

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARCH 23, 2022

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 23, 2022 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.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Mrs. Scott led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous public hearing and 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 Taggart. Mr. Taggart introduced Franklin Fire Commissioner Rich Strasser.

Mr. Strasser thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He referenced supporting documentation that was distributed to all Supervisors pertaining to an EMS Planning and Development Program. He discussed the operational impacts of the following three options:

OPTION ONE: Two BLS Ambulances and One ALS Vehicle

- investment in county resources
- increase operational readiness
- strategic planning for County Emergency Services
 - Year 3 add third ambulance
- ramp up or down—no additional contracts
- revenue recover program—lower investment
- recruitment, retention and facility issues
- HR & workers compensation issues
- startup timeline 1/1/2023

OPTION TWO: Two ALS Ambulances

- more patient care capabilities (level of care)
- higher risk mitigation—lower cost than Option 1
- strategic planning for County Emergency Services
 - Year 3 add third ambulance: 911/Transport ALS ambulance
- ramp up or down—no additional contracts
- revenue recover program—lower investment

- recruitment & retention and facility issues
- HR & workers compensation issues
- startup timeline 1/1/2023

OPTION THREE: Expand Coverage of Existing Programs

- form coalition of existing programs
- startup resources in place
- will need additional resources to ramp up
- less administration costs
- increase communications between agencies
- investments in our community
- existing programs have Medical Directors
- may have CON (Certificate of Need) issues

Mr. Strasser discussed key factors of the options along with general concerns. He cited several successful local programs including Otsego County that started a service noting their program only took nine weeks to start up. They use a doctor out of A.O. Fox Hospital as their medical director, and they use a billing provider from Pittsburgh and the monies that are retrieved from their claims goes back to the agency. He spoke of the service in Sidney, which is a non-profit program that is working well and growing and noted the Hancock agency is also working well and growing.

He discussed action plans for the options and included guideline dates to follow to reach program implementation in January 2023 saying there is more than enough time. The action plan for Option 3 would be to create a partnership between the County and existing programs. The coalition would meet to discuss coverage and give recommendations to the Supervisors then move funding to start expansion process.

Mr. Strasser stated if the Board chooses to keep this program within the County, he feels they would be setting up a foundation for a strategic plan for fire and emergency services in Delaware County. Basically, you would divide Delaware County into fire/EMS demand zones and do a risk assessment for each zone and a standard of coverage for each zone.

Mr. Strasser introduced Director of Operations of Sidney EMS Ray Baker and Program Manager Jim Rotzler from Hancock to give explanations regarding Option 3 to expand coverage of existing programs.

Mr. Baker explained that that Sidney Emergency Services operates without taxpayer funds. They started in May 2015. They are a not-for-profit agency. They bill insurance companies and they do not receive any tax dollars. They have two ALS crews—one is a 24-hour crew with an ALS and a BLS on one truck and the second is a 16-hour crew with an ALS and a BLS on the second truck. At this time, they have 4 ambulances and 27 employees. Their goal is to have 21 full-time employees and the balance part-time; right now, it is about half and half. Currently the full-time crew works one 24-hour shift and one 16-hour shift a week. They had 2,540 calls in 2021 of which 2,044 were 911 emergencies and 496 were transfers. They had 49 dropped calls in 2021 and relied on local agencies to cover those calls in their district. He stated

their revenue last year was \$1.5 million. They were able to purchase two new ambulances, remodel their station, buy a third heart monitor, and increase wages.

Mr. Baker said their model does work and it could work elsewhere in the County along with other existing EMS agencies. They have the capability and equipment to help the County along with other agencies and they would like to work with everyone to finalize a long-term plan for the County. To cover areas outside their district, it would be necessary to obtain a (CON). He noted this is a competitive business right now because there is a shortage of emergency service providers.

Mr. Rotzler stated the Hancock agency is in their seventh year. In their first year they had less than 350 calls and last year they had 848 calls. He agrees with Mr. Baker that there are other options to consider within the county to expand districts to give everyone in the county a fair chance at having an ambulance when needed. As always, there is a cost factor associated with everything. Their agency receives \$250,000 a year from taxation, however, that only covers about half of their operating expenses. The balance comes from revenue from their call volume. He explained there is no hospital in Hancock and most of their call volume goes to a Binghamton hospital so they make revenue for per-loaded-mile reimbursement. With the demographics in Delaware County, claims from Medicare and Medicaid only pay a certain amount. Being the standard rate, that is the most they will pay to any agency.

