

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DECEMBER 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, December 8, 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 the Supervisor for the Town of Sidney.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting and public hearing were accepted as presented.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 184

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A MODULAR STRUCTURE TO SERVE AS A LOCATION FOR VISITATION AND PARENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the local agency responsible for providing access to supervised visitation for families with children in foster care, in a safe and secure setting, and provide educational parenting instruction to promote a safe return of foster children to their biological parents; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of families unable to provide this safe and secure setting for visitation and parental education, which causes lengthier placements of children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has funding for and located a County-owned site that is centrally located; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has selected a floor plan that will facilitate 2 simultaneous activities; and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Committee has approved the location and floor plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby approve the purchase of a modular structure for use as a visitation and parental education programs facility.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart.

In reply to Mr. Eisel, Mr. Marshfield indicated the location is 165 Main Street, across from NAPA in Delhi. Mr. Tuthill stated it is a few lots up from the new DPW administrative office building.

Mr. Taggart added that the County already owns the land for this site.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 185

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE VISITATION CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 184 was approved which authorized the purchase of a modular structure to be situated on existing County owned property for the purpose of providing a safe and secure setting for supervised visitation for families with children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, a Capital Project is to be established to fund the purchase of this structure and all related costs.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-16010-54313100	Foster Parent Related	\$30,000.00
10-16070-54575000	Services for Recipient	\$164,177.00
10-16109-54113000	Family Assistance	\$152,377.00
10-16119-54313150	Foster Care	\$158,823.00
10-16129-54200015	Contracted Services Training Schools	\$49,444.00

TRANSFER TO:

10-19901-59990430	Oper Trnsf Out Cap DSS Visitation Ctr	\$554,821.00
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ESTABLISH REVENUE ACCOUNT:

43-16010-45503100	Interfund Transfer In	\$554,821.00
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ESTABLISH EXPENSE ACCOUNT:

43-16010-52000000 Equipment and Capital Outlay \$554,821.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and Mr. Hinkley.

Mr. Marshfield noted there is a 20% contingency included in case there are any issues, if not, the funds will go back into the general fund. An earlier resolution to purchase a house on Meredith Street for this purpose was pulled. That particular property had too many negative issues.

To clarify, he stated this facility will be a visitation center to get the foster parents and the children together to hopefully bring the foster children back into the family atmosphere. The building is a duplex with two separate visitation centers in the house and has a third entrance for a clinician’s office to meet privately with clients. This facility will also be used for parental education programs.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3606, Noes 241 (Taggart), Absent 375 (Davis), Vacant 577 (Sidney).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT
APPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated funding to governmental municipalities to assist in the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County was awarded a total of \$8,572,706 from the US Department of Treasury (USDT) which can only be used for allowable costs that meet the criteria outlined by the USDT; and

WHEREAS, an American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee was formed to do a thorough and impartial review of funding proposals, under the guidance of consulting firm EFPR Group; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, various proposals have been approved as follows:

- EFPR Group for the loss revenue calculation and consulting/professional guidance on appropriate and allowable allocations of ARP funding: \$12,000
- Delinquent Tax Collection System to streamline collection of taxes and the tax foreclosure process: \$199,650

- Train to Work Initiative to assist businesses in finding and training a quality workforce: \$350,000
- Emergency Services purchase of drone and related equipment not to exceed \$50,000
- Information Technology upgrade of the network system to include more robust remote options, cloud-based solutions, enhanced firewalls and security, phone system and wireless access not to exceed \$2,600,000.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-11325-44408902/1327888/888	Fed Aid Other-ARP	\$362,000.00
10-11325-44408902/1327889/888	Fed Aid Other-ARP	\$2,849,650.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10-11327-54584000/1327888/888	FA-Contractual ARP	\$12,000.00
10-16326-54584000/1327888/888	ECO DEV-Contractual ARP	\$350,000.00
10-11325-54584000/1327889/888	TREAS-Contractual ARP	\$199,650.00
10-11680-54584000/1327889/888	IT-Contractual ARP	\$1,300,000.00
10-11680-52200003/1327889/888	IT-Equipment ARP	\$1,300,000.00
10-13640-52200003/1327889/888	DES-Equipment ARP	\$50,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Marshfield indicated this funding has been approved by the ARP committee and the resolution is to appropriate those funds. He reviewed the funding projects noting this accounts for approximately \$3.2 million of the \$8.5 million ARP funds. The \$300,000 premium pay is funded through another resolution which brings the total allocated to \$3.5 million.

