

REGULAR MEETING
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, December 14, 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 with the exception of Mr. Ellis who arrived shortly after roll call.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

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

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

Chairman Molé expressed her pleasure in bringing back the Employee of the Month and granted privilege of the floor to Deputy Director of the Office for the Aging Wayne Shepard to introduce the recipient of the November Employee of the Month Award.

Mr. Shepard introduced Eric Benecke, who has been with Delaware County close to 20 years. Mr. Benecke transferred to the Office for the Aging in February of 2014 as an Aging Services Representative and was promoted to Caseworker in 2015. Mr. Benecke is very knowledgeable of the programs and services offered by the agency, is very organized in his roll as a caseworker, and manages his daily tasks without any difficulty. He has excellent communication skills which is very important when providing care and services for the older population in Delaware County, and often makes himself available to assist his peers when they have questions with documentation, use of the agency database, or the computer system.

Mr. Benecke takes pride in his work and is excellent in tracking and handling multiple projects thoroughly and to completion. He has a wonderful rapport with clients and excellent way of presenting himself and availability of services, making each client feel important and giving them his upmost devoted attention. In a small agency such as the Office for the Aging, having a good attitude is important. Mr. Benecke is friendly with others while keeping a balance and completing his work, setting a good example for his peers.

During the closure of the office during COVID-19, there were many countless hours and times when Mr. Benecke would cover for other employees so that they could focus on doing whatever they needed to do during the pandemic. He also helped Delaware County's older

adults as they worked through the changes that COVID-19 brought to their own lives. Stepping up to the plate, he offered to take client calls about the COVID-19 vaccine process and was always there to help schedule vaccinations for clients. Mr. Benecke has always been a team player and has always been helpful. An excellent example of his quality and commitment as a caseworker was a situation where a client needed assistance in getting to a medical appointment. After all avenues were exhausted and there was no medical transportation through volunteers available, Mr. Benecke took it upon himself to ensure that this client was able to make their medical appointments by taking time off to take the client to those appointments. His dedication to his clients is commendable, Mr. Benecke is a valuable employee to the Office for the Aging, and the older adults in Delaware County are fortunate to have him as their caseworker.

Mr. Shepard thanked Mr. Benecke for his dedication and presented him with a \$50.00 check. Chairman Molé presented Mr. Benecke with the Certificate of Employee of the Month and thanked him for his dedicated service.

Mr. Benecke thanked Mr. Shepard and the Board for the honor and expressed his gratitude for the kind words. He indicated how lucky he has been to be a part of such a wonderful organization, having worked in human services for over 30 years, the Office for the Aging is by far the best agency that he has ever worked with. He has been truly blessed to be a part of such a dedicated and caring staff.

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Director of Veterans Service Agency Charles Piper who introduced the recipient of the December Employee of the Month Award Roxanne Heannings.

Ms. Heannings was employed by the Department of Social Services from March of 2008 through December of 2009 as a Support Investigator and was rehired in May of 2011 as an Account Clerk. In June of 2012 she was promoted to Senior Account Clerk for the Department of Public Works. Ms. Heannings was again promoted in March of 2020 to Administrative Aide in the Veterans Service Agency, then proceeded to be promoted to her current position as Assistant to the Director of Veterans Services in January of 2022.

Mr. Piper indicated that Ms. Heannings has been with Veterans Service since March of 2020, coincidentally right as the pandemic hit. Mr. Piper described Ms. Heannings' entry into the department as much like the pandemic itself: coming in as a storm and taking over. She began by assuming responsibility for multiple tasks on a constant basis, eliciting nothing but praise for her quick action and multitasking. Looking back on all the things which were accomplished in such a short period of time, Mr. Piper explained it is even more impressive what Ms. Heannings was able to learn and accomplish under such trying circumstances, especially given that she was training under these exceptionally difficult constraints and conditions. Her outstanding performance during those unprecedented times elicit nothing but praise.

Mr. Piper further praised Ms. Heannings learned familiarity with veterans and how she treats everyone who enters the office as the most important person in that moment. She helps veterans on a daily basis in any way she can from administrative work to tasks associated with the Assistant to the Director position. Though the Award is for 'Employee of the Month', Mr.

Piper sees Ms. Heannings as ‘Employee of the Year’, and as a team he and Ms. Heannings work together very well. In a very small office, the reliability of every employee is even more impactful, making Ms. Heannings all the more valuable and worthy of praise as well as recognition.

Mr. Piper thanked and congratulated Ms. Heannings for her dedication and presented her with a \$50.00 check. Chairman Molé presented Ms. Heannings with the Certificate of Employee of the Month and thanked her for her dedicated service.

Ms. Heannings thanked the Board for the honor and expressed what an absolute pleasure it has been working with Mr. Piper.

For standing committee reports, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee Wayland Gladstone reviewed the status of the ambulance service. As of 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022 the Delaware County Ambulance Service had responded to 78 calls for service throughout the County. Of those 78 calls, the Service has transported 26 patients to emergency departments. The fly car had responded to 45 calls for service and provided 10 paramedic assists of basic life support to ambulances in the County. The County ambulance fly car had responded to calls for aid in 16 of 19 towns. One ambulance and one fly car are currently starting out at the Hamden station, with the second ambulance starting out at the Pindars Corners station. The average call to on scene time is approximately 20 minutes. To date all units have been staffed and available to respond to calls as outlined in the contract. A sheet with a breakdown of calls per town was distributed to the Board for their review.

