

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**APRIL 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors’ Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman Tina B. Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Mr. Valente, Mrs. Driscoll, and Mr. Davis.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 72**

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT  
SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County is the recipient of a grant awarded by the US Department of Justice and administered by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (“BVP”) in an amount not to exceed \$3,300.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant, to be administered by the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office, was awarded for the specific purpose of reimbursing Delaware County 50% of the cost of purchasing Bullet Proof Vests at a price not to exceed \$3,300.00 during the period commencing on April 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2024, unless extended.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2023 Budget be amended as follows:

**ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

10-13110-44432000/3110064/907 Federal Crime Control \$3,300.00

**ESTIMATED APPROPRIATION:**

10-13110-52200001/3110064/907 Equipment Grant-Bulletproof Vests \$3,300.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Axtell and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3969, Noes 0, Absent 533 (Driscoll, Davis), Vacant 297 (Davenport).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 73**

**TITLE: OCCUPANCY TAX DISBURSEMENT APPROVAL  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County established a Hotel Occupancy Tax for the purpose of promoting the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law stipulates that revenues derived from the occupancy tax are to be allocated for the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Law, Delaware County established and empowered the Tourism Advisory Board to solicit, review and recommend proposals for the use of the funds raised from the occupancy tax for the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County

**WHEREAS**, the Tourism Advisory Board reviewed the proposals submitted under the tourism promotion and development grant program, and has recommended 44 proposals totaling \$144,623 for approval and funding by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors to support the investment of over \$540,000 in Delaware County's tourism industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors approves the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Board regarding the Tourism Promotion & Development Grant Program projects to be funded through occupancy tax revenues in 2023.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Kosier introduced Director of the Department of Economic Development Glenn Nealis, and asked he address the Board. Mr. Nealis explained that there is an annual round of grants which support the tourism industry. He furthered that this round of funding was made available to municipalities within five qualifying categories. The Tourism Advisory Board reviews the proposed applications every year, their most recent meeting having occurred at the end of last month. The approved proposals total \$144,623.00 for forty-four proposals. He noted there are other sources of funds for the various projects stemming from the entities themselves or other outside entities, which total over a half million dollars invested in the tourism industry.

In response to Mr. Taggart, Mr. Nealis confirmed that the occupancy tax is in part collected from Airbnbs but the proportion of tax which stems from those businesses is not known. He further explained that Resolution No. 73 approves the Tourism Advisory Board recommendations, and Resolution No. 74 would permit the transfer of funds from the reserve

account to make it available for use.

In response to Mr. Taggart, Mr. Nealis agreed that some of these funds could be considered to mitigate any possible expenses or legal costs which are imposed upon the towns by Airbnbs.

Mr. Marshfield stated that the Town of Hamden is considering instituting an annual renewal fee for transient businesses of this nature to put towards expenses incurred by the town associated with such businesses. Mr. Nealis concurred that one of the reasons they track who is doing short-term rentals is to enable the towns to be able to perform fire inspections on these locations which typically incurs a fee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 74**

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the revenues received under the Hotel Occupancy Tax during 2022 were set aside and placed into the Restricted Fund Balance (Hotel Occupancy Tax) for the purpose of the promotion and development of the tourism industry in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 73 of 2023 the Board of Supervisors approved the list of tourism promotion and development grant projects to be funded through Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues and the funding of the approved contracts requires such revenues to be transferred from the restricted fund balance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2023 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-00000-34899000	Restricted Fund Balance – Hotel Occupancy Tax	\$144,623.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-16410-54614000	Tourism Development – Promotion	\$144,623.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3969, Noes 0, Absent 533 (Driscoll, Davis), Vacant 297 (Davenport).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 75**

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
COUNTY INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to fund the County Insurance account to cover premiums on purchased policies for 2023 incidental liability claims, administrative costs and continued funding of the insurance reserve account.