Ms. Molé remarked that the \$2.6 spending by IT is for an overhaul of our computer system and for updates that are badly needed.

Ms. Molé confirmed to Mr. Ellis that the DES amount of \$50,000 is for a drone, which is in addition to the drone we already have.

In answer to Mr. Gladstone if the drone is to be housed at the public safety facility, Ms. Molé said yes it would.

Mr. Cetta indicated the drone will require licensed pilots as well.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION OF FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55 of 1993, as modified, authorizes a four ten-hour-per-day work week in the Public Works Department which is subject to annual approval by the County and Public Works employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to approval of the Public Works employees, four-day work schedules for 2022 are hereby approved in the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1.) January 1, 2022 to March 19, 2022: Bridge Crews only.
- 2.) March 20, 2022 to October 15, 2022: All Public Works employees, except those employees specifically excluded from the four-day work week by agreement with the union, i.e., landfill employees, certain engineering staff, etc.
- 3.) November 13, 2022 to December 31, 2022: Bridge Crews only.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 188

**TITLE: DESIGNATION OF DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR
DELAWARE COUNTY FOR 2022
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Be it resolved that the Delaware County Department of Economic Development be designated as the Tourism Promotion Agency for Delaware County, for the purpose of making applications for and receiving grants under Section 100[6] of the Economic Development Law, with Delaware County to provide the required local matching funds for the "I Love New York" tourism promotion 2022 program.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Eisel.

Mr. Valente stated Economic Development is as ready as it is going to be and there have been a lot of meetings and they have many of the details worked out.

Mr. Gladstone apologized for missing the last Board meeting because he had a post-op doctor's appointment. At the last meeting, Resolution No. 178 failed, he believes somewhat because of personalities and politics. With all due respect to each of his colleagues on this

Board, he does not agree with the decision to strip the Delaware County of Chamber of its management of the Tourism Promotion contract. As he is aware, the audit had no negative findings that he has seen at this time. If there have been issues, he feels the Board has not received enough information to make a responsible decision on this matter.

He suggested we rescind today's Resolution No. 188 stating he has nothing against anyone in the Economic Development department. However, we need to gather more information, and to have a plan to move forward which is then presented to the Board as a whole for a discussion.

He feels it is our responsibility to rebuild this partnership with the Chamber who has dedicated 60 years of service to commerce in Delaware County. If the Board does not trust the Chamber, what kind of a message have we sent to the business community of this County? And to say the relationship is beyond repair is the most unfortunate statement he has heard. As Chairman of the Watershed Ag Council, he knows how devastating that can be and an example of building a partnership back, a year ago DEP and WAC were about as far apart as they could ever be. To this day, they have made it a focus by both organizations to rebuild that partnership. They have done that because both parties agreed to work together.

Visitor spending in the County for 2020 was \$101 million as reported by the New York State Division of Tourism. Sales tax revenue is approximately \$22 million for the first three quarters of 2021, which is up approximately 25%. The Chamber cannot take all the credit, but they have certainly played an important role in achieving some of these goals.

He stated because of these concerns, he will not be supporting Resolution No. 188.

Ms. Molé responded saying she has spent a lot of time on this and obviously she attended all of the committee meetings for Economic Development. She said she chose at the last meeting, not to get in the gutter and mudsling publicly. That is exactly what Mr. Pucci has done in the last few weeks. Part of the decision of voting no on continuing our relationship with the Chamber of Commerce is because there was confusion, which she believes was intentional for a long time. One of the biggest omissions that they discovered during the audit was out of the \$95,000 that the County was giving the Chamber of Commerce for the tourism promotion, in fact they were taking 49% of that, almost \$50,000 and putting it into their general account in part to pay for salaries. Yes, it is legal and it is also a common practice to take a small portion out of grant funding for administration of grants, but this is 49%, almost \$50,000 that went into their account that had nothing to do with tourism. The second thing she would like to bring out is that the Chamber of Commerce did not do the tourism promotion, they contracted it out. Monthly, the contractor BlueSpark Creative that did the tourism promotion provided Mr. Pucci with an extremely detailed report that not once did he provide to the oversight committee.