Mr. Rotzler said they have three ambulances and have a medic on at all times. They operate 24/7 365 days a year with an EMT for backup. For second and third calls, they are fortunate that some of their staff live in the area and they will come back in to cover those calls. They had 11 dropped calls in 2021 which were covered by Eastern Broome or the Deposit Windsor agency. He commented that Hancock renders mutual aid to the Colchester area and to Walton and Deposit. Even though they have a paid ambulance service, they are stretched very thin and they have had no financial backing from their municipality.

Before this agency was started, getting an ambulance took a long time. They would be waiting for an ambulance from Cooperstown Medical Transport (CMT) or one of the services out of Binghamton for sometimes up to an hour and a half. First responders are limited with what they can do for trauma victims and having to wait for a medic was tough. That is why they chose to start their own agency. They have a good foundation of people who donate and they have other foundation supporters including anonymous donations they have received over the years.

Mr. Rotzler noted Option 3 is something he believes could work in this County. He would certainly be willing to work on this plan. He is president of the Board in Hancock and as a 501(c)(3), board members do not get paid and that is the way he likes it. They are there for the right reason. His involvement is for the betterment of the community and this County. There are other options and he knows some Supervisors are in favor of AMR and he respects that. He is not. He feels he and his colleagues have a better option.

In response to Mr. Eisel, Mr. Baker said they use Multi-Med for insurance billing and they do not receive any taxpayer funds. Concurring with Mr. Eisel, he believes they are profitable because they have a large call volume.

Mr. Valente indicated the presentation is persuasive and deserves a lot more consideration, noting that between Sidney and Hancock, they have seven ambulances, and we are suggesting two for the rest of the county. How does that add up?

Mr. Baker said the biggest issue would be the CON. Under their option, the county would have a CON. The agencies have the ambulances but the county would need to have a CON to put the ambulances where they are needed. He expressed that staffing is short everywhere.

Mr. Strasser explained that Delaware County is unique because it already has standup agencies like Sidney, Hancock and Margaretville and ones that are going to stand up in the future. The base is already there to form a partnership with the County and existing programs. The bottom line is they all work together. This would be a matter of the coalition forming a plan of operations to help the county as a whole as well as local communities.

Mr. Davis said this issue came to the Public Safety Committee a year ago and he believed it would be a county program based on taxes. There are several towns that have primary ambulance service; some of them are based on taxes and some are not. If the County provides a countywide ambulance service, that will conflict with those existing town contracts, especially when they are already tax based. Middletown has a contract for two ambulances at \$75,000 a year. As this issue has progressed, the Board considered addressing it with ARPA funds. He acknowledges that something has to be done right now. There is an obligation to strive for the health, safety, and welfare of our community but there is also an obligation to look at the financials of it and figure out how to do this without burdening the towns that already have the service, and more importantly, so we don't undermine their contracts. He has found that in order to have a countywide service, there has to be a County CON. The reason AMR is contesting other towns' CONs is so they can get the contract for the whole county because it is a large, bulk sum of money. He believes throwing money at a problem is never the correct solution.

He opined that towns need to take advantage this year and work with Steve Hood and Emergency Services and the County to establish services in their town this year. Next year if this turns into a countywide tax, his town and other towns that already have a service will not be in agreement. State law does not say that towns are required to provide ambulance service, but, we have moral and ethical obligations to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents but also have an obligation where we are not double taxing the towns that did the work in the first place.

As Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Gladstone said there has never been a discussion not to go to a county system. However, the void needs to be filled now to help orchestrate and put this together for the county and to learn from this contract. He firmly believes the contract is the way to go until they can put a system in place. He restated the county service is not intended to be the primary service but to supplement what towns and hamlets already have in place.

The panel answered many questions from the Supervisors regarding staffing and salary concerns, first response obligations, 911 versus transport calls, CON acquisition, and timing for system development.

Mr. Merrill stated the county has a need we have to address now. We don't have a year to do a plan. He would like to address the issue and then get a plan in order for the future.

Agreeing with Mr. Merrill, Mr. Marshfield said the proposal with AMR was just a proposal to get us by until something else could be formed.

