. These funds will be used to fill in the depressions and landscape.

Mr. Taggart expressed that Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Schafer, and Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Pete Montgomery have been involved in a super amount of work in getting this project going forward. The previous Sheriff, Tom Mills, has done work on the cemetery as well. The cemetery has been neglected far too long.

Ms. Molé added that Sheriff Tom Mills had started this project seven or eight years ago. He had gotten some money and did a kiosk but it wasn't until this spring when Mr. Ellis, Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Schafer dug their heels in and they have worked very hard all summer along with Gabrielle Pierce to get this project going and keep it moving. They really have done a tremendous amount of work. Over the last several years, people have come into the office quite upset that the County hadn't really taken proper care of this historical cemetery. She stated she is very happy that these individuals have taken that on and done a good job.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3847, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis), Vacant 577 (Sidney).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 133

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$488,318.37 were hereby presented to the Finance Committee for approval for payment on August 11, 2021 prior to presentation to the Board of Supervisors;

THEREFORE, the County Treasurer was directed to pay said expenditures as listed below and this Board now approves of said payment as follows:

General Fund	\$354,863.04
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$16,016.23
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$4,274.33
CAP MH	\$21,202.61

Highway Audits, as Follows:

Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$8,165.87
Road	\$50.91
Machinery	\$42,136.24
Capital Road & Bridge	\$4,500.00
Capital Solid Waste	\$37,109.14
CAP DPW Complex	\$0.00

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$2,633,192.15 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	\$975,047.02
OET	\$37,774.22
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$17,630.10
CAP MH	\$511,989.40

Highway Audits, as Follows:

Weights & Measures	\$187.28
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$107,019.81
Road	\$120,752.01
Machinery	\$104,577.96
Capital Road & Bridge	\$181,209.07
Capital Solid Waste	\$28,937.55
CAP DPW Complex	\$548,067.73

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3847, Noes 0, Absent 375 (Davis), Vacant 577 (Sidney).

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.