Ms. Molé stated that on numerous occasions, she has heard from our elected state and federal politicians that Mr. Pucci has used his position to disparage the Delaware County Board of Supervisors. Whether you believe it or not, the latest he shared with an assemblyman in the month of October was that the County holds illegal County Board meetings. If any board members have any qualms or any reservations that we are holding illegal board meetings,

nobody has come to her. She is positive that when we hold these meetings, we are legal and do it to the letter of the law. She is certain that you will read in the Reporter or the Daily Star letters to the editor once again disparaging the Board of Supervisors. That is why this Board voted to sever those ties. Not because of political reasons.

Mr. Marshfield stated it is very unfortunate that the war between this Board and the Chamber, there are two to three hundred businesses caught in the middle of it that are members of the Chamber. He does not know what is going to happen to them now. You are certainly not going to have a full-time Chamber person.

Ms. Molé questioned Mr. Marshfield if he knew that or if he asked anybody about having a full-time person. He responded that he had just talked with Economic Development which is where he got that information.

Referring to Mr. Marshfield's comments at the last Board meeting that Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis supported the Chamber, Ms. Molé stated if he had asked her, they have committee meetings every month, he did not support Mr. Pucci nor did the committee except for Mr. Valente. Mr. Marshfield said the IDA supports the Chamber. Agreeing with that statement, Ms. Molé said our County agency did not.

She remarked that she believes that our Delaware County Economic Development agency is professional and qualified to take over, and we will see next year.

Mr. Merrill said he has sat on the Tourism Advisory Board since it began and one of their battles every year with our grants was trying to get feedback from Mr. Pucci on how the money was spent. They never got detailed accounting on anything just general amounts with nothing specific. Every other grantee had to give an extremely detailed accounting of how their money was spent. The Chamber under Mr. Pucci never did that.

Ms. Molé stated that is why we had to spend \$7,000 of taxpayer money on an audit to get him to provide us with the information. When it was asked in committee why we didn't know until the audit that he was taking 49% of that grant, his answer was "I forgot." She said that is not acceptable.

County Attorney Amy Merklen pointed out that there were contractual obligations that Mr. Pucci and the Chamber did not live up to such as providing the records when asked. For example, providing budgets that showed a breakdown that the Chamber and himself were getting paid 49% of the grant they were given to administer tourism in this county. He was asked, he refused. It was in the contract and he still did not live up to those obligations.

Mr. Cetta asked for a clarification on the audit. He understood it was not a forensic audit where they look at every detail and that this was more of a process audit that typically happens to make sure their accounting principles are correct.

Mr. Valente clarified the audit was to reveal where the money is. It was a one-year snapshot and it really was just that. It was a routine audit. Seeing how the money flows was the primary objective and we got most of that. He said there were some balances that we need to straighten out. As the transition goes on, we need to transfer funds from incomplete projects and monies that were encumbered that were to roll into next year that needs to come back to the County for the same purpose. So far, their accounting practices were clean but then there are some specific questions that people feel they don't have enough detail on. They did not have any evidence of crime. They just were not happy with the information flow.

BlueSpark had a lot to brag about. They did a very nice job. It is a shame that we did not see all that. They had the kind of reports that we needed to see. We wanted to see details like how much time was put in on this project; how do you log your hours; how do you account for that. It is all there. So far, everything is all there. He still does not have any criminality. He would like to see details like Lisa Wisely has, for instance phone logs, daily logs, and that kind of detail.

Mrs. Merklen stated that in the contract there was a requirement that the Chamber provide a budget to the committee and it is her understanding that those budgets were not given.