Mr. Cetta emphasized the need for a long-term solution and he believes the plan must encompass paid agencies.

Mr. Wilson commented that if the biggest concern is to get this done as quickly as possible, the choices are really down to either AMR or working with local agencies as a group because to start this from the ground up is another whole hurdle.

Mr. Gladstone expressed that we need to learn how to service the county not just the towns.

Mrs. Scott agreed that we definitely have an issue to address and she believes we need to incorporate local agencies that are profitable, stating we would be doing a large disservice to our taxpayers if we do not include them in a county plan. It is this volume that will give us the resources to serve the entire county.

Mr. Baker shared that the entire Northeast quadrant is lagging behind in paid services. Other sections of the country have had paid services for a long period of time. We are playing catchup. He said they are here to help the Board analyze how to address this.

The Board thanked the speakers for their presentation.

Mr. Cetta announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Behavioral Health Facility will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. in Walton. There will be a reception and walk-through of the facility.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET ADMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID Enhanced Detection grant has approved the purchase of a cross-cut shredder for the destruction of COVID-19 documents; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is necessary to purchase the approved equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-14012-54327000/4012020/906	General Grant Related Exp	\$1,259.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-14012-52200001/4012020/906	Equipment-Grant	\$1,259.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 OF PROPOSAL NO. 28-21
GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 71 of 2021 authorized award of Proposal No. 28-21 Construction of Three New Facilities for Delaware County Department of Public Works, General Building Construction Contract to Andrew R. Mancini Associates, Inc., 129 Odell Avenue, Endicott NY 13760 for the amount of \$14,825,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 108 of 2021 authorized the Department of Public Works to execute Change Order No. GC-1 for a contract amount of \$14,906,462; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 41 of 2022 authorized the Department of Public Works to execute Change Order No. GC-2 for a contract amount of \$14,955,243; and

WHEREAS, in response to field conditions and design adjustments for the Highway Patrol Facility currently under construction in Bloomville, the following changes are proposed:

Item #1 Base Proposal work including raising building finished floor by 18”, installing perimeter drain system, new trench drain by Salt Shed and all associated work as per cost break out sheet. \$505,487.00

Item #2 Bid Alternate Work BA-1 – Provide 8” diameter solid drainage piping and appurtenances to the west. 28,843.00

Item #3 Bid Alternate Work BA-2 – Provide 8” diameter solid drainage piping and appurtenances from Dry Detention Basin to Storm Manhole 1 \$21,525.00

Item #4 Contract Time will be increased by 38 days. The date of Completion as of the date of this Change Order therefore is June 10, 2022. \$0.00

WHEREAS, these changes are reasonable and provide improved long-term performance of the site and buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to execute Change Order No. GC-3 – Raising Finished Floor Elevation and Install Perimeter Drain in the amount of \$555,855 increasing the contract amount from \$14,955,243 to \$15,511,098.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60

TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE “MARCHISELLI” PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, a Project for the Replacement of BIN 1063330; Dug Road over Cold Spring Creek, P.I.N. 975518 (the Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware will design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Delaware to pay 100% of the cost of Preliminary Engineering/Design work for the Project or portions thereof with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for Federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED that the sum of \$630,000.00 is hereby appropriated from 34-15112-54000000 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the County of Delaware shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal-aid, state-aid or Bridge NY funding awarded to the County of Delaware; and it is further

RESOLVED that in the event the Project costs not covered by Federal-aid, state-aid or Bridge NY funding exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED that the County of Delaware hereby agrees that the construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Delaware all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal-aid and/or state-aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the County of Delaware's funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier.

