

REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MAY 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 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. Gladstone, Mrs. Driscoll and Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 91

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 OF PROPOSAL NO. 28-21
ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 71 of 2021 authorized award of Proposal No. 28-21 Construction of three New Facilities for Delaware County Department of Public Works Electrical Construction Contract to NELCORP Electrical Contracting Corp, 35 North Kelly Avenue, Endwell, NY for the amount of \$1,749,100; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 162 of 2022, authorized Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract amount to \$1,794,116.00; and

WHEREAS, in response to design enhancement for providing additional IT networking capacity and building security for the Bloomville facility, the following changes need to be made and have been agreed upon:

Item #1 CR-EC-3 Proposal - \$3,823.58
Electrical changes for IT requirements at Bloomville site to accommodate additional network connectivity.

Item #2 CR-EC-7 Proposal - \$8,165.76
Electrical changes for added IT room AC and lights including wiring as well as providing new light fixtures.

Item #3 CR-EC-3 Proposal - \$7,129.00
IT Changes for wireless access points and camera termination

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 EC in the amount of \$19,118.34 increasing the contract amount from \$1,749,100 to \$1,794,116.34.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 164, Noes 0, Absent 36 (Gladstone, Driscoll, Wilson).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 92

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

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 County Clerk's Office is authorized to sell by trade-in or online auction or dispose of as unserviceable the following item:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
CC	LEKTRIEVER	25453

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

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Deputy County Clerk Haley Gransbury stated that this is a very large machine that was used to store five or six years of criminal and civil records, which is approximately 15,000 documents. Those records are now being digitized which makes the equipment obsolete.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 93

**TITLE: DECLARATION OF JUNE 15TH AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, or WEAAD, is an annual initiative launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and adopted by the World Health Organization in 2011, providing communities around the world with an opportunity to achieve better understanding of the abuse and neglect of older people; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County Department of Social Services, Adult Protective Services, dedicates their efforts providing education, support, and resources to communities and the elderly population within Delaware County. With this critical knowledge and support, there is an increased awareness and identification, and involvement in combating elder abuse and neglect in Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Department of Social Services respectfully requests that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors pass a resolution declaring June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Delaware County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, formally and entirely, supports this resolution and declares June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to be recognized from here forth.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Marshfield stated this was something that Sylvia Armanno, Commissioner of Social Services, was fond of and wanted to be presented to the Board.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 94

**TITLE: RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT
THE RESCUE EMS PACKAGE OF LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN
OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is a vital resource, necessary to the health and well-being of communities across New York; and

WHEREAS, as a system that provides a wide range of prehospital medical care to sick or injured people in emergency situations, the difference between a municipality that provides for EMS and one that does not can often make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, despite its vast importance, there is an ongoing EMS crisis in this state, particularly in how it is funded, staffed, and operated; and

WHEREAS, much of this stems from a fundamental misconception about EMS vis-a-vis other critical services like police and fire. This is reflected in New York State law, which fails to recognize the essential nature of EMS; and

WHEREAS, as a result, EMS providers are often undervalued and under-respected for the critical role they play in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the EMS framework in New York includes an array of private, public, or not-for-profit providers that have expanded across the state in a scattered, patchwork approach, leaving many New York residents uncertain whether an EMS provider will be available in their community at the time of need, which is why we need to create greater flexibility for municipalities to facilitate EMS to meet unique local challenges which represents a critical next step in the provision of EMS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Delaware County urges the New York State legislature to support the following legislative measures during the 2024 Legislative Session:

- **S.4020-C (Mayer) / A.3392-C (Otis)**
This comprehensive legislative package allows special taxing districts to be created to fund EMS services. In addition, this legislation would recognize EMS as an essential service and provide reforms to the Emergency Medical Services Council.
- **S.5000 (May) / A.4077 (Lupardo)**
This legislation would remove EMS services from the real property tax cap, allowing local municipalities to expand and better support their local EMS services. This measure is of critical importance to counties like Erie, Wayne, Otsego, and Wyoming which have established county-operated EMS systems.
- **S.8486-A (Hinchey) / A.9102-A (Kelles)**
This legislation authorizes Medicaid reimbursement to emergency medical services (EMS) agencies for providing Treatment in Place (TIP) to a patient at the point of response; as well as Transportation to an Alternate Provider (TAP), getting a patient to the most appropriate health care setting other than a hospital, such as a mental health clinic, rehabilitation facility or urgent care. This is NOT legislation that will supplement any existing medical services provided by nurses or hospital staff.
- **S.6630 (Mannion) / A.6274 (Barrett)**
This legislation allows volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to claim both state income and local property tax credits.

- **S.7286 (Martinez) / A.7524 (Thiele) (Part CC, S.8309-A)**
This legislation increases the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' personal income tax credit from \$200 to \$800 for eligible individuals and from \$400 to \$1,600 for eligible married joint filers. This legislation also allows volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to claim both state income and local property tax credits.
- **S.3223 (Sanders) / A.9237 (Hevesi)**
This bill would create a methodology for ambulance reimbursement under Medicaid that more closely approximates the cost of providing the service. Ambulances are required by law to pick everyone up, including Medicaid patients. It is unfair to require these ambulance companies to accept Medicaid patients and then not fairly reimburse them for the costs of providing services to these patients.
- **S.6645 (Comrie) / A.6136 (Eachus)**
This legislation requires the Thruway Authority to issue emergency services permits to EMS vehicles as is already done for fire vehicles, which would exempt EMS from being required to pay tolls while transporting patients on the NYS Thruway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Peter Oberacker, Assemblyman Christopher Tague, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, and Assemblyman Brian Maher.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 95

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$2,150,817.13 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	\$1,245,635.06
OET	\$10,934.26
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$0.00
CAP DSS	\$100,651.07

Highway Audits, as Follows:

Weights & Measures	\$152.45
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$68,945.25
Road	\$31,309.51
Machinery	\$300,412.04
Capital Solid Waste	\$16,516.00
Capital Road & Bridge	\$7,573.10
CAP DPW Complex	\$368,688.39

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 164, Noes 0, Absent 36 (Gladstone, Driscoll, Wilson).

Chairman Molé stated this was a short meeting and that the Legislative Committee will consider having only one meeting in May next year.

Mr. Vernold shared that TimeOut.com has named Hancock, New York as the No.1 small town in the United States.

Mr. Cetta reminded everyone that the Memorial Day weekend is not just about BBQ and picnics. Mr. Cetta stated if towns do not host a Memorial Day parade, he extended an invitation to attend the parade in Walton or any other town that has a parade for this worthy cause.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.