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

**FROM:**

10-11010-54350200	Board of Supervisors	\$8,470.00
10-11040-54350200	Clerk of the Board	2,601.00
10-11165-54350200	District Attorney	4,057.00
10-11171-54350200	Public Defender	3,330.00
10-11185-54350200	Medical Examiner	892.00
10-11325-54350200	County Treasurer	3,225.00
10-11327-54350200	Fiscal Affairs	2,861.00
10-11355-54350200	Real Property Tax Services	3,222.00
10-11410-54350200	County Clerk	12,634.00
10-11420-54350200	County Attorney	3,000.00
10-11430-54350200	Personnel	3,579.00
10-11450-54350200	Board of Elections	3,397.00
10-11620-54350200	Buildings	23,853.00
10-11670-54350200	Printing	67.00
10-11680-54350200	Information Technology	26,050.00
10-13110-54350200	Sheriff	47,551.00
10-13140-54350200	Probation	18,506.00
10-13150-54350200	Jail	100,502.00
10-13620-54350200	Code Enforcement	711.00
10-13640-54350200	Emergency Services	15,710.00
10-14012-54350200	Public Health Services	15,135.00
10-14310-54350200	Mental Health Clinic	52,458.00
10-14317-54350200	Alcoholism	12,124.00
10-16010-54350200	Social Services	66,523.00
10-16326-54350200	Economic Development	2,451.00
10-16510-54350200	Veterans Service Agency	2,459.00
10-16610-54350200	Sealer of Weights & Measures	788.25
10-16772-54350200	Office for the Aging	6,993.00
10-18020-54350200	Planning Department	4,907.00
10-18740-54350200	Watershed Affairs	1,258.00
22-18160-54350200	Solid Waste	86,067.00

26-15130-54350200	Highway Department	162,322.00
		Total: \$697,703.25
<b><u>TO:</u></b>		
10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$697,703.25
<b><u>INCREASE REVENUE:</u></b>		
10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$697,703.25
<b><u>INCREASE APPROPRIATION:</u></b>		
10-11910-54350200	Unallocated County Insurance	\$697,703.25

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

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3969, Noes 0, Absent 533 (Driscoll, Davis), Vacant 297 (Davenport).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 76**

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
 APPROPRIATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR 2023  
 PERSONNEL OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Unemployment Insurance was not budgeted for in the 2023 Adopted Budget due to a sufficient balance in the Unemployment Insurance Reserve account; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Fund is in need of appropriations to pay the quarterly UI claims for 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2023 Budget be amended as follows:

<b><u>INCREASE REVENUE:</u></b>		
10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue	65,000.00
<b><u>INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</u></b>		
10-19050-58500000	Unemployment Insurance	65,000.00
<b><u>TRANSFER FROM:</u></b>		
66-00000-34924000	Fund Balance Reserve	65,000.00

**TRANSFER TO:**

66-19901-59990000

Operating Transfer OUT

65,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote:  
Ayes 3969, Noes 0, Absent 533 (Driscoll, Davis), Vacant 297 (Davenport).

Mr. Ellis introduced Local Law Intro. Nos. 1 through 18 for salary increases which were seconded by Mr. Merrill.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 1**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Section 1. The salary of Maria Kelso, Election Commissioner, shall be Fifty-five thousand, two hundred fifty-two dollars [\$55,252] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This position shall be made full-time in accordance with the 2023 Delaware County budget, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 3. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 4. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 2**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Section 1. The salary of Judith Garrison, Election Commissioner, shall be Fifty-five thousand, two hundred fifty-two dollars [\$55,252] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

### **LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 3**

#### **TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Section 1. The salary of Amy Merklen, County Attorney, shall be One hundred thirty-nine thousand, one hundred dollars [\$139,100] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

### **LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 4**

#### **TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR REAL PROPERTY TAX II**

Section 1. The salary of Sherri Falcone, Director Real Property Tax II, shall be Eighty-two thousand, one hundred ninety-two dollars [\$82,192] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This position shall be upgraded to Labor Grade 40, Step 3, in accordance with the 2023 Delaware County budget, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 3. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 4. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