Mr. Valente stated there were two funding streams and for the tourism promotion over the last few years, before he and Mr. Nealis would release the bed tax money, Mr. Pucci had to give a breakdown which he had. They went over that in detail. The \$95,000, not so much.

Mrs. Merklen expressed that the contract was for the \$95,000 and there was to be a budget provided. This Board never had the opportunity to approve or disapprove that \$3,900 a month in administrative costs. No contractor that contracts with the County is allowed to set their own salary and their own costs without it being approved by this Board. That is what happened. They were taking 49% of the money this Board approved for them and putting it into their administrative costs.

At no time, did this Board approve that. The committee did not approve it, the Board did not approve it, and again, there is no contractor that works that way with the County. It is her understanding that there are going to be issues going forward with getting what is rightfully the County's from the Chamber.

Mr. Valente remarked that even though he does not support this resolution, Economic Development is ready. They have put a lot of time in; they have had some very productive meetings. The Tourism Advisory Board is a very good group of volunteers who help. They are unsung heroes in this County and do a very nice job and we are on to it. Mr. Nealis is ready to pick it up. Right now we are not looking to hire anyone new. We are really trying to carry on and continue what the Chamber was doing. They have had a couple of very good meetings with Ms. Wisely of BlueSpark. She has been very forthcoming when we ask for reports.

Ms. Molé stated we received a very detailed report that we never got from the Chamber. Mr. Valente said that was a shame because Ms. Wisely is a professional and has every reason to be proud of her work and it has kind of been concealed.

Ms. Molé said she believes there may be Board members who did not know the Chamber did not do the tourism and that it was BlueSpark that was actually doing the tourism promotion.

Mr. Valente said there was collaboration, not entirely, but the bulk of the responsibilities went to a particular contractor which he hopes the TAB will stay with for continuity.

Mr. Merrill commented he certainly feels much more confident than he did last year.

Mr. Valente stated all the reports should go to the Board. They are so laden with information and such they are too big of a file to send by email. Perhaps IT could aim us to where it would be accessible. He was very pleased to see the report. Mr. Nealis and he will endeavor to make it a seamless transition. What is more important than anything else is that we continue promoting tourism. We have an opportunity here; we do not want to mess up on it. This has come around—it is our turn. Delaware County has been discovered. This is the place to be. If you want to get away, Delaware County is your home.

For clarification, Ms. Molé pointed out to those Supervisors that don't know, we oversee this County by committees. Out of a five-member committee, there was only one Supervisor that was in favor of even bringing the contract resolution to the Board of Supervisors to vote. The reason this resolution was brought to the Board floor instead of making the decision in committee was she was afraid that Mr. Pucci would go to the newspapers and say that was Tina Molé or that was so and so killing it in committee and not having the Board of Supervisors vote on it. That would have been the defense, that had it gone to the Board of Supervisors it would have been approved. That is why the committee did not support the TPA with the exception of Mr. Valente and neither did the Economic Development director. That is why, not because so and so ran against so and so, that is your right; that had nothing in her mind to do with it.

Mr. Eisel said he believes Economic Development will do a fine job in running this program for us. He believes they will be far more efficient and obviously more cost effective. He sits on that committee and it upset him when he found out that Mr. Pucci was taking \$3,900 a month for administration. He's been doing this probably for years. We could not get that information. We were in the dark and it took an audit to find this out. That is not the way government works. He will support this resolution today in favor of Economic Development being designated.

The resolution was adopted by voice vote with two opposed (Gladstone, Marshfield).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 189

TITLE: LEVY OF TAXES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS, HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE

WHEREAS there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors a duly certified copy of the annual budget of each of the several towns of Delaware County for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021;

RESOLVED that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the taxable property situated wholly or partially therein the amounts indicated below for the Highway Outside Village and General Outside Village purposes as specified in the budgets of the respective towns:

TOWN	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE
Delhi	\$750,000.00	\$.00
Deposit	\$369,120.00	\$39,920.00
Franklin	\$334,710.00	\$33,145.00
Hancock	\$875,849.00	\$36,562.00
Harpersfield	\$350,824.00	\$59,056.00
Middletown	\$851,388.00	\$119,116.00
Sidney	\$341,337.00	\$28,405.00
Stamford	\$256,373.00	\$44,140.00
Walton	\$339,155.00	\$72,696.00

FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the real property liable therefore within the respective budgets:

ANDES

Andes Joint Fire District	\$200,267.00
Arena Fire District	\$15,594.42
Andes Light	\$8,000.00

BOVINA

Bovina Center Light District	\$1,545.00
Bovina Rural Fire District	\$107,075.00
Bovina Water District	\$38,281.00
Bovina Sewer District	\$10,582.75

COLCHESTER

Downsville Fire District	\$257,982.78
Beaverkill Valley Fire District	\$961.49
Colchester Fire Protection District	\$12,000.00
Delinquent Cooks Falls Water	\$2,990.00
Delinquent Downsville Water	\$7,182.78

DAVENPORT	
East Meredith Fire District	\$123,228.62
Davenport Fire District	\$51,128.04
Davenport Light District	\$1,980.00
Davenport Center Light District	\$2,640.00
West Davenport Light District	\$1,625.00
Davenport Water	\$6,397.20
Delinquent Water	\$7,200.90
DELHI	
Delhi Rural Fire District	\$244,952.65
DEPOSIT	
Deposit Fire and Ambulance	\$81,784.00
FRANKLIN	
Treadwell Light District	\$3,795.00
Treadwell Water District	\$11,940.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$243,047.31
Delinquent Water Rent	\$1,093.00
HAMDEN	
Hamden Light District	\$1,200.00
DeLancey Light District	\$800.00
Delhi Fire District	\$729.70
Walton Fire District	\$20,809.00
Downsville Fire Protection	\$3,500.00
Delhi Rural Fire Protection	\$87,777.63
Downsville Fire District	\$5,387.22
Hamden Sewer District	\$12,241.56
Hamden Delinquent Water	\$4,275.00
DeLancey Delinquent Water	\$4,000.00
HANCOCK	
Upper Delaware Valley Ambulance District	\$4,410.02
Cadosia Light District	\$3,400.00
East Branch Light District	\$5,800.00
East Branch Fire District	\$103,505.00
East Branch Water District	\$25,075.00
Fishs Eddy Light District	\$4,700.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$139,525.41
Long Eddy Fire District	\$28,445.27
Hancock Ambulance District	\$238,857.00
HARPERSFIELD	
Stamford Fire District	\$92,951.08
Hobart Fire District	\$6,265.91

Davenport Fire District	\$13,892.93
North Harpersfield Fire Protection	\$43,500.00
North Harpersfield Light District	\$2,000.00
KORTRIGHT	
Kortright Fire District	\$109,712.28
Bloomville Light District	\$4,000.00
Bloomville Sewer District	\$17,264.66
Stamford Fire District	\$10,340.88
Hobart Rural Fire District	\$10,711.60
East Meredith Fire District	\$3,432.27
Davenport Fire District	\$7,699.03
Delinquent Water	\$9,423.10
MASONVILLE	
Masonville Fire District	\$120,000.00
Masonville Light District	\$2,500.00
MEREDITH	
East Meredith Light District	\$1,386.00
Delhi Fire District	\$36,460.62
Meredith Square Light District	\$660.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$25,687.69
Meridale Rural Fire District	\$63,100.00
East Meredith Fire District	\$18,282.11
Meridale Light District	\$1,254.00
MIDDLETOWN	
Halcottsville Light District	\$1,192.00
Arena Fire District	\$14,383.15
Arkville Light District	\$5,950.00
Arkville Water District	\$16,600.00
New Kingston Light District	\$594.00
Arkville Fire District	\$41,810.00
Fire District No. 1	\$77,934.00
Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District	\$314,240.74
Delinquent Arkville Water	\$21,701.25
Delinquent Halcottsville Water	\$3,089.98
ROXBURY	
Roxbury Fire District	\$186,200.00
Roxbury Light District	\$11,196.00
Roxbury Water District	\$20,437.00
Grand Gorge Fire District	\$150,875.00
Grand Gorge Light District	\$9,997.00
Grand Gorge Water District	\$65,811.00