Chairman Molé expressed her pleasure with having results when the contract only commenced on December 1 of this year.

In response to Mr. Valente, Director of Emergency Services Steve Hood explained that a canceled call may occur if the patient canceled or if another ambulance was closer than the County ambulance. He also explained that any call which qualifies as a transport is billable, ALS assists do not qualify as a billable call under the contract as the law would require they be billed to the fire district. Mr. Hood indicated he would have to check the contract to be sure, but he believed that refusals would also qualify as billable calls.

Mr. Hood stated in reply to Mr. Cetta that the provided spreadsheet will be updated as often as the Board would like. There is a detailed spreadsheet which the Department of Emergency Services presented at the Public Safety Committee which include a generalized breakdown, it can be provided upon request. Mr. Cetta thanked Mr. Hood for the detailed information, as it will be integral to decision making going forward.

In answer to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Hood clarified that all the data on the provided spreadsheet was from emergency calls to E911. When the term ‘transport’ is being used, it is in reference to a patient being transported to a hospital which was elicited from an emergency call, not an interhospital transport.

Mr. Hood agreed with the request from Chairman Molé that the periodic reports

furnished for the Public Safety Committee be sent along to the Board as well.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT PRE-PAID POSTAGE GRANT
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, New York State has issued an Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant to help with the cost of all the postage relating to absentee ballots, envelopes, and postage machine related items; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Elections has been approved of receiving \$17,995.17 in funds.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-11450-43308000/1450014/961 State Board of Elections Grant \$17,995.17

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-11450-54327000/1450014/961 Grant Related Expenses \$4,076.14

10-11450-54327520/1450014/961 Grant Postage \$13,919.03

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Eisel explained that the state grant is to offset the expense of postage and envelopes related to absentee ballots.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the position of Economic Development Specialist was created and funded through Resolution No. 109 of 2022 with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the position will not be filled until December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, surplus funding for this position is needed to support the operation of the Economic Development and Tourism Departments.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

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| 10-16326-51000000 | Personal Services | \$12,862.00 |
| 10-16326-58100000 | Retirement | \$1,057.00 |
| 10-16326-58300000 | Social Security | \$802.00 |
| 10-16326-58550000 | Disability | \$18.00 |
| 10-16326-58600000 | Health Insurance | \$2,452.00 |
| 10-16326-58900000 | Medicare | \$187.00 |

TRANSFER TO:

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| 10-16326-54308000 | Future Development | \$8,204.00 |
| 10-16420-54535000 | Professional Fees | \$9,174.00 |

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has requested and the Planning, Recreation, Culture and Community Committee in conjunction with the Finance Committee and Budget Officer, have agreed to replace the Department's drone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department Drone was damaged during a training mission and repairs are not possible as the drone model is no longer supported, making the drone and all associated cameras obsolete; and

WHEREAS, a claim was submitted to insurance and settled in the amount of \$24,704.00; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for a new drone with new associated cameras is \$45,198.25; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 219 of 2022 authorized the transfer of funds to cover \$20,500.00 of the cost of a new drone and cameras.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| 10-18020-42268000 | Insurance Recoveries | \$24,704.00 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

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| 10-18020-52200000 | Equipment | \$24,704.00 |
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 227

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
HOMELESS SHELTER
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 107 approved on June 22, 2022 authorized the construction of a new homeless shelter at 161 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the same resolution also created a Capital Project entitled DSS-161 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Project was funded with \$600,000 from the County's insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, based on bids submitted, additional funding is necessary.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

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| 10-16010-54200056 | Child Advocacy Center | \$50,000.00 |
| 10-16010-54427026 | Home Care Services | \$35,000.00 |
| 10-16070-54575000 | Services for Recipients | \$100,000.00 |
| 10-16102-54200000 | MMIS | \$295,000.00 |
| 10-16109-54113000 | Family Assistance | \$30,000.00 |
| 10-16123-54372000 | Juvenile Delinquents | \$45,000.00 |
| 10-16140-54569000 | Safety Net Assistance | \$30,000.00 |
| 10-16142-54259000 | Emergency Assistance for Adults | \$15,000.00 |

TRANSFER TO:

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| 10-19901-59990430 | Oper Trnsf Out Cap DSS-161 Main Street | \$600,000.00 |
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ESTABLISH REVENUE ACCOUNT:

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| 43-16070-45503100 | Interfund Transfer In | \$600,000.00 |
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INCREASE ACCOUNT:

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| 43-16070-52000000 | Equipment and Capital Outlay | \$600,000.00 |
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart.

Mr. Marshfield explained that the capital account was set up with the \$600,000.00 from the insurance company policy, and they are asking to add an additional \$600,000.00 to it. Solicitation of bids resulted in two bids being submitted, one for \$900,000.00 and the other at \$1.35 million. The project must be rebid due to the Wicks Law which states that any project which has a total cost exceeding \$500,000.00 must have independent contractors for plumbing, electric, and HVAC.

