

Seneca County Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Barto called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

All fourteen members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call

Public Hearing

a. Seneca County 2008 Tentative Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008. The maximum amount of compensation that may be fixed and payable for said fiscal year to members of the Board of Supervisors of said County thereof is as follows: 12 members - \$10,252 each, Finance Chair - \$12,481, Chairman - \$13,962. Any resident of the County is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Mrs. Teichner made a motion to open the floor for public comments. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion. The motion was carried. No comments were presented. Mrs. Amidon made a motion to close the public hearing. Dr. Dresser seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Presentation

a. 2008 Strategic Tourism Plan For Seneca County, Gene Pierce, Chair of the Chamber Tourism Committee and SCACOT. A copy of the plan was filed with the Office of the Clerk or the Board.

Petitioners

- a. Reverend David Milhay – Two Systems of Justice in Seneca County
- b. Seneca County Sponsorship of Culinary Bounty, Phyllis Motill presented a plaque in appreciation for Seneca County's sponsorship of Culinary Bounty.

Submission of Claims for Audit

Mr. Anglim made a motion to approve the following vouchers for payment. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Supervisors vouchers	#3727 - 4111	totaling	\$	904,229.88
OFA vouchers	#642 - 674	totaling	\$	58,569.58
Workforce Development vouchers	#213 - 228	totaling	\$	20,533.12
Insurance vouchers	#68 - 72	totaling	\$	8,176.67
County Airport vouchers	#90 - 98	totaling	\$	4,431.00
Airport Capital vouchers	#3 - 4	Totaling	\$	33,984.81
Jail Capital Project vouchers	#238	totaling	\$	846.85

Sheriff Department	#576 - 626	totaling	\$	128,004.99
Highway Transportation vouchers				
Maintenance & State Snow	#333 - 357	totaling	\$	45,402.67
Highway Machinery	#422 - 460	totaling	\$	56,084.44
		Highway Total	\$	101,487.11

Reports of Standing Committees

Mike Reynolds, Supervisor, Town of Covert, announced that the 2007 Youth Service Award was awarded John Alsheimer, recently retired Social Studies teacher for South Seneca Central School

Public Safety Committee, Robert Shipley, Chair, reported that the committee recommended board resolutions for acceptance of grant money for radio repeaters and for training of volunteers for the C.E.R.T. program.

Indian Affairs Committee, David Dresser, Chair, announced that New York State Association of Counties appointed him as a representative on the NYSAC Indian Affairs Committee.

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee, David Kaiser, Chair reported that the committee recommended the appointment of Dan Motill as a member of the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance Board and the appointment of Fred Gaffney, Thomas Macinski, and Ken Riemer to the IDA Board.

Government Operations Committee - Dale Smith, Chair, reported that the committee set the dates for the year-end meeting for the Board of Supervisors and the 2008 re-organization meeting.

Chairman's Remarks

The topic of Chairman Barto's remarks is "Looking Back, Looking Forward". A copy was filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

As the year 2007 draws near to a close, the Board of Supervisors can look to a number of successes over the past year as well as a number of challenges ahead.

First and foremost, I am proud of the way that the Supervisors have, largely put aside partisan differences and worked together for the good of Seneca County. Certainly, there have been disagreements from time to time. However, from where I sit, those disagreements were based on legitimate policy and philosophical differences, not on personalities or politics, as had sometimes been the case in past years.

As a result of working together, the board saw a number of major successes during 2007.

One such success was the long awaited opening of the new law enforcement center. While operating this new facility certainly brings challenges, it also brings increased opportunity, such as the potential to house inmates from other counties.

In addition, the new jail is another example of the county's efforts to revitalize the former Seneca Army Depot. Once again that facility is an economic engine for the county, given the Five Points Correctional Facility, Hillside Children's Center, The Advantage Group and the Finger Lakes Technologies Group. In fact, I am proud to say that there are now more than 1,500 jobs at the facility. And, there's still more to come. Along with the ethanol plant at the former depot, we have projects pending in the North End of the county, such as Loews in Waterloo and the revitalization of the former Seneca Knit Mill. And, of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the new gas plant at Seneca Meadows' industrial park.

Besides economic development, we've seen successes that directly impact our residents in other ways. Recently, for example, the county partnered with ProAct Pharmacy Services to bring a discount prescription drug plan to all county residents at no cost to the taxpayers. In addition, this evening the board will be taking another step towards possible consolidation of municipal services, promising to save taxpayers additional money. Of course, this year also brought challenges. One of the most notable was the ongoing story of the indictments brought against several members of the Seneca County Sheriff's Department. However, with the election of a new Sheriff and Undersheriff, I am hopeful that the county can begin to put this unfortunate story behind us and move forward with protecting the community.