Middletown/Hardenburgh Fire District	\$6,445.27
Roxbury Run Light District	\$2,399.00
Roxbury Sewer District (unit charge)	\$43,678.46
Denver Sewer District (debt charge)	\$.00
Denver Sewer District (unit charge)	\$106,769.00
Denver Water District	\$26,050.00
Delinquent Denver Water	\$1,331.88
Delinquent Grand Gorge Water	\$5,736.34
Delinquent Roxbury Water	\$6,233.54
SIDNEY	
Consolidated Health District	\$3,400.00
Sidney Center Light District	\$3,500.00
Sidney Center Fire District	\$88,316.00
Sidney Fire Protection District	\$72,586.00
STAMFORD	
Stamford Fire District	\$45,369.85
South Kortright Fire District	\$4,449.44
Hobart Fire District	\$35,022.49
Kortright Fire District	\$13,340.72
South Kortright Light District	\$2,500.00
South Kortright Sewer	\$5,256.50
TOMPKINS	
Tompkins Fire District	\$124,770.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$16,081.59
Sewer District	\$6,539.36
WALTON	
Walton Fire District	\$355,248.00

FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts to be raised by tax for all other purposes, as specified in the annual budgets as presented to the Board and which are on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board, are hereby assessed and levied upon and collected from all of the taxable property in the towns as enumerated below, except as otherwise provided by law; namely:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Andes	\$709,896.00	\$1,028,700.00
Bovina	\$320,640.00	\$432,787.00
Colchester	\$1,118,365.00	\$1,307,400.00
Davenport	\$310,748.00	\$755,240.00

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Delhi	\$437,000.00	\$633,843.00
Deposit	\$342,271.00	\$447,626.00
Franklin	\$193,420.00	\$687,855.00
Hamden	\$212,959.00	\$589,636.00
Hancock	\$517,012.00	\$835,021.00
Harpersfield	\$301,186.00	\$259,443.00
Kortright	\$325,920.00	\$681,569.00
Masonville	\$201,632.00	\$588,450.00
Meredith	\$221,109.18	\$714,153.00
Middletown	\$803,612.00	\$1,200,470.00
Roxbury	\$887,453.00	\$1,244,298.00
Sidney	\$416,690.00	\$314,868.00
Stamford	\$283,392.00	\$300,511.00
Tompkins	\$280,503.00	\$767,587.00
Walton	\$280,795.00	\$624,558.00

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190

**TITLE: LEVY OF COUNTY TAX, EXTENSION OF ROLL,
WARRANTS FOR SAME**

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$34,838,443.69 be levied against the taxable property of the County of Delaware and the same be credited by the County Treasurer to the objects specified in the Appropriation Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is directed to extend the tax according to this resolution on the tax rolls of the several towns and that, when the same have been extended, the various rolls of the several towns shall become the tax rolls thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the several tax rolls, when completed in accordance with the direction of the Board and the several warrants are signed for the collection of taxes by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to bear the date of December 28, 2021 the taxes be returnable the first day of April 2022 and that the County Treasurer of the County of Delaware be and hereby is authorized to extend the time of collection in any town not beyond the first day of June 2022 upon the collector's complying with the statute thereto.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191

TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CAUSE TO BE PRINTED A SUMMARY OF ABSTRACT OF THE TOWN BUDGETS

WHEREAS, Section 115 of the Town Law requires that the budgets of the respective towns for each year be printed in the Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, said section authorizes the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to cause to be printed a summary or abstract of each budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be printed in the Proceedings of this Board a summary or abstract of the budgets of the respective towns in this County in such form as the State Comptroller shall prescribe.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192

TITLE: CALLING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 151 [1] of the County Law and Rule 1 of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors shall be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, Delhi, New York.

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

Ms. Molé announced the Organizational Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 193

TITLE: 2022 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, in accordance to Rule 2 of the Rules of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, Board meeting dates are annually designated in December each year for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on the dates and times as stated below.

Wednesday, January 5, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, January 26, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, March 9, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, March 23, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, April 27, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 25, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, July 27, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, September 28, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, October 12, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, October 26, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, November 22, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	- 1:00 p.m.		