It is expected that the contract will now be in the million-dollar range due to the requirement of bidding these facets separately. A contingency of \$100,000.00 has been included as well as \$100,000.00 for furniture. The transfer of funds will be from accounts which have excess in this year's budget, much of which is due to the receipt of pandemic related grants which eliminated the need to use those previously budgeted funds. The Homeless Shelter is to be an eight-bedroom, 2000 square foot single story facility which may house up to ten individuals, two of the bedrooms being double occupancy and six being singles. Currently, homeless individuals are being sent to motels.

In response to Mr. Ellis, Mr. Marshfield clarified that there are two bathrooms, two kitchens, and two living rooms. The space is designed for temporary housing only with efficiency in mind, and its size is indicative that the facility is not intended for long-term living situations. There are two halves, one for women and one for men.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 228

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO REPAIR DSS SOUTH
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the local agency responsible for providing social services for the residents of Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has designated the former Mental Health building in Walton as DSS South, a satellite office for the Delaware County Department of Social

Services; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that DSS South needs significant repairs to make it suitable for the needs of the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has sufficient funding available in its 2022 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby approve the repairs to DSS South.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart.

In response to Mr. Davis, Mr. Marshfield clarified that the estimated cost of repairs is contained within the next resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 229

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR DSS SOUTH
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 228 was approved authorizing the repair of DSS South, which will be used as a satellite office for the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, a Capital Project needs to be established to fund the repairs to this structure.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

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| 10-16010-51000000 | Personal Services | \$200,000.00 |
| 10-16010-54400000 | Legal Expense | \$100,000.00 |
| 10-16010-54427020 | Preventive-Delaware Opportunities | \$100,000.00 |
| 10-16010-54620010 | Client Transportation | \$40,000.00 |
| 10-16010-54665003 | Youth Training Program | \$60,000.00 |

TRANSFER TO:

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| 10-19901-59990430 | Oper Trnsf Out Cap DSS South | \$500,000.00 |
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ESTABLISH REVENUE ACCOUNT:

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| 43-16080-45503100 | Interfund Transfer In | \$500,000.00 |
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ESTABLISH EXPENSE ACCOUNT:

43-16080-52000000 Equipment and Capital Outlay \$500,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart.

Mr. Marshfield explained that the Department of Social Services is calling this facility ‘DSS South’, and the building is the former Mental Health Facility in Walton. Before the building may be utilized for County business much renovation is required, including replacing the ceiling, lighting, flooring, and updated electrical wiring.

The Shared Services Committee has developed a list of these necessary repairs. The parking lot is in bad shape and will require \$50,000.00 in repair. Other repair costs include the roof replacement for \$50,000.00, the generator and transfer switch for \$28,000.00, electrical rewiring for \$20,000.00, flooring and baseboards for \$15,000.00, fire alarm system for \$10,000.00, replacement ceilings for \$9,200.00, door lock sets for \$4,000.00, two interior doors and electric stripes for \$4,000.00, LED light replacement for \$3,000.00, exit and emergency lighting for \$3,000.00, exterior LED lighting for \$2,500.00, interior painting for \$2,000.00, computer wiring for \$2,000.00, and concrete sidewalk behind the building for \$1,500.00. These repairs total \$204,200.00, which does not include furniture. The estimated cost for Information Technology to set up their part is \$100,000.00 which contains the cost of wiring for security cameras and the cameras themselves, copiers, computers, and necessary software. The remaining \$195,000.00 will be for contingency furniture and appliances and will be refunded if it is not utilized during the renovation and move-in process.

Commissioner of the Department of Social Services Sylvia Armanno added that having this location in Walton will alleviate some of the distance which those who live in Walton, Hancock, or Deposit must travel. She feels there will be a notable improvement for people to not have to travel as far and be able to walk into the building to get help. Though she regrets splitting up the department employees, having at least 20 employees stationed at this building will alleviate the crowded conditions in the current location at 99 Main Street in Delhi. Mr. Marshfield agreed, indicating that the desk space in the current location is incredibly cramped.

In response to Mr. Ellis, Mr. Marshfield confirmed that there have been discussions of using some of the space in the newly renovated building for temporary storage. As long as there is space for everything, it was agreed that using a lockable room in the renovated facility for storage of documents would be more ideal.

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. 230

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the equipment rental line in the capital budget remains well above the balance we would anticipate at this time of year; and

WHEREAS, all of the funds in the maintenance line for equipment rental have been expended; and

WHEREAS, there is still work being done on maintenance.

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATION:

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| 34-15112-55000000 | Equipment Rental | \$781,000.00 |
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INCREASE FUND BALANCE:

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| 34-00000-34899000 | Restricted Fund Balance Other | \$781,000.00 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

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| 24-15110-55000000 | Equipment Rental | \$781,000.00 |
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DECREASE FUND BALANCE:

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| 24-00000-34915000 | Assigned Unappropriated | \$781,000.00 |
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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. 231

**TITLE: APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has progressed the replacement of the Arbor Hill Road Bridge over the Little Delaware River, BIN 3352240, PIN 9754.97, D036413 to the bidding phase; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Department would like to appropriate the necessary funding directly for this project so that award can be made as soon as the bids have been reviewed and approved by

NYSDOT so that the Department can proceed in the upcoming construction season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$4,233,000.00 be appropriated from Account 34-15112-54000000 to cover the cost of this project.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and 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. 232

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF PROPOSAL NO. 30-22
REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE 10-2 SUPERSTRUCTURE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 93 of 2022 authorized the award of Proposal No. 30-22 Replacement of Bridge 10-2 Superstructure, BIN 3352870, Meridale-Davenport Rd. (CR 10) over Kortright Creek, Town of Meredith, Delaware County to ING Civil Inc., 11 Arch Street, Watervliet, NY 12189 for the bid price of \$424,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the project has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the final quantities have been determined resulting in a net decrease of \$30,631.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 for Proposal No. 30-22 decreasing the contract by \$30,631.00 resulting in a final contract amount of \$393,769.00.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente.