In addition, local taxes, fueled by state mandates, failures to collect Indian sales taxes and other issues outside our complete control, will always be a challenge.

None of these challenges are insurmountable however, especially if we continue to work together. As the legendary Bob Dylan sang "Shake the dust off of your feet, don't look back. Nothing now can hold you down, nothing that you lack."

I for one, look forward to the challenges and promise of 2008. You have my promise that I will do everything I can to see that the board continues to live up to each. I hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Communications

280. A copy of the Town of Lodi adopted budget for 2008.
281. A copy of the Town of Seneca Falls adopted budget for 2008.
282. A copy of the Town of Junius adopted budget for 2008.
283. A copy of Seneca County Planning Board November 8, 2007 meeting minutes.
284. A copy of Seneca County IDA November 1, 2007 meeting minutes.
285. A copy of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board Annual Report for program year July 1, 2006 to June 20, 2007.

286. A copy of Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Executive Committee October 25, 2007 meeting minutes.
287. A copy of Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District October 22, 2007 meeting minutes.
288. From Fulton County and Schuyler County governing bodies, a certified copy of a resolution supporting the Federal Bill H.R. 326 titled, "Medicaid County Protection Act of 2007".
289. From Suzanne Sinclair, a letter dated November 19, 2007 accepting the position of County Manager, for the County of Seneca, effective January 1, 2008.
290. From Joan Teichner, Supervisor, Town of Varick, County of Seneca, a copy of a letter to Commissioner Grannis, NYS DEC, opposing the designation of the Seneca IDA as lead agency for the L. M. Sessler Excavating and Wrecking, Inc. project at the former army depot.
291. From the Finger Lakes Future Alliance, a copy of an informational packet and letter dated December 3, 2007, to Commissioner Grannis, requesting the DEC to re-establish the lead agency for the project entitled Empire Green Biofuels.
292. From Stephen L. Dennis, Executive Director, Seneca County IDA, a letter dated December 5, 2007 to Commissioner Grannis, NYS DEC, stating that the IDA received preliminary documentation from L. M. Sessler, and expected to initiate the intended coordinated review to establish lead agency by December 7, 2007
293. From Stephen L. Dennis, Executive Director, Seneca County IDA, a Notice of Intent dated December 6, 2007 to Establish the IDA as Lead Agency for the L. M. Sessler Excavating and Wrecking, Inc. Project at the former Seneca Army Depot.
294. From Hank Berke and Annette Reynolds, emails dated December 5 and December 5 respectfully, opposing any plans to create a "canned hunt park" at the former army depot in Romulus.
295. From Andrew Page, Director, Hunting Campaign, Humane Society of the United States, Washington D.C., an email opposing any plans to create a "canned hunt park" at the former army depot in Romulus.
296. From NYS Emergency Manager Office, notice of accepting Letter of Intent for a third mitigation program sponsored by FEMA entitled, the FY 2008 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
297. From the NYS Office of Homeland Security, notice of grant award in the amount of \$46,7000 under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) provided by FEMA. Referred to the Public Safety and Public Health Committees.
298. From the NYS Dept. of Transportation, notice of application availability for the Safe Routes to School Program. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Resolutions and Motions

RESOLUTION SETTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER

RESOLUTION NO. 295-07, moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, a county engineer position was created with the intent that other municipalities within the county, as well as their local agencies, and the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency, be able to utilize the engineer's services on a per hour basis; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has recommended that, currently, the rate be set at \$45.00 per hour, in order to cover the engineer's current salary and benefits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes other municipalities within the county, as well as their local agencies, and the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency, be able to utilize the engineer's services on a per-hour basis at an hourly rate of \$45.00;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board may, by like resolution, terminate or amend this service and/fee schedule at any time in the future.