### **LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 5**

#### **TITLE: SALARY INCREASE PERSONNEL OFFICER**

Section 1. The salary of Carrara Knoetgen, Personnel Officer, shall be Eighty-five thousand, seven hundred thirty-one dollars [\$85,731] per annum, effective January 5, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 6**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Section 1. The salary of Joseph deMauro, Director of Information Technology, shall be Ninety-four thousand, one hundred twenty-four dollars [\$94,124] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 7**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Section 1. The salary of Stephen Hood, Director of Emergency Services, shall be Seventy-one thousand, six hundred ninety-eight dollars [\$71,698] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 8**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Section 1. The salary of Douglas Elston, Director Community Mental Health Services, shall be One hundred and two thousand, three hundred and six dollars [\$102,306] per annum, effective March 10, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.



**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 9**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Section 1. The salary of Sylvia Armanno, Commissioner of Social Services, shall be One hundred and six thousand, four hundred and eight dollars [\$106,408] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 10**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY**

Section 1. The salary of Charles Piper, Director Veterans Service Agency, shall be Fifty-six thousand, nine hundred eighteen dollars [\$56,918] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 11**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

Section 1. The salary of Wayne Shepard, Director Office for the Aging, shall be Eighty-one thousand, eight hundred ninety-seven dollars [\$81,897] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 12**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR**

Section 1. The salary of Shelly Johnson-Bennett, County Planning Director, shall be One hundred and four thousand, five hundred sixty-four dollars [\$104,564] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This position shall be upgraded to Labor Grade 53, Step 4, amending the 2023 Delaware County budget, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 3. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 4. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 13**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Section 1. The salary of Glenn Nealis, Director Economic Development, shall be Ninety-three thousand, seven hundred thirty-eight dollars [\$93,738] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 14**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Section 1. The salary of James Thomas, Commissioner of Public Works, shall be One hundred and ten thousand, six hundred and seven dollars [\$110,607] per annum, effective January 5, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 15**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR**

Section 1. The salary of Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director, shall be One hundred and eight thousand, five hundred sixty-two dollars [\$108,562] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 16**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COUNTY CLERK**

Section 1. The salary of Debra Goodrich, County Clerk, shall be Seventy-seven thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars [\$77,819] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 17**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF**

Section 1. The salary of Sheriff Craig DuMond shall be Ninety-seven thousand, eight hundred twenty-two dollars [\$97,822] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 18**

**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COUNTY TREASURER**

Section 1. The salary of Beverly Shields, County Treasurer, shall be Seventy-Seven thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars [\$77,819] per annum, effective January 1, 2023.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 77**

**TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. NOS. 1 THROUGH 18 OF 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Local Law Intro. Nos. 1 through 18 have been introduced to increase the 2023 salaries of:

**Non-Elected:** Maria Kelso, Election Commissioner; Judith Garrison, Election Commissioner; Amy Merklen, County Attorney; Sherri Falcone, Director Real Property Tax II; Carrara Knoetgen, Personnel Officer; Joseph deMauro, Director of Information Technology; Stephen Hood, Director of Emergency Services; Douglas Elston, Director Community Mental Health Services; Sylvia Armanno, Commissioner of Social Services; Charles Piper, Director Veterans Service Agency; Wayne Shepard, Director Office of the Aging; Shelly Johnson-Bennett, County Planning Director; Glenn Nealis, Director Economic Development; James Thomas, Commissioner of Public Works; Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director.