Mr. Valente commented that the project started on time, was very nicely done, and was completed early.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Ellis confirmed that the bridge is located in East Meredith across from Hanford Mills.

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. 233

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 OF PROPOSAL SW3-21
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 118 of 2021 authorized the award of Proposal No. SW3-21, “Electrical Construction” for Cell 4s to NELCORP Electric, 35 North Kelly Ave, Endicott NY 13760 for the bid amount of \$472,600.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 84 of 2022 authorized Change Order No. 1 adjusting the contract value to \$503,989.00 including a contract time extension to December 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the project has been delayed due to supply chain interruptions impacting installation of features needing electrical connection; and

WHEREAS, this delay caused the contractor to be unable to complete the project by the contract completion date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 for Proposal SW3-21 extending the Contract Completion to Substantial Completion by April 30, 2023 and ready for Final Payment to May 30, 2023 at no change in the Contract Amount of \$503,989.00.

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. 234

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF PROPOSAL SW4-21
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12 of 2022 authorized the award of Proposal No. SW4-21, “General Construction” for Cell 4s to Marcy Excavation Services, LLC, 5835 State Route 5, Herkimer NY 13350 for the bid amount of \$5,895,595.00; and

WHEREAS, the project has been delayed as a result of delayed delivery of the leachate metering pump and 10,000 gallon below-ground tank; and

WHEREAS, the supply chain interruptions causing this delay are beyond the control of the contractor; and

WHEREAS, this delay caused the contractor to be unable to complete the project by the contract completion date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 for Proposal SW4-21 extending the Contract Completion to Substantial Completion by April 30, 2023 and ready for Final Payment to May 30, 2023 at no change in the contract amount.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 235

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 Delaware County Bridge Structural Steel Preservation Program (FFY 2022), PIN 9754.60 (the Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of said program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of the costs of the Construction/Construction Support/Construction Inspection work.

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 in the first instance 100% of the Federal and non-Federal share of the cost of the Construction/Construction Supervision/Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED that the sum of \$688,538.00 is hereby appropriated from 34-15112-54000000 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full Federal and non-Federal share costs of the Project 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 Chairman of the Board of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the County of Delaware 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 municipality's first instance 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. Vernold.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Susan McIntyre clarified that the \$688,538.00 is the cost for the phase of the work associated with this portion the project, the majority of which will be reimbursed. It is not reflective of the cost to the County.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236

**TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors adopted the original Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan on August 23, 2006 via Resolution No. 196 of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County, with the assistance of SUNY Albany., has gathered information and prepared a new Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors that Delaware County adopts the Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's All Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Director of the Planning Department Shelly Johnson-Bennett explained that each town and village had to pass a similar resolution. Though one village is still outstanding in passing such a resolution, it was necessary to adopt the resolution on a county level before the end of the year so that each town has its own annex within the plan. The plan is no longer a paper document but is now online and is interactive. Through the online link, specific towns can be selected and there are tools with interactive maps and recommendations. Specific properties can be selected and information from the interactive map can be used to help determine hazard risk. Mrs. Johnson-Bennett offered a tutorial to any who might be interested in learning the facets of the program.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett further explained that every five years hazard mitigation plans must be updated to reevaluate risk, determining if projects have been completed and including new projects which may have arisen. In this instance, flood analysis which many local towns have completed through the Planning Department's Stream Management Program were included in the update. Those analyses are now included in the towns hazard mitigation plans, which are necessary to be eligible for FEMA mitigation dollars.

In response to Mr. Cetta, Mrs. Johnson-Bennett confirmed that a section of a LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) project recently completed in Walton was included in the update, and should that work be completed before the required five-year update, it can be added in the interim. The Planning Department handles the administrative end of the updates, and would be able to update the LOMR maps at any time and tie them to the new FEMA maps. Mrs. Johnson-Bennett agreed with Mr. Cetta in how important these projects and updates are, as the aforementioned LOMR project in Walton physically removed 20 properties out of the floodplain and reduced the flood fringe. The removal from the floodplain negates the requirement of having flood insurance for anyone residing on the property or anyone interested in purchasing the property, which is very important as required flood insurance can often deter prospective buyers from considering affected properties.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 237

**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 2023 are hereby approved in the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1.) January 1, 2023 to March 18, 2023: Bridge Crews only.
- 2.) March 19, 2023 to October 14, 2023: 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 12, 2023 to December 31, 2023: Bridge Crews only.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 238

**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, 2023;

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 | \$770,000.00 | \$.00 |
| Deposit | \$375,380.00 | \$41,127.00 |
| Franklin | \$376,340.00 | \$30,645.00 |

| TOWN | HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE | GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hancock | \$867,301.00 | \$27,678.00 |
| Harpersfield | \$357,524.00 | \$59,970.00 |
| Middletown | \$857,200.00 | \$115,698.00 |
| Sidney | \$338,937.00 | \$28,105.00 |
| Stamford | \$307,698.00 | \$44,435.00 |
| Walton | \$376,324.00 | \$74,111.00 |

