

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 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

Mrs. Amidon requested that the Ruiz Family be remembered. They suffered the death of two children within two weeks. Their son, Mike V, a ninth-grade student at Waterloo, died after a five year battle with a heart condition. Their daughter, Tannya, a Waterloo High School sophomore, unexpectedly passed away.

Presentations

a. Michael Mirras, Public Defender, addressed the Board of Supervisors with a report on the Seneca County Public Defender's Office. Mr. Mirras said that the Public Defender's Offices represent clients in the Justice Courts, County Court, Drug Court, and Family Court. Clients are from Five Points Prison, Willard Drug Treatment Center, Seneca County Probation, and referred by private attorneys. Inmates at Willard are parolees who are entitled to hearings which are 100% reimbursable by the State and the hearings are held at Five Points Prison. Eligibility is for public defender representation is determined by the probation department, except for cases in Family Court, where eligibility is determined by the judge. Cases that may create a conflict of interest, for example, two co-defendants are eligible for representation, assigned counsel is used. This is the largest budgetary expense in the public defender's budget.

b. Frank Fisher, County Attorney, addressed the Board of Supervisors with a report on the Seneca County Law Department. Mr. Fisher said that the Law Department is responsible for all legal affairs for Seneca County. It is unique compared to other counties because it incorporates the Human Services attorney into one department. The County Attorney's Office is legal advisor to the Board of Supervisors and county departments. It covers a broad range of legal issues such as municipal, criminal, estate, trust, and bankruptcy. The County Law Department has prepared cases for Supreme Court, Surrogate, Court, Family Court, and Appeals Court. Issues involving child protective issues and the child support cases are also handled by the Law Department.

Submission of Claims for Audit

Mr. Barto made a motion that the following vouchers, having gone through the proper auditing process be approved for payment. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Supervisors vouchers	#527 - 888	totaling	\$	497,275.77
OFA vouchers	#109 - 166	totaling	\$	96,736.21
Workforce Development vouchers	#28 - 43	totaling	\$	20,014.91
Insurance vouchers	#12 - 19	totaling	\$	216,939.80
Sheriff vouchers	#55 - 92 #94 - 130	totaling	\$	56,649.14
County Airport vouchers	#16 - 23	totaling	\$	4,997.33
E 911 Capital Project	#1	totaling	\$	18,129.67
Highway Capital vouchers	#3 - 4	totaling		12,064.09
Highway Transportation vouchers				0
Maintenance & State Snow	#52 - 72	totaling	\$	178,931.57
Highway Machinery	#68 - 97	totaling	\$	48,628.57
		Highway Total	\$	1,150,367.06

Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes for the Board of Supervisors regular meeting on January 22, 2008 and February 12, 2008 were approved by a majority vote on a motion made by Mrs. Amidon and seconded by Mr. Kaiser.

Reports of Standing Committees

Public Works Committee – Mr. Davidson, Chairman reported that the committee recommended the purchase of a 6-wheel dump truck and a 6-wheel crew cab truck for the Highway Department. Both vehicles would be purchased from the NYS Contract. The Board of Supervisors would vote on the recommendation at the March 25 meeting.

Indian Affairs Committee – Mr. Same, Chairman, reported that Article 78 was denied by NYS Supreme Court. Article 78 sought an order directing the Department of Taxation and Finance to immediately enforce Sections 471-e and 482-e of the Tax Law, which direct the Department to pre-collect these taxes from wholesale distributors that deliver to the tribes.

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee – Mr. Kaiser, Chairman, reported that the committee recommended the following: approval of a CDBG loan for a business in Seneca Falls; and the appointment of Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Reynolds as Board of Supervisors’ representatives on the Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Mr. Kaiser also said that he attended a Geneva City Counsel meeting, where the Counsel discussed the proposed ethanol plant in Romulus. Mr. Kaiser said that the Counsel passed a resolution for requesting the Seneca County IDA to rescind its negative declaration and

reconsider a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) regarding the proposed ethanol plant. Mr. Kaiser stated that he was of the opinion that some of the information regarding the ethanol plant and an EIS was incorrect. He proposed an informational session be scheduled to improve communication regarding the ethanol plant. He suggested that the Mayor Theodore Young of the Village of Waterloo be included in the planning of such a session.

Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee – Mr. Barto, Chairman, reported that the committee recommended a resolution be adopted by the Board of Supervisors opposing the practice of NYS passing costs for state programs to county government and our property taxpayers.

Chairman's Remarks

With the Board of Supervisors meeting convening at 8:00 p.m., Chairman Lafler thanked the crowd and the staff for attending the meeting. He explained that the new time was because the Committees required more time to meet and review any issues brought before the committees.

County Manager's Remarks

Ms. Sinclair said that interest has been received regarding the search for a Director of Planning and Community Development.

County Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Fisher commented on a news article in the Finger Lakes Times regarding a federal lawsuit filed against Seneca County on behalf of seven individuals. Mr. Fisher said that Seneca County had not yet been served. At this time, based on the article, it would appear that the action was filed in Federal Court.

Communications

41. From the State of New York Public Service Commission, a copy of CASE 07-C-1486, A Proceeding to Investigate and Evaluate Options for Making Additional Central Office Codes Available in the 315 Area Code Region.

42. From Justin Miller, Harris Beach, a copy of a letter dated February 22, 2008 to Anna M Morgan, Assessor of Varick, a listing of a PILOT Agreement between Finger Lakes Technologies and Seneca County Industrial Development Agency.

43. From Seneca County IDA, a copy of a letter from Stephen Dennis to The Honorable Brian M. Kolb dated March 5, 2008, opposing A.8703 (Hoyt) legislation and urging opposition.

44. From NaCO, a copy of a letter to Dr. Dresser dated February 27, 2008, confirming Dr. Dresser's nomination to the NaCO steering committee of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs.

45. From Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District, a copy of January 28, 2008 meeting minutes.

46. From Seneca County IDA, a copy of a draft of February 7, 2008 annual meeting minutes.

47. From Finger Lakes Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a copy of January 16, 2008 teleconference meeting minutes.

48. From Seneca County Health Department, a copy of February 20, 2008 meeting minutes.

49. From NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, a copy of a letter dated February 20, 2008 to Mr. Chuck Lafler stating NYSDEC is interested in acquiring public fishing rights easements along Canoga Creek in the Town of Fayette to renew their stocking program for brook trout. Referred to the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism committee.

Resolutions and Motions

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE A 2008 FORD ESCAPE
RESOLUTION NO. 67-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department recommends the purchase of a 2008 Ford Escape from NY State Contract PC62962 at a cost of \$ 16,849; and

WHEREAS, this vehicle will be used by Environmental Health staff for purposes of traveling to field inspections; and

WHEREAS, currently the Environmental Health staff has one vehicle used by four full-time field staff; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this vehicle will reduce the mileage reimbursement needed when staff use their own vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this purchase will begin a vehicle replacement plan of a new vehicle every four to five years; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available in the 2008 Public Health Budget in account 10-115-5-4010-2600; and

WHEREAS, thirty-six percent (\$6,065) of this purchase will be offset by state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Services Committee has reviewed and recommended authorization to purchase a 2008 Ford Escape vehicle; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Health Department is authorized to purchase a 2008 Ford Escape from NY State Contract PC62962

APPOINTMENTS TO SENECA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 68-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Same and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee on February 26, 2008; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby appoint David M. Kaiser, Supervisor from the Town of Romulus, and Michael Reynolds, Supervisor from the Town of Covert, to serve on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board as Board of Supervisors representatives for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2008.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 69-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, in 2007 a contract was signed with Cooperative Extension for work on review and recertification of the Northern and Central Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, the invoice for this work in the amount of two-thousand-six-hundred-twenty-five dollars (\$2,625.00) was received after the last warrant in 2007, and no funds were included in the Economic Development and Planning Budget for 2008 for this expenditure; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee on February 26, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Treasurer to transfer two-thousand-six-hundred-twenty-five dollars (\$2,625.00) from the Contingency Account #19904700 to the Economic Development and Planning Account #10-135-5-8020-4-370 (Consulting Services).

SUPERVISORS ACCEPT BID FOR VINYL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS FOR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 70-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Dr. Dresser and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the County, as part of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Weatherization Assistance Program, duly solicited bids for vinyl replacement windows for up to 75 united inches, 76-101 united inches and 101+ united inches; and

WHEREAS, one bid has been received; and

WHEREAS, funds have been approved in the 2008 Seneca County Weatherization Program Budget (100% state and federal aid); and

WHEREAS, South Seneca Vinyl, LLC, having principal offices at 1585 Yale Farm Road, Romulus, NY was the sole bidder; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby award the 2008-09 Weatherization program bid for vinyl replacement windows to South Seneca Vinyl, LLC having its principal offices at 1585 Yale Farm Road, Romulus, NY, as follows:

Up to 75 UI \$115.00

76-101 UI \$140.00

Over 101 UI \$2.50 per inch

**SUPERVISORS ACCEPT BID FOR TUNE AND CLEAN OF OIL FIRED HEATING SYSTEMS
FOR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 71-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Dr. Dresser and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the County, as part of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Weatherization Assistance Program, duly solicited bids for the completion of tuning and cleaning of oil fired heating systems, including performance of Steady State Efficiency Tests; and

WHEREAS, one bid has been received from All Pro Heating and Air Conditioning, having principal offices at 5666 State Route 414, Romulus, NY; and

WHEREAS, funds have been approved in the 2008 Seneca County Weatherization Program Budget (100% state & federal aid); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby award the 2008-09 Weatherization Program bid for the completion of tuning and cleaning of oil fired heating systems, including performance of Steady State Efficiency Tests to All Pro Heating and Air Conditioning, having principal offices at 5666 State Route, 414, Romulus, NY, as follows: \$109.50 per unit.