**SUPERVISORS DIRECT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN GRANT
FROM NYS-DOT FOR ENHANCEMENT GRANT FUNDING OF
CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL TRAIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 296-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail, P.I.N. 395025 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 78.4% federal funds and 21.6% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Seneca adopted Resolution 194-03 supporting the Trail and indicating that it would advance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Design and Construction and appropriated \$535,969 to be made available to cover the cost; and

WHEREAS, the County of Seneca wishes to reiterate its support of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Committee on November 27, 2007; now; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, Certifications or Reimbursement Requests for Federal Aid on behalf of the County of Seneca with the NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project and providing for the administration of the project and the municipality's first

instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid-eligible project costs and all project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the project.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
FINGER LAKES TOURISM ALLIANCE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 297-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Dr. Dresser and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance is the Regional Tourism Organization; and

WHEREAS, this organization requires a representative from each of the 14 Counties; and

WHEREAS, this representative is to be appointed by the County's Legislative Governing Body for a three (3) year term; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee on November 27, 2007; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Dan Motill, of Ovid, New York, be appointed to the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance Board for a three (3) year term as the representative for the County of Seneca.

**SUPERVISORS REQUEST NYS COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO
RE-CERTIFY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #6**

RESOLUTION NO. 298-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, Seneca County Agricultural District #6, located in the Town of Seneca Falls, was originally created in 1973, and was subsequently re-certified with modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee on December 11, 2007; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors finds that there is no significant adverse environmental impact to the re-certification of Agricultural District #6, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors request the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets re-certify Agricultural District #8 including inclusion of all properties in Agricultural Districts #2, #9, #10, and #11, inclusion of tax parcels 452400-14-1-14.1, and 452400-14-1-07.11 and removal of tax parcels 452400-05-1-13.111, 453400-05-1-17.12, 453400-04-1-05, 453400-08-1-01.11, 453400-03-1-12.12, 453400-03-1-12.11, 453400-03-1-11, 453400-08-1-01.12,

453400-08-1-04, 452400-14-1-22, 452400-13-1-17.1, 453889-16-1-76, 453889-16-1-69.1, 453889-16-1-69.2, 453889-16-1-69, 453889-16-1-69.5, 453889-19-1-01.211, 453889-16-1-71, 453889-16-1-69.6, 453889-16-1-69.72, 453889-16-1-69.7, and 453889-16-1-69.4

**SUPERVISORS REQUEST NYS COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO
RE-CERTIFY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #8**

RESOLUTION NO. 299-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, Seneca County Agricultural District #8, located in the Towns of Fayette, Romulus and Varick, was originally created in 1973, and was subsequently re-certified with modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors did hold a Public Hearing on November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee on December 11, 2007; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors finds that there is no significant adverse environmental impact to the re-certification of Agricultural District #8; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors request the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets re-certify Agricultural District #8 including inclusion of all properties in Agricultural Districts #1 and #4, inclusion of Tax parcels 453289-37-1-05, 453289-36-1-53, 453289-08-1-13, and 452289-02-1-47 and removal of tax parcels 452289-38-2-35, 452289-37-1-12.112, 452289-37-1-03.2, and 453289-38-2-35.

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES INITIATIVE GRANT TO STUDY CONSOLIDATION OF
BUILDING AND ZONING CODE SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 300-07, moved by Mr. Lafler, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, there is a competitive statewide program through the NYS Department of State to apply for state funding for a one-year grant program to share municipal services and reduce overall service duplication; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in studying the costs and benefits of consolidating the services of building code enforcement and local town and village zoning enforcement at the county level; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the study will be \$120,000, and this grant, if awarded, would provide \$108,000 in funds to hire a professional consultant firm to identify and analyze public and municipal regulations and needs, and develop a set of recommendations of techniques and consolidation

options to improve the service delivery to public while being sensitive to issues of service quality, cost-efficiency, and municipal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Public Health Committee on November 27, 2007; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to sign all necessary documentation to submit this application for the New York State Department of State Shared Municipal Services Initiative grant program.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/CONTRACT WITH ONTARIO COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU AND SENECA COUNTY DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH BUREAU AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE “A PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH GRANT” FUNDING

RESOLUTION NO. 301-07, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mrs. Teichner and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, this agreement between the Ontario County Youth Bureau and Seneca County Division of Human Services will be in effect for the period of December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the four counties of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Youth Bureaus and Workforce Development Departments submitted a grant in April 2006 to the Office of Children and Family Services, Department of Labor to serve forty additional high risk youth throughout the Finger Lakes WIB area, that have not previously been served through the WIA system; and

WHEREAS, in October 2007, Ontario County Youth Bureau was notified that our grant submitted in April 2006 was approved and will receive funding in the amount that was submitted; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant was to incorporate youth development programming into the Workforce Development system in serving this population and the targeted population includes those youth in the foster care system, juvenile justice, runaway homeless youth and those returning from institutional placement; and

WHEREAS, the share of the grant for Seneca County is \$ 72,000 with \$70,000 for Workforce Development and \$2,000 for the Youth Bureau – Administrative; and