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

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| Andes Joint Fire District | \$205,069.00 |
| Arena Fire District | \$15,514.12 |
| Andes Light | \$8,000.00 |

BOVINA

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| Bovina Center Light District | \$1,545.00 |
| Bovina Rural Fire District | \$109,175.00 |
| Bovina Water District | \$38,281.00 |
| Bovina Sewer District | \$12,224.80 |

COLCHESTER

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| Downsville Fire District | \$262,002.04 |
| Beaverkill Valley Fire District | \$910.19 |
| Colchester Fire Protection District | \$12,000.00 |
| Delinquent Cooks Falls Water | \$2,630.00 |
| Delinquent Downsville Water | \$6,653.98 |

DAVENPORT

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| East Meredith Fire District | \$125,032.10 |
| Davenport Fire District | \$52,613.45 |
| Davenport Light District | \$1,980.00 |
| Davenport Center Light District | \$2,640.00 |
| West Davenport Light District | \$1,625.00 |
| Davenport Water | \$6,488.10 |
| Delinquent Water | \$7,586.60 |

DELHI

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| Delhi Rural Fire District | \$248,176.99 |
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| DEPOSIT | |
| Deposit Fire and Ambulance | \$90,308.00 |
| FRANKLIN | |
| Treadwell Light District | \$3,795.00 |
| Treadwell Water District | \$11,940.00 |
| Franklin-Treadwell Fire District | \$239,334.37 |
| Delinquent Water Rent | \$426.60 |
| HAMDEN | |
| Hamden Light District | \$1,800.00 |
| DeLancey Light District | \$1,400.00 |
| Delhi Fire District | \$725.72 |
| Walton Fire District | \$16,703.00 |
| Downsville Fire Protection | \$3,500.00 |
| Delhi Rural Fire Protection | \$88,343.11 |
| Downsville Fire District | \$5,827.96 |
| Hamden Sewer District | \$11,638.67 |
| Hamden Delinquent Water | \$6,555.00 |
| DeLancey Delinquent Water | \$5,570.00 |
| HANCOCK | |
| Upper Delaware Valley Ambulance District | \$5,485.53 |
| Cadosia Light District | \$1,600.00 |
| East Branch Light District | \$3,400.00 |
| East Branch Fire District | \$103,505.00 |
| East Branch Water District | \$31,550.44 |
| Fishes Eddy Light District | \$2,800.00 |
| Hancock Rural Fire District | \$140,729.16 |
| Long Eddy Fire District | \$29,149.97 |
| Hancock Ambulance District | \$240,376.46 |
| HARPERSFIELD | |
| Stamford Fire District | \$97,604.52 |
| Hobart Fire District | \$6,357.75 |
| Davenport Fire District | \$13,374.98 |
| North Harpersfield Fire Protection | \$43,500.00 |
| North Harpersfield Light District | \$2,000.00 |
| KORTRIGHT | |
| Kortright Fire District | \$113,321.51 |
| Bloomville Light District | \$3,000.00 |
| Bloomville Sewer District | \$17,064.61 |
| Stamford Fire District | \$11,943.67 |
| Hobart Rural Fire District | \$11,942.16 |
| East Meredith Fire District | \$3,473.77 |

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| Davenport Fire District | \$8,185.97 |
| Delinquent Water | \$9,279.40 |
| MASONVILLE | |
| Masonville Fire District | \$123,900.00 |
| Masonville Light District | \$2,500.00 |
| MEREDITH | |
| East Meredith Light District | \$1,386.00 |
| Delhi Fire District | \$41,629.78 |
| Meredith Square Light District | \$660.00 |
| Franklin-Treadwell Fire District | \$29,380.63 |
| Meridale Rural Fire District | \$63,100.00 |
| East Meredith Fire District | \$19,327.12 |
| Meridale Light District | \$1,254.00 |
| MIDDLETOWN | |
| Halcottsville Light District | \$796.00 |
| Arena Fire District | \$14,759.86 |
| Arkville Light District | \$3,975.00 |
| Arkville Water District | \$16,600.00 |
| New Kingston Light District | \$447.00 |
| Arkville Fire District | \$43,455.00 |
| Fire District No. 1 | \$76,961.00 |
| Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District | \$327,858.68 |
| Delinquent Arkville Water | \$30,841.29 |
| Delinquent Halcottsville Water | \$2,272.81 |
| ROXBURY | |
| Roxbury Fire District | \$194,500.00 |
| Roxbury Light District | \$11,196.00 |
| Roxbury Water District | \$33,753.00 |
| Grand Gorge Fire District | \$150,875.00 |
| Grand Gorge Light District | \$9,997.00 |
| Grand Gorge Water District | \$79,725.00 |
| Middletown/Hardenburgh Fire District | \$6,355.51 |
| Roxbury Run Light District | \$2,399.00 |
| Roxbury Sewer District (unit charge) | \$44,806.82 |
| Denver Sewer District (debt charge) | \$0.00 |
| Denver Sewer District (unit charge) | \$103,721.00 |
| Denver Water District | \$24,443.00 |
| Delinquent Denver Water | \$1,900.02 |
| Delinquent Grand Gorge Water | \$5,391.60 |
| Delinquent Roxbury Water | \$4,306.61 |
| SIDNEY | |

