

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2008

8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Lafler called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentations / Petitioners

a. Employee of the Year Award 2007 was given to Peter Brown, Resource Management Specialist and Grantwriter for Seneca County.

b. Housing Summit on May 16, 2008. Mary McDonald, Program Director, Seneca Housing Inc. and Peter Brown, Seneca County representative, Finger Lakes Housing Coalition. The meeting is made up of four counties, represented by various officials, to discuss all housing issues and to begin the development of a 10-year housing plan for each county. Ms. Sinclair, Seneca County Manager will be attending and representing Seneca County.

c. Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Promotion Agency Report - Fred Gaffney, Executive Director. Mr. Gaffney reported on the 2008 first quarter activity done by the Chamber of Commerce as the county Tourism Promotion Agency.

d. Seneca County Department Review – Youth Bureau, Michael Whirtley, Director, reported on the interactions that the Youth Bureau department has with a multitude of other agencies to benefit children, up to the age of twenty-one years, depending on the program, including life guard certification, swimming lessons, and youth recognition programs.

Mr. Barto moved that the following vouchers, having gone through the proper auditing process be approved for payment. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Supervisors vouchers	#889 - 1173	totaling	\$	794,454.41
OFA vouchers	#167 - 225	totaling	\$	58,524.49
Workforce Development vouchers	#44 - 61	totaling	\$	21,691.78
Insurance vouchers	#209 - 212	totaling	\$	197,071.62
Sheriff vouchers	#131 - 201	totaling	\$	67,844.19
County Airport vouchers	#25 - 34	totaling	\$	10,277.15
Highway Capital vouchers	#5 & 6	totaling		11,924.36

Highway Transportation vouchers

Maintenance & State Snow	#73 - 104	totaling	\$	245,044.78
Highway Machinery	#98 - 126	totaling	\$	32,597.49
		Highway Total	\$	277,642.27

Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes for the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on March 11, 2008 were approved by a majority vote on a motion made by Mr. Kaiser and seconded by Dr. Dresser.

Reports of Standing Committees

Government Operations Committee, Mrs. Amidon, Chairperson, requested that her fellow Supervisors review the proposed options for the 315 area code relief program in anticipation of preparing a statement on Seneca County's behalf to the NYS Public Service Commission

Public Safety Committee, Mr. Shipley, Chairman, reported on the Committee's recommendation to renew the contract between Ontario and Seneca County for inmate out-boarding. Mr. Shipley also requested that contracts be prepared between surrounding counties and Seneca County for inmate in-boarding.

Human Services Committee, Mr. Mooney, Chairman, reported that the Committee recommended the purchase of a Dodge Caravan for the Division of Human Services.

Personnel & Technology Committee, Dr. Dresser, Chairman, reported that the Committee appointed a sub-committee to review the County hiring policy. Members appointed were the County Manager, the County Director of Personnel, and two members of the Personnel & Technology Committee.

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee, Mr. Kaiser, Chairman, reported that the Committee recommended Board resolutions for the following: opposing a change of the NYS Canal operation times and fees; appointing the County Manager and the Interim Director of Economic Planning and Development to the GFLRPC; supporting the designation of a portion of Rt. 414 as a Scenic NY Byway; and conveyance of property for the Veterans Memorial Cemetery project.

Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee, Mr. Barto, Chairman, reported that the Committee approved the request to transfer funds into the Personnel budget to make up for a shortfall in the Advertising account; but the did not approve the request to transfer funds from the Contingency Fund to cover the cost of paving of the Waterloo VFW parking lot, but instead, if the Facilities budget has a shortfall later in the year because of the paving cost, a transfer request would be re-addressed.

Indian Affairs Committee, Mr. Same, Chairman asked Mr. Fisher, County Attorney to recap recent events involving Public Health and Lakeside Trading. Mr. Fisher said that an inspection took place by Public Health at Lakeside Trading and it was found to be out of compliance with regard to lack of

posting proper certifications. The findings were forwarded to New York State. Mr. Fisher received a letter from Lakeside Trading's attorney, which stated that Lakeside Trading was not subject to Public Health authority because it was sovereign.