**SUPERVISORS ACCEPT BID FOR TUNE AND CLEAN OF PROPANE FIRED HEATING
SYSTEMS FOR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 72-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Same and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the County, as part of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Weatherization Assistance Program, duly solicited bids for the completion of tuning and cleaning of propane fired heating systems, including performance of Steady State Efficiency Tests; and

WHEREAS, one bid has been received from All Pro Heating and Air Conditioning, having principal offices at 5666 State Route 414, Romulus, NY; and

WHEREAS, funds have been approved in the 2008 Seneca County Weatherization Program budget (100% state & federal aid); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby award the 2008-09 Weatherization Program bid for the completion of tuning and cleaning of propane fired heating systems, including performance of Steady State Efficiency Tests to All Pro Heating and Air Conditioning, having principal offices at 5666 State Route, 414, Romulus, NY, as follows: \$89.00 per unit.

**SUPERVISORS ACCEPT BID FOR TUNE AND CLEAN OF NATURAL GAS FIRED HEATING
SYSTEMS FOR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 73-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the County, as part of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Weatherization Assistance Program, duly solicited bids for the completion of tuning and cleaning of natural gas fired heating systems, including performance of Steady State Efficiency Tests; and

WHEREAS, one bid has been received from All Pro Heating and Air Conditioning, having principal offices at 5666 State Route 414, Romulus, NY; and

WHEREAS, funds have been approved in the 2008 Seneca County Weatherization Program Budget (100% state & federal aid; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby award the 2008-09 Weatherization Program bid for the completion of tuning and cleaning of natural gas fired heating systems, including performance of Steady State Efficiency Tests to All Pro Heating and Air Conditioning, having principal offices at 5666 State Rte, 414, Romulus, NY, as follows: \$89.00 per unit.

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS URGES THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO
OPPOSE THE PROPOSED SHIFT OF 100 PERCENT OF THE COST OF
JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES TO COUNTIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 74-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Kaiser and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors opposes the unprecedented 2008-09 Executive Budget proposal that ends the state/local partnership in funding the costs associated with operating local detention facilities by requiring counties to assume 100 percent of the cost; and

WHEREAS, under the 2008-09 Executive Budget proposal, effective April 1, 2008, counties will assume the full cost of youth placed by the Family Court in secure and non-secure detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State reimbursed the counties fifty percent for secure and non-secure detention costs, but by shifting the cost completely to the counties, the State's estimated savings for this initiative is \$35.4 million; and

WHEREAS, there will be an estimated increase cost of \$54,391 to Seneca County taxpayers under the proposed legislation, and

WHEREAS, the policy rationale behind this cost-shift is the State's recommendation that counties find alternative, diversion programs for these youth, such as community-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, there is rarely any possibility of diversion or other community-based alternatives for a youth who has been placed in a secure detention facility; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation constitutes a break in a state/local partnership, where local property taxpayers will be directly impacted and at the time of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the State is currently in the process of closing many of their state owned and operated secure detention facilities, which will result in immediate state savings; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature to oppose this policy and fiscal shift of 100 percent of the cost of juvenile detention facilities to counties, and to focus on strengthening, not severing, the local/state partnership and that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Spitzer, Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman Kolb, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS URGES THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO
OPPOSE THE PROPOSED SHIFT OF THE STATE'S HISTORIC SHARE OF PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 75-08, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors believes that the 2008-09 Executive Budget has broken a historic, fundamental state/local partnership by proposing to increase the county share of public assistance by two percent, while simultaneously decreasing the state share by two percent; and

WHEREAS, this shift in cost sets a policy from the Governor that mandates local property taxpayers increase their taxes for public assistance, while the State saves itself \$40.5 million per year; and

WHEREAS, this will be an additional cost of \$13,204 in Seneca County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, since 1938, counties and New York State have equally shared in the cost of public assistance at a 50 percent state, 50 percent local split for this program; and

WHEREAS, the 2008-09 Executive Budget proposes to break this historic state/local fiscal partnership by shifting a portion of the State's cost for the Family Assistance and the Safety Net program; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget includes another serious impact to counties by implementing a local share for the cost of carving out two-parent families from the federal work participation rates, by removing the local district hold-harmless provision; and

WHEREAS, this carve-out of the two parent families will save the state approximately \$7.5 million per year, but directly, negatively impact county budgets; and, therefore be it