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| Consolidated Health District | \$3,400.00 |
| Sidney Center Light District | \$3,500.00 |
| Sidney Center Fire District | \$90,217.00 |
| Sidney Fire Protection District | \$75,873.00 |

STAMFORD

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| Stamford Fire District | \$45,606.17 |
| South Kortright Fire District | \$4,538.43 |
| Hobart Fire District | \$35,100.09 |
| Kortright Fire District | \$12,178.49 |
| South Kortright Light District | \$1,000.00 |
| South Kortright Sewer | \$5,984.30 |

TOMPKINS

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| Tompkins Fire District | \$124,800.00 |
| Hancock Rural Fire District | \$16,433.84 |
| Sewer District | \$6,657.38 |

WALTON

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| Walton Fire District | \$367,147.00 |
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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 | \$733,849.00 | \$1,037,931.00 |
| Bovina | \$332,852.00 | \$439,609.00 |
| Colchester | \$1,143,265.00 | \$1,329,400.00 |
| Davenport | \$322,363.00 | \$769,799.00 |
| Delhi | \$437,000.00 | \$635,945.10 |
| Deposit | \$338,804.00 | \$456,995.00 |
| Franklin | \$172,485.00 | \$723,225.00 |
| Hamden | \$203,154.00 | \$620,543.00 |
| Hancock | \$459,069.00 | \$933,956.00 |
| Harpersfield | \$324,063.00 | \$262,266.00 |
| Kortright | \$337,846.00 | \$695,000.00 |

| <u>TOWN</u> | <u>TOWN GENERAL</u> | <u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Masonville | \$200,749.00 | \$610,800.00 |
| Meredith | \$228,538.18 | \$723,888.75 |
| Middletown | \$890,620.00 | \$1,231,700.00 |
| Roxbury | \$957,078.00 | \$1,242,709.00 |
| Sidney | \$399,068.00 | \$331,903.00 |
| Stamford | \$300,399.00 | \$280,440.00 |
| Tompkins | \$286,135.00 | \$782,939.00 |
| Walton | \$261,180.00 | \$652,909.00 |

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 239

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

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$35,284,204.71 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 27, 2022 the taxes be returnable the first day of April 2023 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 2023 upon the collector's complying with the statute thereto.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 240

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. Kosier and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241

TITLE: 2023 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.

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| Wednesday, January 4, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | | |
| Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 10, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, June 28, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | | |
| Wednesday, July 26, 2023 | - 1:00 p.m. | | |

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 242

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 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, Delhi, New York.

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. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 243

**TITLE: 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ADULT PROTECTIVE COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES GRANT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the designated local Agency to administer the Adult Protective Community Living Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Funding is to be used to enhance, improve, and expand Adult Protective Services ability to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation in the context of COVID-19, and is 100% reimbursed; and

WHEREAS, 2021 Resolution No. 141 accepted the initial grant of \$37,847.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is available under the American Rescue Plan Act for 8/1/21-5/31/23 (ARPA1) and 8/1/22-9/30/24 (ARPA2).

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| 10-16070-44467000-6010648-971 | Federal Services for Recipients (ARPA1) | \$31,714.00 |
| 10-16070-44467000-6010649-971 | Federal Services for Recipients (ARPA2) | \$57,106.00 |

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

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| 10-16070-54575000-6010648-971 | Adult Protective Service Grant (ARPA1) | \$31,714.00 |
| 10-16070-54575000-6010649-971 | Adult Protective Service Grant (ARPA2) | \$57,106.00 |

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 244

**TITLE: LEVYING OF 2022 - 2023 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 | \$283,563.70 | \$19,849.47 | \$303,413.17 |
| BOVINA | \$132,194.85 | \$9,253.68 | \$141,448.53 |
| COLCHESTER | \$207,121.49 | \$14,498.24 | \$221,619.73 |
| DAVENPORT | \$314,558.63 | \$22,019.16 | \$336,577.79 |
| DELHI | \$271,680.63 | \$19,017.69 | \$290,698.32 |
| DEPOSIT | \$321,757.63 | \$22,523.04 | \$344,280.67 |
| FRANKLIN | \$391,255.54 | \$27,387.89 | \$418,643.43 |
| HAMDEN | \$169,265.19 | \$11,848.55 | \$181,113.74 |
| HANCOCK | \$643,104.96 | \$45,017.58 | \$688,122.54 |

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| HARPERSFIELD | \$232,686.68 | \$16,288.03 | \$248,974.71 |
| KORTRIGHT | \$230,485.10 | \$16,133.83 | \$246,618.93 |
| MASONVILLE | \$151,032.32 | \$10,572.23 | \$161,604.55 |
| MEREDITH | \$177,321.01 | \$12,412.48 | \$189,733.49 |
| MIDDLETOWN | \$590,863.85 | \$41,360.38 | \$632,224.23 |
| ROXBURY | \$443,347.31 | \$31,034.32 | \$474,381.63 |
| SIDNEY | \$428,284.25 | \$29,979.92 | \$458,264.17 |
| STAMFORD | \$376,448.09 | \$26,351.36 | \$402,799.45 |
| TOMPKINS | \$132,357.90 | \$9,265.03 | \$141,622.93 |
| WALTON | \$309,831.06 | \$21,688.33 | \$331,519.39 |
| Totals ... | \$5,807,160.19 | \$406,501.21 | \$6,213,661.40 |

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Mr. Marshfield stated that the relieved taxes are why the County must maintain an equitable balance in their coffers, to cover unpaid school taxes.