**Elected:** Beverly Shields, County Treasurer; Debra Goodrich, County Clerk; Craig DuMond, Sheriff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a public hearing be held on Local Law Intro. Nos. 1 through 18 on the 26th day of April, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

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

Chairman Molé stated that the public hearing will be held at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 78**

**TITLE: SIGNING OF BONDS AND NOTES FOR  
DELAWARE COUNTY TREASURER**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer, are currently the only signatories able to sign on behalf of Delaware County on matters falling under the auspices of the Delaware County Treasurer's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, at times, due to illness or other circumstances, it would be beneficial to the flow of county business and when time is of the essence, to have a third person designated to sign on behalf of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that during said times when neither the Treasurer nor the Deputy Treasurer are able, for whatever reason, to sign on behalf of the County, the Board authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to sign any and all documents required to be signed by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 79**

**TITLE: LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF SALES TAX LEVY  
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors requested the New York State Legislature to extend an increase in the sales tax levy in January of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Legislature amended the law to allow for the collection of a sales tax at a rate which is one percent additional to the statutory three percent rate authorized by law; and

**WHEREAS**, current authorization to collect the additional one percent sales tax expires on November 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 49 of 2023 on February 22 to formally request from the New State Legislature approval to continue with the additional tax every three years; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2023, County Administrators, Board Clerks, and Finance Officers were informed that an all-county extender would not be included in this year's budget and county members were advised to amend their requests for individual home rule sales tax extender of the additional tax for a two-year period being hereby amended; and

**WHEREAS**, a continuation of the additional one percent sales tax levy was requested by the Board and approved by Chapter 314 of the Laws of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it appropriate to use the sales tax as a means to help stabilize the county property tax levy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors formally request that the New York State Legislature amend Section 1210 of the Tax Law to allow Delaware County to continue the collection of the additional one percent sales tax consistent with state approvals in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2020.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Mr. Merrill stated that this extension of the increase in the sales tax levy was approved in a previous meeting this year, however, the state has now stipulated this must be for a span of two years instead of three.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 80**

**TITLE: IN MEMORY OF DENNIS J. VALENTE**

**WHEREAS**, former Town of Davenport Supervisor Dennis J. Valente passed away on April 4, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as Town of Davenport Supervisor from 2006 until April 4, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, he will be remembered with distinction for his hard work, notable service and dedication to the County and the Town of Davenport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors extends its sympathy to the family of Dennis J. Valente and recognizes with gratitude his contributions to this County, his Town and neighbors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Ellis stated that he will miss Mr. Valente. He was a good friend. They gardened a lot, and he had an amazing wit. He enjoyed his company and will miss him terribly.

In agreement with Mr. Ellis, Mr. Kosier stated that he and Mr. Valente were on two committees together. They had become quite close and he was his go-to guy for gardening.

Mr. Hinkley added that he spent many hours chatting with Mr. Valente while his wife was flower shopping at the Davenport Garden Center which Mr. Valente ran with his wife.

Mr. Merrill furthered that Mr. Valente's absence has created a big hole and that he had a great attitude.

Ms. Molé stated that in keeping with his style, Mr. Valente had called her prior to his surgery and said that if anything should happen to him, he would like Mr. Kosier to chair the Economic Development Committee.

Chairman Molé introduced Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond, who stated that Mr. Valente was a man who truly loved this County and loved his Town. Mr. Valente was always a strong supporter of the Sheriff's Office, and for that as well as his friendship he is forever grateful.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chairman 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. 81**

#### **TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$2,548,961.63 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

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

General Fund	\$1,562,149.80
OET	\$53,910.71
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$262.79
CAP MH	\$0.00
CAP DSS	\$2,754.13
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$562.50
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$97,365.63
Road	\$139,863.46

Machinery	\$199,598.66
Capital Solid Waste	\$9,103.90
Capital Road & Bridge	\$9,254.93
CAP DPW Complex	\$474,135.12

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote:  
 Ayes 3969, Noes 0, Absent 533 (Driscoll, Davis), Vacant 297 (Davenport).

Chairman Molé made the following committee appointments:

**TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD**

Appoint:

Supervisor John Kosier

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 82**

**TITLE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors convene in executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

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

The meeting reconvened in regular session with all Supervisors present except Mrs. Driscoll and Mr. Davis.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.