

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JULY 26, 2023

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, July 26, 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. Haynes and Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Mr. Gladstone 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 127

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, funds are needed to complete the purchase of 2023 Command Trailer; and

WHEREAS, this 2023 Command Trailer is for use in emergencies within the community or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the purchase was contained in the 2023 Budget, but due to unexpected expenses earlier in the year, this now requires transfer of \$33,108.50 to complete the purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Budget be amended to reflect the purchase of said supplemental items as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-13110-51000000	Personal Services	\$33,108.50
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TRANSFER TO:

10-13110-52200000	Equipment	\$33,108.50
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

In response to Mr. Marshfield, Sheriff DuMond stated that when they budgeted the cost of the trailer, they knew the grant would only cover a portion of the cost of the purchase and had planned the transfer of funds to cover the remainder when the committee had approved the equipment authorization. He furthered that the trailer will be useful in emergencies or disasters which may occur in the community.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF HEALTHCARE WORKER BONUS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, NYS Department of Health has allocated funding for recruitment and retention bonuses to certain healthcare and mental hygiene workers; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County Public Health Services is a qualified employer and is required to claim the bonus for their employees; and

WHEREAS, qualified employees must be “front line health care and mental hygiene practitioners, technicians, assistants and aides that provide hands on health or care services to individuals.”

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

INCREASE REVENUES:

10-14012-43349927	State Healthcare Worker Rev	\$3,229.50
10-14060-43349927	State Healthcare Worker Rev	\$1,614.75

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10-14012-51000000	Personal Services	\$3,000.00
10-14012-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib	\$186.00
10-14012-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib	\$43.50
10-14060-51000000	Personal Services	\$1,500.00
10-14060-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib	\$93.00
10-14060-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib	\$21.75

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 129

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Committee on Special Education account is in need of funds.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-16010-51000000	Personal Services	\$150,000.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-16119-54313151	Committee on Special Education	\$150,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Marshfield explained that they had budgeted for 2.6 children, and there are currently three children in need of services.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 130

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
CYBER INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the department to acquire a cyber insurance policy separate from the County; and

WHEREAS, the cyber insurance policy purchase was an unexpected expenditure and requires a transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS, the department has sufficient funds in the Security Contracts budget line to cover the cost of the cyber insurance policy.

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

<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>		
10-16010-54427018	Security Contracts	\$27,139.81
<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>		
10-16010-54350200	Social Services Insurance Unallocated	\$27,139.81
<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>		
10-16010-54350200	Social Services Insurance Unallocated	\$27,139.81
<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>		
10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$27,139.81
<u>INCREASE REVENUE:</u>		
10-19000-42280100	Interfund Revenue Insurance	\$27,139.81
<u>INCREASE APPROPRIATION:</u>		
10-11910-54350200	Unallocated County Insurance	\$27,139.81

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart.

Mr. Marshfield explained there are three networks in the Department of Social Services, and there is cyber insurance on the County and State networks. There is limited cyber insurance on the independent third network, and it was the recommendation of Delaware County Information Technology that cyber insurance be purchased until the time when it can be supplied internally.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 131

**TITLE: 2023 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% reimbursable; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 141 amended the 2021 Budget to accept \$37,847.00 in funding for the Adult Protective Services Grant; and

WHEREAS, \$6,000.00 in additional funding is available.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16070-44467000-6010645-971	Federal Services for Recipients (APS)	\$6,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16070-54575000-6010645-971	Adult Protective Service Grant (APS)	\$6,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 132

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
DELAWARE COUNTY RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (RSP)
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the designated local agency to administer the Rental Supplement Program; and

WHEREAS, the department believes that this program will assist up to 20 households/individuals who are experiencing homelessness and up to 30 households/individuals who are at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the County will be 100% reimbursed by the State.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16109-43360900	State Family Assistance	\$121,902.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16010-54427029	Rental Supplement Program	\$121,902.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Marshfield explained that the grant is for homeless individuals.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 133

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 PROPOSAL NO. 31(2)-22
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 189 of 2022 authorized the award of Proposal No. 31(2)-22, “Delaware County Bridge Structural Steel Preservation Project, PIN 9754.60, LD040413” to Rover Contracting, Inc., 251 Upper North Road, Highland, NY 12528 for the bid amount of \$633,320.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 100 of 2023 authorized the County to execute Change Order No. 1 which extended the contract until July 14th at no additional cost; and