In response to Mr. Taggart, the Clerk of the Board explained that using percentages to reflect what portion of the school taxes were delinquent per town versus direct numerical figures would be possible but very difficult, in part because some towns contain more than one school district.

In response to Mr. Davis, the Clerk of the Board indicated that she can provide information regarding this years delinquent taxes in comparison to previous years.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 245

TITLE: RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FISCAL RELIEF TO CONSUMERS BY EXTENDING THE EXEMPTION OF STATE SALES AND EXCISE TAXES ON MOTOR FUEL UNTIL HISTORICALLY HIGH INFLATIONARY PRESSURES ARE LOWER

WHEREAS, the Governor and State Legislature enacted special measures in the fiscal year 2023 state budget to provide fiscal relief to consumers in recognition of soaring energy prices and overall inflationary pressures; and

WHEREAS, the enacted State fiscal year 2023 state budget provided for a suspension of the state excise tax (8 cents per gallon) and the state sales tax (8 cents per gallon) on motor fuels for the period June 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of state taxes on motor fuels provides a 16 cents per gallon savings to consumers; and

WHEREAS, 24 counties, covering more than 75 percent of the state population outside of New York City, joined the state in lowering motor fuel local sales taxes to help consumers; and

WHEREAS, while overall inflationary pressures are down a modest amount since an apparent peak in June, they are still at the highest levels in over 40 years through the end of November; and

WHEREAS, the largest component of the inflation index, housing/rent, is at its highest level ever with the steepest increase in decades occurring over the last couple of years with monthly increases every month since February 2021; and

WHEREAS, consumer's monthly savings rate are at historically low levels and personal debt is on the rise, signaling many households are still under fiscal pressure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Delaware County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and state legislative leaders to continue the exemption of state sales and excise taxes on motor fuels until historically high inflation is lower; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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

Mr. Taggart commented that this exemption is very important. The State is dragging their feet in renewing this exemption and he encouraged his peers to call our assemblymen and senators to impart the importance to pass the exemption while they are in special session within the next few weeks. In rural areas like ours, the cost of fuel to travel to work and purchase basic essentials has a much greater impact than in the city. Saving eight to ten cents per gallon on gas would be greatly beneficial.

Chairman Molé agreed with Mr. Taggart, adding that if the legislature can be called back to give themselves a significant raise that they can also bring up this resolution. Mr. Taggart furthered that if the legislature can give themselves raises without giving the taxpayers a benefit, they shouldn't be legislators.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Merrill and the Clerk of the Board clarified that the County had previously capped the gas tax at two dollars per gallon, eliminating tax on gas which exceeds that cost per gallon, and were not allowed to go any lower. The States share is sixteen cents per gallon. Mr. Taggart recalled that this action had been taken back when gas was up to six dollars per gallon. It was agreed that it is the right thing to do.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$2,399,529.20 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:

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| General Fund | \$1,066,835.18 |
| OET | \$33,840.66 |
| Public Safety Comm System | \$5,650.00 |
| Insurance Risk | \$0.00 |
| CAP 97 Main | \$0.00 |
| CAP MH | \$1,970.90 |
| CAP DSS | \$0.00 |
| Highway Audits, as Follows: | |
| Weights & Measures | \$0.00 |
| Solid Waste/Landfill | \$134,258.57 |
| Road | \$62,203.52 |
| Machinery | \$95,871.57 |
| Capital Solid Waste | \$318,222.60 |
| Capital Road & Bridge | \$671,149.95 |
| CAP DPW Complex | \$9,526.25 |

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

Chairman Molé indicated that she had one additional piece of business, and read from her prepared statement:

“I wanted to take a few moments this afternoon to recognize four women whose combined service to Delaware County residents is in excess of 148 years.

I will begin with Sue McIntyre. Sue has served Delaware County for 28 years, leading us through the challenges of waste management. Under Sue’s leadership in the mid 90’s Delaware County embarked on a siting assessment to find a new location for the Delaware County landfill, which was quickly filling up. Her guidance and determination to find a solution for our garbage led us to become leaders in waste management. The construction of the composting facility

along with the new recycling facility has allowed us to save space at the existing site and now with a plan for the future we are able to properly line our existing landfill cells, compost organic waste and recycle as much as possible, all extending the life of our facility for another generation. When Wayne Reynolds retired Sue willing took the helm at DPW and led the process to site locations for new state of the art DPW facilities, keeping us functional and working to ensure efficiency in road maintenance throughout our large county. Sue's leadership and vision have been a great asset to the County and she will be greatly missed.

Cindy Heaney has served Delaware County residents for 39 and a half years. Cindy has proven to be a tremendous asset to Delaware County, her compassion and desire to serve the larger community's needs has been evident throughout her career. Over the past several years Cindy has worked tirelessly to help design, build and open the new Behavioral Health Center in Walton. The vision to consolidate behavioral health services under one roof has made access to the specialized needs of the masses a reality. With the onset of the pandemic, a changing landscape in the way we as a society deal with behavioral health issues and the many needs of our youngest population, it has become apparent there is much work ahead of us in this field. Cindy has made great strides in poising us to meet these challenges head on with the same success we have enjoyed under her guidance.