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Tuthill and Mr. Vernold and unanimously adopted.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 194

**TITLE: 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF TIER GRANT
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, New York State has issued a Technology Innovation & Election Resource (TIER) grant to Delaware County to help with the costs of upgrades of software, technology updates and election supplies; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County Board of Elections has been approved of receiving \$45,115.35 in funds.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-11450-43308000/1450012/961	New York State	\$45,115.35
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10-11450-54327580/1450012/961	Grant Software	\$21,952.57
10-11450-52200001/1450012/961	Grant Equipment	\$19,722.39
10-11450-54327000/1450012/961	Grant Related Expense	\$3,440.39

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart.

Mr. Eisel stated any time the State Board of Elections requires software upgrades, the County Board of Elections has been good at getting grants to offset some of those costs. He thanked them for their efforts.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 195

**TITLE: LEVYING OF 2021-2022 RETURNED SCHOOL TAXES
TREASURER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Board of Education of the several school districts of Delaware County have transmitted to the County Treasurer the several amounts of unpaid school taxes, duly verified and certified as provided by the Real Property Tax Law, §1330;

RESOLVED, that pursuant to §1330 of the Real Property Tax Law, there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the lands of the several towns as listed

herewith, upon which the same were imposed, the amounts of said returned school taxes as certified, with seven percentum thereon in addition as follows:

TOWN	TAX	7% PENALTY	TOTAL TAX RELEVIED
ANDES	274,509.04	19,215.69	293,724.73
BOVINA	150,367.92	10,525.73	160,893.65
COLCHESTER	214,502.70	15,015.18	229,517.88
DAVENPORT	279,165.99	19,541.69	298,707.68
DELHI	282,853.28	19,799.77	302,653.05
DEPOSIT	332,932.28	23,305.41	356,237.69
FRANKLIN	368,138.31	25,769.65	393,907.96
HAMDEN	178,951.43	12,526.61	191,478.04
HANCOCK	614,330.50	43,003.31	657,333.81
HARPERSFIELD	270,844.71	18,959.12	289,803.83
KORTRIGHT	225,381.00	15,776.69	241,157.69
MASONVILLE	151,933.60	10,635.39	162,568.99
MEREDITH	142,032.32	9,942.23	151,974.55
MIDDLETOWN	936,913.96	65,584.02	1,002,497.98
ROXBURY	396,955.32	27,786.94	424,742.26
SIDNEY	481,747.65	33,722.33	515,469.98
STAMFORD	341,898.47	23,932.99	365,831.46
TOMPKINS	135,199.65	9,464.00	144,663.65
WALTON	411,391.20	28,797.52	440,188.72
Totals ...	\$6,190,049.33	\$433,304.27	\$6,623,353.60

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. Marshfield remarked this is why we need \$7 million just to pay for unpaid school taxes.

Mr. Taggart commented that is in our general fund.

Mr. Eisel asked if this amount is higher than last year?

Mr. Valente questioned if there was any significant change or if these numbers are higher or lower?

Mr. Taggart asked how this compares to last year?

Mrs. Schafer obtained the specific information to answer the questions regarding the levy of returned school taxes in Resolution No. 195. She stated that last year the tax was \$6,077,986.38 in comparison with the \$6,623,353.60 for this year.

Ms. Molé said it is up about \$600,000 over last year.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 196

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,176,513.39 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	\$589,016.95
OET	\$9,655.85
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$157.60
CAP MH	\$5,728.60
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$78.34
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$116,371.95
Road	\$105,623.69
Machinery	\$33,428.65
Capital Solid Waste	\$60,900.00
Capital Road & Bridge	\$247,358.76
CAP DPW Complex	\$8,193.00

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

Ms. Molé introduced Eric Wilson who has been elected as the Sidney Town Supervisor. She welcomed him to the Board.

Mr. Wilson said he is looking forward to meeting each of the Supervisors and working with them on the Board.

Ms. Molé thanked Beverly Shields for the delicious cookies that everybody enjoyed. She wished everyone a wonderful Merry Christmas.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.