WHEREAS, Contractual/Language Particulars are still forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation has been reviewed by the Oversight Committee for Human Services and recommended for full Board approval; now, therefore it be

RESOLVED, Board of Supervisors authorizes the signature and approval of the contract with Seneca County Division of Human Services and Ontario County Youth Bureau for the “A Partnership for Youth Grant Program” subject to County Attorney approval.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN 2008 SENECA COUNTY REINTEGRATION
PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC.**

RESOLUTION NO. 302-07, moved by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Division of Human Services would like to renew the agreement with the Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (YAP) for the Seneca County Reintegration Project; and

WHEREAS, the agency is proposing to serve up to 10 youth at any one time with up to 12.5 youth receiving services annually; and

WHEREAS, YAP will successfully return 85% of the youth back into the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed operating budget for the proposed program is not to exceed \$240,000; and

WHEREAS, this funding is currently available in the 2007 budget, under line item 10-125-5-6070-4747, and planned for in the 2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been reviewed by the Oversight Committee for Human Services and recommended for full Board approval; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board to sign the 2008 Seneca County Reintegration Project agreement with the Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

**SUPERVISORS ACCEPT \$21,379 NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE GRANT TO ENHANCE SENECA COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS**

RESOLUTION NO. 303-07, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mr. Mooney and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) has awarded the Seneca County Emergency Management Office a \$21,379 grant through the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program Citizen Corps Program for the purpose of enhancing Seneca County's Citizen Corps to include a Senior and Citizen Corps collaboration and increase collaboration with the American Red Cross of the Finger Lakes, Seneca County Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide 100% of the funds necessary to expand the Citizen Corps program with recruitment and training for up to 100 new CERT members over a three year period; and

WHEREAS, the grant also provide 100% of the funds necessary to purchase training equipment and supplies for recruitment and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, this request was reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee on December 11, 2007; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all necessary contract documents with the New York State Emergency Management Office; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2008 Seneca County Budget as follows:

Emergency Management Office:

Amend 10-1105-3640-2300 Equipment: + \$2,400

Amend 10-1105-3640-4450 Equipment: + \$8,500

Amend 10-1105-3640-4550 Equipment: + \$4,860

Amend 10-1105-3640-4200 Equipment: + \$5,619

Amend Revenue Account 10-1105-3640-3308: Citizen Corps Grant + \$21,379

**SUPERVISORS ACCEPT \$46,700 NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT FOR MOBILE RADIO REPEATER EQUIPMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 304-07, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Homeland Security has awarded the Seneca County Sheriff's Department a \$46,700 grant through the 2007 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) for the purpose of installing twenty-four mobile radio repeaters into Seneca County Sheriff's Department vehicles in order to improve connectivity with the County's emergency response radio network; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the twenty-four sets of mobile radio repeater equipment is \$46,800, the County's share of the project will be \$100; and

WHEREAS, this equipment allows a law enforcement vehicle's radio to act as a bridge between the responder's personal radio and the emergency response radio network; and

WHEREAS, this request was reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee on December 11, 2007; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all necessary contract documents with the New York State Office of Homeland Security; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2008 Seneca County Budget as follows:

Sheriff's Road Patrol:

Amend 10-1105-3113-2800 Homeland Security Grants + \$46,700

Amend Revenue Account 10-1105-3113-3306: Homeland Security Grants + \$46,700

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES INITIATIVE GRANT
FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE BARN**

RESOLUTION NO. 305-07, moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Teichner and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, there is a competitive statewide program through the New York State Department of State to apply for state funding to share municipal services and reduce overall service duplication; and

WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District and the Seneca County Highway Department have vehicles too large to be repaired within the existing County Maintenance Barn; and

WHEREAS, alternate maintenance sites capable of handling large Seneca County vehicles are located over fifty miles away in Rochester and Dansville; and

WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District and the Seneca County Highway Department currently share services, and have a common property border; and

WHEREAS, the new Seneca County Law Enforcement Center is now within one mile of the proposed Maintenance Barn; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent and County Manager believe that this grant is likely to reduce the cost of future maintenance of County Highway and Sheriff vehicles and Romulus Central School district vehicles by eliminating the fuel cost of transporting vehicles to distant facilities capable of performing the required maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, a new five bay, 7,560 sq. foot facility would be able meet the County's 115 and Romulus's twenty vehicle fleet maintenance needs at an estimated total construction cost of \$675,000; and

WHEREAS, this grant, if awarded, would provide up to \$400,000 for construction costs toward the proposed Maintenance Barn; and

WHEREAS, this grant, if awarded, would require Seneca County to provide the remaining cash toward the project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Committee on November 27, 2007; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to apply for funding for the County Maintenance Barn through the New York State Department of State Shared Municipal Services Initiative grant program.