Communications:

66. From Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority, a copy of January 14, 2008 meeting minutes.

67. From Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District, a copy of March 3, 2008 meeting minutes.

68. From Seneca County IDA, a draft copy of March 6, 2008 meeting minutes.

69. From Finger Lakes Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a copy of its 2007 Annual Report.

70. From C&S Companies, copies for Board Chairman signature of the FAA Eastern Region Airports Division Categorical Exclusion Form for Airport Development Projects: SWPPP Preparation; Rehabilitation and Strengthen Runway 1-19; and Update Master Plan. Referred to the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee.

71. From NYS Office of Real Property Services, notice of requirement to develop a plan to review at least one system of assessing that will apply common standards to every parcel in Seneca County, as part of the Assessment Improvement Study grant. Referred to the Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee.

72. From Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, a copy of the Workforce Investment Act Youth Program Compliance Monitoring Report for the period of July 1, 2007 – March 1, 2008. Referred to the Human Services Committee.

Resolutions and Motions

**AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR MOVING  
EXPENSES REIMBURSABLE TO THE COUNTY MANAGER**

RESOLUTION NO. 90-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the terms of agreement on accepting the position of County Manager between Seneca County and Suzanne Sinclair included a reimbursement of moving expenses, not to exceed \$5,000.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Contingency Account #10-101-5-1990.4700 to the County Manager Budget Account #10-101-5-1015.4700 for reimbursement of moving expenses.

**EXTEND TAX ROLLS AND BILLS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND VILLAGES**

RESOLUTION NO. 91-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Mooney and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, Seneca County has for the past several years extended school rolls and tax bills for the school districts and villages within the County; and

WHEREAS, the school districts and villages are desirous of continuing this service; and

WHEREAS, the County is receiving a projected revenue of \$5,966.00 for providing this service; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County, School Districts and Villages to continue the service; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Insurance & Assessment Committee at its meeting on March 25, 2008 recommended that the tax rolls and tax bills for the school districts and villages be extended; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, after review and approval by the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign the annual agreements pertaining to the extension of tax rolls and bills for schools and villages located in towns that utilize the County's computer system in the following school districts: South Seneca and Phelps-Clifton Springs and in the following villages: Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid, Seneca Falls and Waterloo.

**PROVIDE TAX ROLL EXTRACT FILES TO ROMULUS / SENECA FALLS / WATERLOO SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 92-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Terryberry and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, Seneca County provided tax extract files in 2007 to the Romulus-Seneca Falls-Waterloo School Districts to enable them to extend their own school tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the School Districts are desirous of continuing this service in 2008; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County and School Districts to continue the service; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Insurance & Assessment Committee at its meeting on March 25, 2008 recommended that the Romulus, the Seneca Falls, and the Waterloo school districts be provided with tax extract files; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, after review and approval by the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign agreements with the Romulus-Seneca Falls-Waterloo School Districts to provide tax extract files to enable the schools to extend tax bills.

Mr. Barto made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer funds from the Contingency Fund to the Building and Grounds Maintenance account to pay for the sealing of the VFW Post #6433, Waterloo parking lot. Mr. Mooney made a second on the motion. As the Finance, Assessment, & Insurance Committee did not recommend this authorization, the motion and the second were withdrawn.

**ABANDONMENT OF CERTAIN FORMER COUNTY HIGHWAY PROPERTY  
TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS PURSUANT TO  
§118-A NEW YORK STATE HIGHWAY LAW**

RESOLUTION NO. 93-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, maintenance of County Road 110 (Border City Road) at its former intersection with Routes Five and Twenty in the Town of Waterloo has been abandoned and the premises is of no further use for highway purposes or for any other governmental purpose; and

WHEREAS, most of this County highway at such former intersection has previously been abandoned and turned over to adjoining property owners and there remains a small portion of said premises adjacent to and south of premises owned by the Jaynes Family Limited Partnership, tax map No. 26-1-3; and