WHEREAS, the project has been further delayed due to material availability and fabrication time; and

WHEREAS, this 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 No. 31(2)-22 extending the Contract completion date until July 28, 2023, at no change in the contract amount of \$633,320.00.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 134

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Section 215 of the County Law stipulates that the Board of Supervisors must authorize for the disposition of personal property no longer necessary for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Health is authorized to sell by trade-in, on-line auction or for scrap the following items:

Description

2014 Sharp MX-3640N Multifunction Copy Machine

Serial Number:

45074138

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 135

**TITLE: DEP LAND USE PERMIT – BRAMLEY MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, The Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, Inc. have proposed to restore the former Bramley Mountain Fire Tower to enhance the popular Bramley Mountain Hiking Trail; and

WHEREAS, the property is owned by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and

WHEREAS, the DEP is willing to make the land available for the installation of the fire tower through a Land Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Permit requires a municipality to be the permit holder, and Delaware County is the most suitable local municipal entity to hold the permit; and

WHEREAS, due to the scope of the County's insurance coverages, the insurance requirements of the Land Use Permit will have a de minimis impact upon the County's insurance rates; and

WHEREAS, the oversight committee for the Department of Public Works has approved the use of DPW personnel and equipment to remove the tower if the permit is terminated in the future; and

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of the tower and surrounding property will be the responsibility of the Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, Inc. in accordance with plans already submitted to and approved by the DEP, and a memorandum of understanding to be entered into by Delaware County and the Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to apply for a Land Use Permit from the NYC DEP in order to enable the Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, Inc. to undertake the fire tower project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized, subject to approval of the Land Use Permit by the NYC DEP, to formalize the Land Use Permit, enter into a lease agreement with The Clark Family for the fire tower, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, Inc. regarding the operation and maintenance of the fire tower and land use permit area, and to take any and all steps necessary to carry out the County's role in this project.

The resolution was seconded by Mrs. Driscoll.

Mr. Taggart stated that he thought that the County would be taking on unnecessary additional liability by holding the land use permit for the tower. Who would be responsible in the event someone were injured while on the property or climbing the tower? He also expressed concern that the County would be responsible for taking the tower down if the permit was not renewed. He understands that there could be ten thousand or more visitors annually but feels that the situation would be a liability and expense for the County.

In response to Mr. Gladstone, First Assistant County Attorney Jeremy Rase stated that he was unsure if use of the Bramley Mountain Fire Tower falls under the general obligations law which encompasses things like the state-funded snowmobile trails which often go through personal property. He explained that this situation is more complicated than the snowmobile trails and though it may prevent individuals from ultimately recovering money in a lawsuit, it would not prevent a lawsuit from being filed nor prevent the County from expending time and funds defending itself.

In response to Mr. Rase, Mr. Taggart stated that if the question needs more legal investigation and understanding, perhaps the resolution should be pulled until the next board meeting. He also noted that there was no estimated cost to consider should the Department of Public Works be required to remove the structure. This fire tower requires a five-year permit, and though it may be anticipated the lease will be renewed, it is a possibility it will not be renewed. With so many uncertainties, he expressed that he would like to put forth a motion to have the resolution revisited at the next meeting when some of the unknown factors may be clarified.

Mr. Marshfield stated that he is in favor of the resolution and does not see the need to pull it until the next meeting. In his fifty years of experience working with utilities which have five-year revocable permits with DEP, no permits have ever been revoked. Given that it is unknown if or when the structure would be dismantled, he asserted that there was no way to accurately determine a cost. He reiterated that despite the risk of someone being injured, and despite the additional insurance cost, he believes it is a good tourist attraction.

In agreement with Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Layton stated that injury is possible anywhere. Mr. Taggart replied that the tower is privately owned and would be very different from someone injuring themselves on County or Town property.

Mrs. Driscoll stated that she understands that no one would be allowed to enter the tower

unless a guide was present. Members of The Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, Inc will be maintaining and facilitating access to the tower.

Mr. Davis added that he has been performing fire inspections for the last twelve years on some of the State fire towers after the State made it illegal to have an open fire above two thousand feet in elevation. Because volunteers could not build a fire to warm the towers due to lack of State Code Enforcement inspections of the towers, volunteers ceased going to the towers in the winter. He confirmed that the hatches are locked to prevent unauthorized entry, though there is no barrier preventing individuals from climbing the stairs. He wanted to make sure all were cognizant of the language in the agreement and that if at any point after the five-year permit had expired and was not renewed, the tower would be removed at the expense of the County. He suggested that the County ensure that the terms and agreements of the permit do not change, as every five years the City would have the opportunity to insist on changes. He fears that down the road, this could put the County in a difficult position.