New Business

Mr. Mooney, Majority Leader, called a Republican caucus immediately following the adjournment of the board meeting.

Mrs. Amidon made a motion to suspend the rules of order. Mr. Lafler made a second. The motion was carried.

**SUPERVISORS AMEND RULES OF THE BOARD FOR YEAR-END MEETING AND
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

RESOLUTION NO. 306-07, moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kaiser and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the rules of the Board as follows: Year-end Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2006 held on December 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. and Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2008 to be held January 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

SUPERVISORS AMEND 2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 307-07, moved by Mr. Anglim, seconded by Dr. Dresser and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the 2008 preliminary budget as follows:

Economic Development & Planning budget:

Increase account 8020.110 - Dr. Com Development & Planning by \$6,810

Increase account 8020.110 - Dep. Director of Econ Dev by \$57,080

Eliminate 8020.110 - Planner (new) by \$31,543

Increase account 8020.810 - Retirement by \$3,396

Increase account 8020.830 - Social Security by \$2,006

Increase account 8020.840 - Workers Comp by \$632

Increase account 8020.870 - Medicare by \$469

Decrease contingent fund account 1990.470 by \$38,850

Mr. Anglim made a motion to adopt the 2008 Tentative Budget as amended, as the Final 2008 Budget for Seneca County. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. T

Mr. Robinson objected to the budget mainly because of the structure of management salary increases, stating that there was a significant difference between top level management and lower level management. Mr. Shipley objected to the estimate of revenue from sales tax. He thought it was too low. Chairman Barto objected to the amount budgeted for the Contingency Fund. He felt that the amount could be cut in half. Mr. Anglim said he was confident in the budget presented and stated that there were several items that were expected to happen in 2008 that the County needed to prepare for financially. He cited pending lawsuits, a decrease in the tobacco settlement agreement, and the uncertainty of the amount of revenue collected from in-housing of inmates.

After all comments from the supervisors were heard, Chairman Barto called the question.

SUPERVISORS ADOPT 2008 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 308-07, moved by Mr. Anglim, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted by 497 ayes (Anglim, Amidon, Smith, Davidson, Dresser, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Teichner, Mooney) and 253 nays (Reynolds, Barto, Robinson, Shipley).

WHEREAS, the Tentative Budget for the year 2008 has been duly presented to the Board of Supervisors by the budget officer, and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 269 of the County Law, said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised and amended, be and hereby is adopted as the budget for Seneca County for the year 2008.

**SUPERVISORS AWARD BID FOR PRINTING THE
2008 SENECA COUNTY VISITORS GUIDE**

RESOLUTION NO. 309-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Mooney and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, five bids have been received for the printing of the 2008 Seneca County Visitors Guide; and

WHEREAS, Vanguard Printing, LLC, has met the requirements of the procurement specifications and has submitted the lowest bid; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby award the bid for the printing of the 2008 Seneca County Visitors Guide to Vanguard Printing LLC., P.O. Box 4560, Ithaca, NY 14852-4560 for the amount not to exceed \$23,844.79.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AWARD SENECA COUNTY TOURISM
WEBSITE DESIGN AND HOSTING TO SPIDER GRAPHICS, ITHACA, NY**

RESOLUTION NO. 310-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Mooney and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors acknowledge the importance of the Tourism Website; and

WHEREAS, the SCACOT committee has reviewed the three presentations for the design & hosting; and

WHEREAS, Spider Graphics was the best provider for this project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee on December 11, 2007; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors awards the design and hosting of the Seneca County tourism website; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this be awarded to Spider Graphics Corporation, 950 Danby Road, Suite 106, Ithaca, NY 14850; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby authorized the appropriation of the sum of \$21,400 from the matching funds budget for purposes of funding such website and website design.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AS
A CO-APPLICANT WITH THE TOWNS OF FAYETTE AND VARICK TO THE SHARED
MUNICIPAL SERVICES INCENTIVE (SMSI) GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2007-2008**

RESOLUTION NO. 311-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Same and unanimously adopted by 750 ayes.

RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Supervisors of Seneca County authorizes the Chairman, Edward Barto, to submit an application as a Co-Applicant with the Towns of Fayette and Varick to the Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) Grant Program for the 2007-2008 Program Year.
2. The Town of Fayette shall act as the "Lead Applicant" for the SMSI grant application, and the Town of Varick and Seneca County will act as "Co-Applicants."
3. The Board of Supervisors authorizes Chairman Barto to execute all financial and /or administrative processes relating to the grant program.
4. The grant application shall be submitted for a "Shared Municipal Services Incentive" award that would enable the Towns of Fayette and Varick to work together with Seneca County to jointly construct the Fayette-Varick Water Improvement Project. The project has been planned to provide public water to residents of the two Towns who are in dire need of public water. The construction of the improvements would benefit Seneca County as it would reduce annual operating and maintenance costs associated with the Route 89 water district and eliminate the need for the County to invest \$555,000 for water improvements if a connection were made to the joint Fayette-Varick project were built.
5. The estimated cost of the proposed Fayette-Varick Water Improvement Project is \$2,940,000. The Towns have been awarded a \$600,000 Small Cities grant and are requesting \$600,000 in SMSI funding for the project. The local share of the project cost is \$1,740,000.
6. The Town of Fayette is committed to providing 57.8 percent of the local share of the project cost, or \$1,005,720.
7. The Town of Varick is committed to providing 42.2 percent of the local share of the project cost, or \$734,280.

8. Seneca County is not anticipating making any contribution to the local share of the project cost.
9. The source of the funds to pay each Town's local share will come from the assessment of a benefit charge against properties within each water district in Fayette and Varick.
10. The Town of Fayette will issue a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$2,340,000 in order to have the funds on hand to pay for the construction of the project. Fayette will request reimbursement from the State for \$600,000 and \$734,280 from the Town of Varick to be used with its local share of \$1,005,720 to retire the BAN.
11. The Town of Fayette will work with the Town of Varick and Seneca County to prepare and execute an inter-municipal agreement setting forth individual responsibilities for the implementation of the project including, but not limited to, the required financial commitments and the design and construction of the project.

Mr. Kaiser made a motion to appoint Kenneth Riemer to the IDA Board. A second was made by Mr. Mooney. The floor was open for discussion.

Dr. Dresser made a motion to table the appointments of the three members to the IDA Board, who were recommended by the oversight committee and IDA Board. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion. The motion was defeated by 648 nays (Reynolds, Barto, Smith, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Anglim, Teichner, Mooney, Robinson, Shipley) and 102 ayes (Dresser, Amidon, Davidson).

SUPERVISORS APPOINT KENNETH RIEMER TO THE

SENECA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 312-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Mooney and adopted by 608 ayes (Kaiser, Mooney, Reynolds, Barto, Smith, Same, Lafler, Anglim, Robinson, Shipley) and 91 nays (Davidson, Amidon, Teichner), and 51 abstentions (Dresser).

WHEREAS, the Seneca County IDA Board has recommended the appointment of Kenneth Riemer as a member of Seneca County IDA Board; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Riemer is a resident of the County of Seneca and proprietor and president of Buttonwood Grove Winery, LLC, located in the Town of Romulus; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Kenneth Riemer as a member of the Seneca County IDA Board.

SUPERVISORS APPOINT FRED GAFFNEY TO THE

SENECA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 313-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Robinson and adopted by 384 ayes (Kaiser, Robinson, Reynolds, Smith, Anglim, Mooney, Shipley) and 244 nays (Barto, Davidson, Lafler, Amidon, Teichner), and 122 abstentions (Dresser, Same).

WHEREAS, the Seneca County IDA Board has recommended the appointment of Fred Gaffney as a member of Seneca County IDA Board; and

WHEREAS, Fred Gaffney is a resident of the County of Seneca and is the executive director of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Fred Gaffney as a member of the Seneca County IDA Board.

**SUPERVISORS APPOINT G. THOMAS MACINSKI TO THE
SENECA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 314-07, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Smith and adopted by 679 ayes (Kaiser, Smith, Reynolds, Barto, Davidson, Same, Lafler, Anglim, Teichner, Mooney, Shipley, Robinson) and 71 abstentions (Dresser, Amidon).

WHEREAS, the Seneca County IDA Board has recommended the appointment of G. Thomas Macinski as a member of Seneca County IDA Board; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Macinski is a resident of the County of Seneca and the co-founder and managing partner of Standing Stone Vineyards located in Lodi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macinski has over thirty years experience with IBM; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints G. Thomas Macinski as a member of the Seneca County IDA Board.

Special Order of the Day

As no other business was before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.