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Haynes stated the bridge is located in Deposit.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PERMENANT EASEMENT FOR ROAD ACCESS AND UTLITIES TO TOWN OF BOVINA

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of a parcel of land located off of County Route 6 in the Town of Bovina, Delaware County, New York, (“County Parcel”) upon which a gravel driveway has been constructed (herein referred to as the "Access Driveway"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bovina (“Town”) has constructed an access driveway on the Owner’s property and is currently using the same for ingress and egress to its wastewater treatment system and leach field constructed on the Town’s adjacent property acquired by deed filed in the Clerk’s office in Delaware County at Liber 743, Page 1078, Tax Map Parcel Number 174.-1-27 (the “Town Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the constructed driveway is more particularly shown on the drawing attached to the proposed Easement as Exhibit A (the Access Driveway is identified as the “Access Road”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Town now desire to memorialize the Town’s right of access and use over and through the Easement by entering into the attached Permanent Easement and to confirm the parties agreement with regard to the equitable allocation of expenses for related maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant of a permanent easement to the Town to access its wastewater treatment system and leach field constitutes a Type II Action Exempt from Review under SEQRA. *See* 6 NYCRR 617.5(b) (1) (maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility); 6 NYCRR 615.5(b)(5) (repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes), 6 NYCRR 615.5(b)(6) (street openings and right of way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Bovina authorized the Town to accept a permanent easement for access and utilities in accordance with the terms specified in the attached Permanent Easement for Road Access and Utilities at its Town Board meeting of March 8, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the attached Permanent Easement for Road Access and Utilities and to take such other actions as are necessary to file same in the land records of the Office of the Delaware County Clerk.

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

Ms. Molé expressed that this is something that was overlooked when the community septic project was done. In reply to Mr. Marshfield, she stated this is for the roadway into the plant.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62

TITLE: APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS AND RENEWAL OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 3

WHEREAS, Delaware County has complied with the eight-year review procedure of Agricultural District No. 3 in the Towns of Andes, Bovina, Colchester, Delhi, Middletown and Roxbury; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. for any public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the County Planning Board have reviewed said Districts and have recommended that Agricultural District No. 3 be continued with the following modifications:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Removals</u>
Andes	1732.01	28.59
Bovina	507.67	770.82
Colchester	109.83	0
Delhi	0	59.64
Middletown	874.98	46.96
Roxbury	0	0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Agricultural District No. 3 be continued with the above recommended modifications.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and Mr. Ellis and adopted by voice vote with one abstaining (Gladstone).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63

TITLE: UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL JULY 4, 2026

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, proudly support the United States Semiquincentennial which will be the 250th anniversary of the

Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies in 1776; and

WHEREAS, festivities in Delaware County will be scheduled to mark various events leading up to the anniversary on July 4, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Delaware County Board of Supervisors feels this is a very important date and time in history and want to do everything we can to support it and encourage all to get involved.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Eisel indicated that John Campbell attended the previous meeting to introduce this event. Anyone who would like to get involved, please contact Mr. Campbell at (607) 829-2692. He would appreciate all the help he can get.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64

TITLE: DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK APRIL 4 – APRIL 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the week of April 4-10, 2022, is National Public Health Week; with a theme of “Public Health is Where You Are”; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Public Health week include cultural competency and awareness, essential public health workforce for the future, community collaboration and resilience, world health, health equity, climate change and mental wellness; and

WHEREAS, the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic and its politicization weakened public health, which was already facing a worker deficit. Public health workers have reported symptoms of mental distress due to burnout, exhaustion and job-related harassment. The pandemic has further highlighted the need for a diverse public health workforce to serve diverse communities. When health workers feel they’re supported in their work, they have better mental health outcomes. Every robust health system must have skilled, motivated and well-supported health workers. Public health programs need the support and involvement of the communities they serve, so building public trust and confidence is crucial to building healthy communities;

and

WHEREAS, people’s health, longevity and well-being are connected to their communities. Community encompasses every aspect of our lives—it’s where we live, work, learn and play. Over the course of the last two years, people across the world have experienced social isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People with greater feelings of support and inclusion within their networks may live longer, respond better to stress and have stronger immune systems than those who are isolated from their communities; and

WHEREAS, rural communities face a range of health disparities, from higher burdens of chronic disease to limited access to primary care and prevention services. Rural Americans face a greater risk of chronic disease, unintentional injury, chronic lower respiratory disease and stroke. Suicide rates are higher in rural areas and rural residents face social determinants such as poverty, transportation barriers and lack of higher paying jobs, which negatively impacts health. We must remove barriers and utilize new technology and approaches to improving health. Everyone has the right to good health; and

WHEREAS, our health is connected to our environments. Our food system should provide affordable food with nutritious ingredients, free from harmful contaminants. We must protect the air we breathe indoors and outdoors and the clean water we drink as well as protect our health from natural and manmade weather events and disasters; and