Linda Pinner has served as the Delaware County Personnel Director for the past 6 years, however, her dedication to Delaware County began nearly forty years ago when she took a job as a ward clerk at the Delaware County Home and Infirmary, after which she transferred to the Public Health office as an administrative assistant and finally taking a position in the Delaware County Personnel office as a personnel technician in 2001. Proving to be an astute and dedicated employee she was named Personnel Director in 2016. As Personnel Director Linda has developed policies to ensure Delaware County is providing a safe workplace while also creating programs that make Delaware County a good employer. Her tireless work during the pandemic to help provide a safe workspace for employees while also meeting the demands of their jobs was unprecedented. The process to filter through the legalities of the contracts that serve the county employees and the demands of the state executive orders to meet standards for a safe work space led to the development of several work place policies that will live on for many years to come. Linda's dedication and work ethic has made a very difficult job look easy.

Christa Schafer may hold a record as she has served Delaware County for 41 years. Christa has been the backbone of the Board of Supervisors office serving as the Clerk of the Board for 31 years. She has kept the board office running regardless of who sits in the Chairman's seat. When Delaware County formed our Fiscal Affairs Department she stepped up to the challenge and has managed to assist the Finance Committee in making sure the Delaware County budget is under the state tax cap and meets the needs of our County Departments to fulfill their missions to serve our residents. She helped guide all of us through the computerization of our accounts, allowing us to provide for truly sound accounting practices that provides for clear documentation of expenditures and sound understanding of revenues. For me personally Christa has been a true blessing. It is truly hard to find the words to express how much she has given to this Board while helping us serve the greater community. Her dedication is unparalleled and we will surely miss her insight into situations as we struggle to make difficult decisions for the future.

All four of these women have been true leaders that have served Delaware County residents with professionalism, compassion and responsible guidance. All of you will be greatly missed and your contributions to Delaware County will not be forgotten. I am not alone when I say thank you to each of you and I sincerely hope you will all have a truly happy retirement.”

Chairman Molé expressed a final ‘Thank you’ as the Supervisors and audience rose in resounding applause.

Mr. Marshfield added that it may take another twelve years to bring the average back up given the exemplary performance of these individuals.

Mr. Eisel passed along his congratulations to all, stating that all four retirees had done a fantastic job and they will be missed because of the wealth of knowledge they have. When he became a Supervisor thirty years ago in 1992 it was the first time he had met Christa Schafer, who was already with the County and had been elected Clerk of the Board the previous year. At that time, Howard Nichols was the Chairman of the Board, followed by Raymond Christensen, followed by Joseph Hanley. Mr. Eisel himself was Chairman for fifteen of the years that Mrs. Schafer was Clerk of the Board, the current Chair now being Tina Molé. Mrs. Schafer has dealt with five Chairs, all with different personalities, and has waded her way through while doing an outstanding job. Having served with her the longest, he cannot say enough about her dedication and how often she was burning the midnight oil, making sure she was available any time she was needed. On behalf of all who are retiring and Mrs. Schafer, Mr. Eisel expressed admiration for their loyalty, sincerity, and work ethic. He is so glad for them that they decided to retire to get on to something else, and wished them lots of luck in the future.

Mrs. Schafer thanked the Board for tolerating her all of these years, noting that she has gotten mouthier as the years have gone on and knew it was time for her to go. The Board has been great to her, and she cannot say enough good things about them. They have put up with her through thick and thin, there were rough times she has gone through but they were all there supporting her. Of all the jobs she has had, though there have not been many, being Clerk of the Board has been her favorite. She appreciates that everyone has always been willing to listen and been supportive, and thanked everyone for giving her a job for all of these years. Working under both Mr. Eisel and Ms. Molé was great, she has had five great Chairmen and a great Board as well.

Mr. Taggart stated that he has been a Supervisor for almost 9 years now, and Mrs. Schafer has been great to work with. The County has been very blessed with good employees, but Mrs. Schafer has been a tremendous pleasure to work with. He sees her as an equal and highly values her advisement.

Mr. Layton stated that when he became a Supervisor he was told that if he ever needed to know anything to call Christa Schafer and that she would help, and she always has.

Mr. Ellis stated that the County has a wealth of wonderful employees, and these four women exemplify that. He has had the personal privilege of working with Christa Schafer and

Linda Pinner for close to a decade now, and it has been a long, strange trip indeed. They have had their ups and downs, negotiations and battles as well as occasional differences, though they always seem to come together to do good things for the County. He will tremendously miss both Mrs. Schafer and Mrs. Pinner, as well as Susan McIntyre. But notably, it was a blast working with them in committee. He thanked them again for their service.

County Attorney Amy Merklen stated that these four women really are an inspiration to say the least. Accepting the job as County Attorney and seeing the legacy that these women have made here as department heads and working with the Board was certainly inspiring and something to look up to. Mrs. Schafer has made her job much easier, and that if any department head ever had a question about anything that went on in the County she would say to them to ask Mrs. Schafer. She is a wealth of knowledge and will be very sorely missed.

Mrs. Schafer thanked everyone again for their kind words, expressing how sorely missed they would all be to her as well.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.