WHEREAS, abandonment of such premises has been approved by the County Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, abandonment of such County highway property pursuant to §118-a of the New York State Highway Law has been approved by the Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve abandonment by the County of the premises formerly part of County Road 110 and commonly known as the Border City Road at the former intersection of such County Road with Routes Five and Twenty in the Town of Waterloo and also known as Tax May Number 26-1-3; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to execute a quit-claim deed to such property to the adjoining property owners.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO  
FILL COMPUTER NETWORK SPECIALIST POSITION**

RESOLUTION NO. 94-08, moved by Dr. Dresser, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the position for a Computer Network Specialist was approved in the 2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, this position will help supply the manpower necessary for keeping the users of the network operational and performing tasks directly related to email, internet, all network devices and other technical duties as listed below; and

WHEREAS, this position has been approved by AMTEK and is considered a grade 7 in the CSEA contract at 16.742 per hour; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Information Technology Department is authorized to fill the position of Computer Network Specialist.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
MEMORIAL IN LAFAYETTE PARK**

RESOLUTION NO. 95-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Korean War Veterans Association Finger Lakes Chapter #1 have requested permission to place a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Lafayette Park, Waterloo, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial is made of jet black granite with a combination of sandblasted and etched lettering and detail, with an overall height of 54"; and

WHEREAS, there are no expenses paid with County funds associated with the placement of the Memorial; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors grants the request of the Korean War Veterans Association Finger Lakes Chapter #1 to place a memorial as described in Lafayette Park, Waterloo, NY.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES THE DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES  
TO PURCHASE A 2008 DODGE CARAVAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 96-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Westfall and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Division of Human Services requires the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Caravan from the New York State Contract PC63772 at a total cost of \$16,605.00 (\$16,225.00 for the Dodge Caravan and \$160.00 for delivery); and

WHEREAS, the funds are available in account 10-125-5-6001-2-600; and

WHEREAS, this purchase has been reviewed by the Oversight Committee for Human Services and recommended for full Board approval; and

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Caravan for a total cost of \$16,605.00 (\$16,225.00 for the Dodge Caravan and \$380.00 for delivery).

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE  
SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR BLACK CREEK, INC. CONTRACT**

RESOLUTION NO. 97-08, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, it is requested of the Seneca County Sheriff's Department, Corrections Division, that a transfer of funds between lines is allowed in the amount of \$18,058.00; and thereby covering the cost of the additional contract required by the Black Creek Integrated computer system; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds would reduce the Food Item Line (10-110-5-3150-4520) by \$18,058.00 and increase the Black Creek Line (10-110-5-3150-4700) by \$18,058.00; and

WHEREAS, having been approved by the Public Safety and the Finance Committees of Seneca County Board of Supervisors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes a line transfer within the Corrections Budget of the Seneca County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$18,058.00; from the food line item (10-110-5-1350-4520) to Black Creek line item (10-110-5-3150-4700) to cover the required maintenance agreement as needed to fully maintain the proper operation of the Black Creek Integrated System in place at the Seneca County Law Enforcement Center, Jail Facility.

**MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO HIRE A PSYCHIATRIC NURSE**

RESOLUTION NO. 98-08, moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Westfall and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health recommends the recruitment and hiring of a full-time psychiatric nurse (RN) for the Mental Health Clinic of the Seneca County Community Counseling Center; and

WHEREAS, this full-time position is budgeted within the 2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, this full-time psychiatric nurse would eliminate a current part time psychiatric nurse (RN) consultant position; and

WHEREAS, this psychiatric nurse will provide improved coverage for clinic psychiatrists (in their absence) and improved coordination of clients' medication needs; and

WHEREAS, the request to hire a psychiatric nurse was reviewed and recommended on March 24, 2008 by the oversight Board of Supervisors committees for Mental Health, Personnel, and Finance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Department is authorized to recruit and hire a full-time psychiatric nurse (RN) within the Mental Health Department's Community Counseling Center.

**NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK APRIL 6-12, 2008**

**PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN**

RESOLUTION NO. 99-08, moved by Mrs. Amidon, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, Seneca County takes seriously its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County government services directly touch the lives of children and families and are responsible for child welfare and foster care systems; and

WHEREAS, dozens of children are in foster care, removed from their families, as a result of suspected abuse or neglect and hundreds more receive supportive community services; and

WHEREAS, one in five girls and one in ten boys will be sexually victimized before adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by Seneca County service providers, especially in the protection and welfare of children; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2008 as National County Government Week in Seneca County.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TOM COUGHLIN, HEAD COACH,  
NEW YORK GIANTS FOOTBALL TEAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 100-08, moved by Mr. Westfall, unanimously seconded and adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, Tom Coughlin, is the Head Coach for the New York Giants Football Team and native of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coughlin led the New York Giants to victory in the Super Bowl XLII Championship 2008; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coughlin, through his personal and professional successes is a source of pride and admiration to the people of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coughlin is an inspiration and role model to our young people in Seneca County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and congratulates Coach Tom Coughlin for his dedication as Head Coach to the New York Giants and victory win for Super Bowl XLII Championship 2008.

New Business

Mr. Kaiser made a motion to suspend the rules of order to introduce a resolution not previously filed with the Clerk of the Board. A second was made by Mr. Terryberry. The motion was carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY FOR SAMPSON  
MEMORIAL VETERANS CEMETERY**

RESOLUTION NO. 101-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Same and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, there is limited interment space at national and state Veterans Cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, the former training facility at Sampson Naval and Air Base in Romulus, New York, Seneca County holds special, symbolic meaning to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Korean War Veterans, the New York State Council of Veterans Organizations, Sampson World War II Navy Veterans, and the Sampson Air Force Veterans have all advocated for the development of a cemetery at Sampson; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the memory of veterans who have made personal sacrifices in the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, through his efforts, Senator Michael F. Nozzolio has secured grant monies through Empire State Development for the purpose of acquiring and developing property to develop for the Sampson Memorial Veterans Cemetery to be located at the former Sampson Naval and Air Base in Romulus; and

WHEREAS the property proposed for such project is described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Romulus, County of Seneca, State of New York, being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly boundary of New York State Route 96A, said point being S 37°-22'58" E, a distance of 1080.95 feet from the most northerly corner of 435.7 acre parcel of land now or formerly of Empire State Development Corporation; thence from said Point of Beginning S 37°-22'-58" E, along said southwesterly boundary of New York State Route 96A a distance of 350.00 feet to a point; thence through said lands now or formerly of Empire State Development Corporation following ten (10) courses and distances:(1) S 52°-40'-45" W, a distance of 548.12 feet to a point;(2) S 12°-33'-15" W, a distance of 575.32 feet to a point; (3) S 11°-21'-22" E, a distance of 2250.15 feet to a point; (4) S 35°-45'-05" W, a -2 a distance of 807.05 feet to a point; (5) S 89°-23'-45" W, a distance of 1111.48 feet to a point; (6) N 17°-55'-23" W, a distance of 1685.84 feet to a point; (7) N 08°-49'-10" W, a distance of 900.26 feet to a point; (8) N 00°-35'-47" E, a distance of 824.88 feet to a point; (9) N 18°-50'-49" E, a distance of 517.83 feet to a point; and (10) N 55°-44'-47" W, a distance of 368.13 feet to a point on the northerly boundary of said lands now or formerly of Empire State Development corporation; thence N 61°-13'-53" E, along said northerly boundary, a distance of 394.20 feet to a point;

thence through said lands now or formerly of Empire State Development Corporation the following four (4) courses and distances: (1) S 56°-41'-58" E, a distance of 352.23 feet to a point; (2) S 60°-03'-04" E, a distance of 651.31 feet to a point; (3) N 85°-00'-42" E, a distance of 680.04 feet to a point; and (4) N 52°-40'-45" E, a distance of 492.71 feet to a point of beginning, containing 162.1 acres of land more or less; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism committee on April 8, 2008; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman to sign all documents necessary to authorize conveyance of the property from the Office of General Services to Seneca County.

Mrs. Amidon announced a meeting of the Government Operations Committee following adjournment of the board meeting for the purpose of discussion changing the board meeting time to 7:30 p.m.

Special Order of the Day

As no further business was before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.