WHEREAS, during National Public Health Week the public health community comes together to celebrate accomplishments and bring a renewed focus to the work ahead; and

WHEREAS, we can’t do it all on our own. We must expand our partnerships to collaborate with planners, education officials, public, private and community agencies. Strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Delaware County recognizes April 4-10, 2022 as Public Health Week.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65

TITLE: RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE CATSKILL VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER (CVOC)

WHEREAS, the CVOC located at 56 Main Street, Stamford, NY has been assisting veterans in need for four years by providing transient veterans with housing, VA assistance, opportunities to find permanent housing, and long term employment; and

WHEREAS, the Utica Center for Development (UCD) is the parent organization of the CVOC and was purchasing the 56 Main Street building from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) as part of an initial agreement that was entered into in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the UCD procured a loan for the agreed upon asking price from M&T bank in May of 2021 to continue the noteworthy services provided by the CVOC; and

WHEREAS, the CWC was accepting the payment but were met with resistance from the Village of Stamford based on zoning questions; and

WHEREAS, although all zoning violations were promptly corrected, the Village continued to attempt more roadblocks in allowing the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the CWC felt unjustly persecuted and has since taken legal action to complete the sale of the CVOC, thus allowing assistance to house needy veterans and assist them in finding more permanent solutions to their situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors fully support the actions by the CWC to assist needy veterans in the Delaware County area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors forward copies of this resolution to Mayor John Schneider of the Village of Stamford, the Director of the CWC, and Vincent Scalise Executive Director of the UCD.

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

Mr. Valente commented that this institution came to his attention several years ago when a neighbor needed help and was invited into this particular housing unit and had a remarkable turnaround. He believes there is a personality conflict with the village, which is unfortunate. There were issues, some very minor, some very important but everything was addressed and corrected. They really are good citizens. He wholeheartedly supports this operation. He attended their open house over the summertime. This organization brings all available resources together and does a very good job of addressing individual needs with what is available. This is much needed and a very good operation.

Mr. Marshfield stated the committee has heard about the tension between the village and the Center for a long time. They have had regular reports from Mr. Piper on this facility and currently there are roughly 15 homeless veterans who are housed there. The Center has held community events and has really tried to be a good neighbor to the village. They want to buy it from CWC and everything is being held up. They are in litigation. The committee is seeking the Board's support for this facility.

Mr. Kosier said he agrees. He has visited the center and they checked out the facility. The things that needed to be corrected or changed were done. Veterans need places like this.

Mr. Eisel said he also supports this resolution. He cannot think of a better place to try to help our veterans—giving them a home while they transition into better lives. He believes it is a wonderful place and they should all support this.

Mr. Cetta said he wholeheartedly supports this and anything to do with veterans, particularly veterans who are in need of our help. It is disheartening that one person is getting in the way of this. He fully supports this resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$1,746,329.96 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	\$876,896.47
OET	\$40,648.10
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$904.07
CAP MH	\$3,421.12
CAP DSS	\$0.00
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$125.05
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$56,447.68
Road	\$230,280.74
Machinery	\$72,822.38
Capital Solid Waste	\$11,486.40
Capital Road & Bridge	\$111,521.69
CAP DPW Complex	\$341,776.26

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Ms. Molé made the following committee appointment:

HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

1-year term ending December 31, 2022

Appoint:

Supervisor Eric Wilson

SOUTHERN TIER REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (ST8)

2-year term ending December 31, 2023

Reappoint:

Evan Bowker

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67

TITLE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors convene in executive session to discuss matters leading to the retirement of a particular person, the potential removal of a particular person and corporation. Further, to discuss the sale or lease of a particular piece of County property. A public discussion would affect the market value of said property.

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

The meeting convened in regular session with all Supervisors present.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68

**TITLE: DESIGNATION OF PUBLICATION
OF LOCAL LAWS AND NOTICES: REPUBLICAN**

WHEREAS, the cost of placing a legal notice in The Reporter has doubled since the beginning of 2022, along with the amount of time it takes to successfully place the notices, affecting not only that Department's budget, but also the Department's workload.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 6 of 2022 is hereby superseded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to County Law §214 the Hancock Harold is designated for the calendar year of 2022 to publish local laws and notices.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and adopted by voice vote with one opposed (Gladstone).

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.