Mrs. Valente asked if members of the public hike up to these towers in the winter and are injured, would emergency services be able to access these locations? Mr. Davis confirmed that the reason emergency services have side-by-sides with tracks on them are for situations such as that.

Mrs. Driscoll added that there are roads to these towers but confirmed that a side-by-side would be needed to navigate those roads in winter.

In response to Mrs. Valente, Ms. Molé confirmed that access to the towers is pedestrian only, and no public vehicle traffic is permitted.

The resolution was adopted by voice vote with one opposed (Taggart).

Mr. Gladstone introduced Local Law Intro. No. 20 for providing real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in Delaware County which was seconded by Mr. Kosier.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 20 OF 2023

LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

The state Real Property Tax Law was amended by Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 by the addition of a new §466-a providing for a ten percent partial real property tax exemption of the assessed value of the primary residence owned by a qualified enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service that serves

within the County. The intent of this Local Law is to permit the partial real property tax exemption for such qualified enrolled members of said emergency services organizations for real property taxes imposed by the County.

Section 2. Authority.

Pursuant to Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 effective December 9, 2022, the state Real Property Tax Law was amended by adding a new §466-a authorizing local governments to enact by local law, ordinance or resolution such partial tax exemption for County real property taxes to qualified enrolled members of said emergency services organizations, following a public hearing.

Section 3. Grant of exemption.

The primary residential real property located in the County that is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service that provides services within the County shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the County to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth in this herein.

Section 4. Authority Having Jurisdiction.

For purposes of this Local Law the “Authority Having Jurisdiction” shall mean:

- A. In the case of a fire district, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the fire district;
- B. In the case of a contract fire department in a fire protection district, the Town Board;
- C. In the case of a village fire department the Village Board;
- D. In the case of a city fire department, the City Council;
- E. In the case of an incorporated voluntary ambulance service, the Town Board.

Section 5. Eligibility.

Such exemption shall not be granted unless:

- A. the applicant resides in the County of Delaware and is a member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which provides service within the city, village, town, or school district.
- B. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- C. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant’s residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Local Law; and
- D. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two (2) years; and

- E. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction to have met all the authority having jurisdiction's requirements to maintain active status within the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and
- F. the applicant must submit said certification from the authority having jurisdiction together with the tax exemption application.

Section 6. Grant of Lifetime Exemption.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Local Law for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the county.

Section 7. Surviving, Un-Remarried Spousal Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Ambulance Workers Killed in the Line of Duty.

The property tax exemption authorized by this Local Law and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

Section 8. Surviving, Un-Remarried Spousal Exemption for Deceased Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Ambulance Workers with Twenty Years of Enrolled Member Service.

The property tax exemption authorized by this Local Law and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption

for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

Section 9. Application.

An application form for such exemption and a certification provided by the appropriate authority having jurisdiction shall be filed with the Assessor on or before the taxable status date of each year or as otherwise required as prescribed by New York State.

Section 10. No Diminution of Benefits.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this Local Law shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Local Law.

Section 11. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 136

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 20 OF 2023

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law entitled “Local Law of the County of Delaware Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to §466-a of the Real Property Tax Law” has been offered for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on August 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors’ Room of the County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

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

Ms. Molé stated that the public hearing will be held at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, funds are needed in the 2023 Budget to complete the purchase of the 2023 Command Trailer; and

WHEREAS, this Command Trailer is for use in emergencies within the community or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the purchase was included in the 2023 Budget, but due to unexpected expenditures, this now requires a transfer of \$33,108.50 to complete the purchase.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-13640-51000000	Personal Services Exp – DES	\$33,108.50
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TRANSFER TO:

10-13640-52200000	Equipment	\$33,108.50
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Axtell.