WHEREAS, this will be an additional cost of \$5,438 to Seneca County taxpayers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors opposes any legislation or administrative policy increasing the local share of public assistance and "two-parent carve-out" that

changes the fundamental promise Governor Spitzer made to the counties of New York State concerning ongoing, historic state and local partnerships; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Spitzer, Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman Kolb, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**SUPERVISORS SUPPORT TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO REFILL VACANT
CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION**

RESOLUTION NO. 76-08, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mr. Mooney and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requests leave to reorganize the administrative leadership in the department; and

WHEREAS, this reorganization includes the filling of position of Chief Deputy Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has demonstrated that the necessary funds are available for the remainder of 2008; and

WHEREAS, this re-organization will also allow a current Investigator to be promoted to LT of CID Unit; a current Deputy to be promoted to Investigator; and open a full-time Deputy position, resulting in no additional funding requests to cover these expenditures other than the presented cost savings; the above said position changes will be implemented under the current hiring policy dealing with promotions within a department; and

WHEREAS, the proposed re-organization plan was reviewed and recommended by the Board of Supervisors' oversight committees for Public Safety, Finance, and Personnel; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Seneca County Sheriff to fill the currently vacant position of Chief Deputy at the pay scale indicated for Grade 6, Step 5; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Treasurer to transfer the funds necessary to support said positions as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-110-5-3150-1100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$26,280
10-110-5-3150-8100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 2,891
10-110-5-3150-8300	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 2,010
10-110-5-3150-8400	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 502
10-110-5-3150-8600	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 2,720
10-110-5-3113-1100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 8,920
10-110-5-3110-8600	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 1,865
10-110-5-3150-1100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 5,674
10-110-5-3150-8100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 624
10-110-5-3150-8300	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 434
10-110-5-3150-8400	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 109

10-110-5-3114-1100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 410
10-110-5-3147-1100	10-110-5-3110-1100	\$ 3,929
10-110-5-3147-1100	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 575
10-110-5-3147-1100	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 495
10-110-5-3114-8100	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 55
10-110-5-3114-8300	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 39
10-110-5-3147-8300	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 345
10-110-5-3114-8400	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 10
10-110-5-3147-8400	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 86
10-110-5-3114-8600	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 3,493
10-110-5-3113-1100	10-110-5-3110-8100	\$ 1,102
10-110-5-3113-1100	10-110-5-3110-8300	\$ 4,312
10-110-5-3113-1100	10-110-5-3110-8400	\$ 1,076

**MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE
A 2008 DODGE CARAVAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 77-08, moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health would like to recommends the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Caravan off NY State Contract PC63772 at a cost of \$17,060; and

WHEREAS, the purpose is to replace a 1999 Dodge van with 170,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, the van is used to transport clients to and from appointments at the Mental Health Clinics in both Waterloo and Ovid; and

WHEREAS, this purchase will set the department up on a vehicle replacement plan of a new vehicle every four to five years; and

WHEREAS; there are funds available in 2008 Mental Health budget in account 10-115-5-4320-2600 for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, fifty percent of this purchase will be off set by state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors' oversight committee for Mental Health Services has reviewed and recommended the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Caravan; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Caravan for the Mental Health Department from NY State Contract PC63772.

New Business

Mr. Barto moved to suspend the rules of order to introduce a resolution not previously filed. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO END THE
PRACTICE OF PASSING COSTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AND OUR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 78-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, unfunded state mandates shift the responsibility and the cost of implementing programs from the state to the local level and force localities to cut existing services or raise property and other local taxes to achieve the additional requirements; and

WHEREAS, state government leaders have acknowledged that high property taxes are a problem for residents and businesses in New York State, making the state less attractive and less competitive; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Budget Commission states that local taxes in New York State are 79% higher than the national average and that state laws result in high local tax burdens; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., reports that nine of the top ten counties nationwide in median real estate taxes as a percentage of median home value are in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has formed a bipartisan commission to make recommendations on a package of reforms that gets at the root causes of what is driving taxes so high, including looking at unfunded mandates on both school districts and municipalities, proposal on how to make our tax relief system fairer to the middle class taxpayer, and a proposal for a fair and effective cap to hold the line on school district property taxes, with said commission due to report its findings in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has previously recommended that state policy makers should strive to forge a stronger state/local partnership by eliminating unnecessary state requirements, make the state more responsive by requiring state payment of mandates it deems essential and to establish alternative methods for performance and implementation; and

WHEREAS, while awaiting the recommendations of the Governor's commission on ways to reduce the high property taxes in New York State, state policy makers should refrain from making the problem worse by shifting costs from the state's 2008-2009 budgets to county budgets and our property taxpayers; and

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and State Legislature to end the practice of passing costs for state programs on to county government and our property taxpayers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of New York State, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.