Mr. Gladstone stated that this budget amendment will transfer the second half of the funds needed to complete the purchase of the Command Trailer.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 138

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES)
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Delaware County was awarded supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) in the amount of \$941,175.00 through the New York State Office of Community

Renewal in fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, these funds are being used to provide financial assistance to small business in Delaware County that suffered economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to small businesses that were required to adapt their business operations as a result of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds were received on July 14, 2023.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16326-44498900/6326020/972	Other Federal Grant Funds	\$941,175.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16326-54327000/6326020/972	General Grant Related Exp	\$941,175.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 139

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
ACCEPTANCE OF O’CONNOR FOUNDATION FUNDS
INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING (IRT)
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 66 on March 22, 2023 in support of partnering with the United States Army Reserves to host a medical Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) July 10-21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors committed to support the IRT expenses prior to grant awards in an effort to ensure success of the mission; and

WHEREAS, the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O’Connor Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 toward the cost of the Healthy Delaware IRT programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Delaware County Board of Supervisors accepts those funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 Budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-18020-42238905/8020028/908 IRT \$20,000.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-18020-54327000/8020028/908 General Grant Related Exp \$20,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Tuthill and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 140

**TITLE: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING (IRT)
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 66 on March 22, 2023 in support of partnering with the United States Army Reserves to host a medical Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) July 10-21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors committed to support the IRT expenses prior to grant awards in an effort to ensure success of the mission; and

WHEREAS, the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O’Connor Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 toward the cost of the Healthy Delaware IRT programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that those funds be deposited into the IRT account and transferred to Delaware County’s Contingency account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-18020-54327000/8020028/908 General Grant Related Exp \$20,000.00

TRANSFER INTO:

10-11990-54900000 Contingency \$20,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Tuthill and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$1,008,345.25 were hereby presented to the Finance Committee for approval for payment on July 12, 2023 prior to presentation to the Board of Supervisors;

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

General Fund	\$908,968.64
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$0.00
CAP DSS	\$44,696.36
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$10,163.91
Road	\$107.56
Machinery	\$44,408.78
Capital Solid Waste	\$0.00
Capital Road & Bridge	\$0.00
CAP DPW Complex	\$0.00

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$3,513,715.14 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be directed to pay said expenditures as listed below:

General Fund	\$1,588,922.50
OET	\$13,020.25
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$0.00
CAP DSS	\$508.14
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$165,369.88

Road	\$167,890.03
Machinery	\$53,801.89
Capital Solid Waste	\$75,866.30
Capital Road & Bridge	\$767,801.02
CAP DPW Complex	\$680,535.13

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 4478, Noes 0, Absent 321 (Haynes, Ellis).

Mr. Marshfield expressed what a success the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) had been; he spent time volunteering at the event and had an opportunity to get to know many of the military personnel who had taken part in the event. He commended the military personnels' demeanor, stating that they were all nice, professional, caring people. It was a very good event for Delaware County, and he commended all agencies for coming together to make the event run so smoothly. He had been pleased to see some supervisors receiving medical services at the event.

Mr. Cetta added that he has heard nothing but positive comments about the event, and that there are endless accolades for the whole operation. It was excellent for the citizens of Delaware County, and he thanked all who were involved.

In agreement with Mr. Marshfield and Mr. Cetta, Ms. Molé added that she thought it was great because it involved every department in the County. Everyone's hard work ensured the event was a success.

Mr. Taggart praised Walton, stating that all entities from the Walton Central School District, the New Hope Community Church, to the Town itself had gone above and beyond. He further thanked those in the Planning Department for their contributions.

Ms. Molé added a special thank you to Director of Planning Shelly Johnson-Bennett for her tremendous dedication to the success of the event.

Senior Planner Kent Manuel stated that the military personnel also praised Delaware County and the community. Mr. Cetta agreed, stating that military personnel had told him how helpful and appreciative members of the community were as well as individuals who received services at the event.

Mrs. Scott added that she personally appreciated the community service tent, which had the unintended consequence of connecting many individuals who worked for agencies that often interact but have never met in person or had the opportunity to interact in less formal ways. She stated that when she thanked the military personnel for their time and contributions to the event, she was thanked in return as these trainings are how they learn to perform their duties in a real emergency.

Mr. Marshfield added that the thank-you dinner event was a success as well, and it was wonderful to see the military personnel relaxing and playing games with some of the County

employees.

Mr. Cetta stated that he had faced many questions from the community regarding the event, and explained the concept of the IRT was to simulate an emergency response. The event was considered a training mission for the unit which they must do annually, and the services provided were a simulation of what they would do in a real emergency such as an earthquake or flood. He expressed how proud he is of Delaware County for hosting this event and proud of Walton for being the host community. He thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Vernold added how nicely it worked out having the bridge dedication ceremony in Walton honoring Medal of Honor recipient First Lieutenant Stephen H. Doane while the IRT event was occurring, it was quite a privilege to be able to attend the bridge dedication.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.