

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

November 11, 2008

8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Lafler called the meeting to order at 8:02 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

During the moment of silence, Chairman Lafler asked that all remember David Bagley who passed away. David Bagley served as a member of the Board of Supervisors representing the Town of Lodi for more than ten years.

Presentations / Petitioners

a. Brad Jones, Co-Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Indian Affairs Committee, reported on the Town Hall Meeting in Syracuse, which was conducted by Gov. David Paterson.

Submission of Claims for Audit

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

Supervisors vouchers	#2942 – 3303	totaling	\$	675,470.24
OFA vouchers	#565 – 615	totaling	\$	60,322.30
Workforce Development vouchers	#184 – 196	totaling	\$	18,407.46
Insurance vouchers	#259 – 268	totaling	\$	45,785.68
Sheriff vouchers	#834 – 881	totaling	\$	61,119.52
County Airport vouchers	#96 – 107	totaling	\$	20,767.21
Highway Transportation vouchers				
Maintenance & State Snow	#271 – 298	totaling	\$	148,403.12
Highway Machinery	#344 – 384	totaling	\$	80,059.99
		Highway Total	\$	228,463.11
Jail Capital vouchers	#10		\$	11,837.77
Airport Capital vouchers	#10		\$	552,005.66
Veterans Cemetery Capital Voucher	#1	Totaling	\$	2,653.99

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mr. Hayssen and carried. The October 14, 2008 board meeting minutes were approved.

Reports of Standing Committees

Human Services Committee, Mr. Mooney, Chairwoman, reported that the Committee discussed refilling Employment and Training Assistant position and that this Committee approved the same. He also reported that they discussed another matter, which will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Indian Affairs Committee, Mr. Same, reported that this committee met in Executive Session and that there is nothing to report at this time.

Planning Committee, Mr. Kaiser, Chairman, reported that his committee met to discuss three (3) different matters this evening: authorizing Chairman to apply for New York SAFETEA-LU Recreational Trails Program Grant for Cayuga-Seneca Trail; authorize chairman to apply for CDBG Community Planning Grant and a negative declaration for SEQR for the Veterans' Cemetery. All matters were approved by the Committee and will go before the full Board. Mr. Kaiser also reported that the Committee had a discussion regarding the Chairman applying for Brownfield Areas Opportunity Grant. This will come before the Board at the next meeting.

Public Health Services Committee, Mr. Hayssen, Chairman, reported that his committee discussed and approved HRA accounts with the new health insurance being offered to employees.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Lafler thanked the County Manager for the fine work on the 2009 budget. He also spoke on Veterans' Day and the appreciation he felt for his father and his service during the Korean War. He is thankful to all veterans – past, present and future.

County Manager's Remarks

The County Manager thanked all the Department heads for their help with the preparation of the budget. She said the budget would be filed by the November 15 deadline and a public hearing was expected to take place in early December.

Communications

192. From NYSAC, a copy of NYSAC's Action Plan re: State Budget impact on County Government Operations.

193. A copy of the 2009 Adopted Budget for the Town of Romulus.

194. A copy of minutes of the Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District September 22, 2008 meeting.

195. A copy of minutes of the Seneca County Board of Health October 15, 2008 meeting.

196. A copy of minutes of the Finger Lakes Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. September 17, 2008 meeting.

197. A copy of minutes of the Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority September 16, 2008 meeting.

Resolutions and Motions

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT (SECTION 105(h)) PLAN DOCUMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 270-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Terryberry and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the County is offering Health Reimbursement Accounts to employees who select the Preferred Care Tri-Vantage health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, there is potential for significant savings by the County if employees opt for this lower premium plan; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the savings would be returned to the employees in the form of a Health Reimbursement Account; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to sign the Health Reimbursement Account Plan document.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR NEW YORK SAFETEA-LU RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 271-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation has released its SAFETEA-LU Recreational Trails Grant Program application period for 2009; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, this grant would provide up to \$200,000 towards the initial construction phase of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail; and

WHEREAS, the initial phase has an estimated cost of \$250,000 dollars, of which the Seneca County share would be \$50,000 and would be provided in the form of in-kind and volunteer services; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant will allow the project to move into construction in a phased approach while additional grant and funding opportunities are pursued; and

WHEREAS, this office grant application must be submitted no later than December 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture, and Tourism Committee on November 11, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documentation to submit this application for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation SAFETEA-LU Recreational Trails Grant Program for the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 272-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has announced the availability of CDBG funding for the Community Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, this grant would provide up to \$25,000 towards the development of a Housing Study and support the update to the County's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County share would be \$10,000 and would be provided in the form of in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, this grant application must be submitted no later than November 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture, and Tourism Committee on November 11, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documentation to submit this application to the New York State Housing Trust Fund.

New Business:

Mr. Hayssen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Amidon, to dedicate 2008 Proceedings to Mr. Bagley, along with a picture of him to be included. The Board unanimously agreed.

Dr. Dresser moved the Suspension of the Rules to introduce the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE GRANT-IN-AID FOR A MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND/OR RECYCLING PROJECT AND SIGNING OF THE ASSOCIATED STATE CONTRACT UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF NEW YORK STATE

RESOLUTION NO. 273-08, moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for municipal waste reduction and municipal recycling projects; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County, herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and Seneca County be executed for such STATE aid; and

RESOLVED BY the Seneca County Board of Supervisors,

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized.
2. That the chairman, Seneca County Board of Supervisors is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE;
3. That Seneca County agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Municipal Waste Reduction and/or Recycling Project.
4. That the MUNICIPALITY or MUNICIPALITIES set forth their respective responsibilities by attached joint resolution relative to a joint Municipal Waste Reduction and/or Recycling Project.
5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARES THAT ACQUISITION OF LANDS AT FORMER
SAMPSON AIR FORCE AND NAVAL BASE BY SENECA COUNTY WILL NOT HAVE AN
ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 274-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, portions of the former Sampson Air Force Base and Naval Base have been made available to Seneca County for the creation of a new Veterans Memorial Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition, sale, lease, annexation or other transfer of 100 or more contiguous acres of land by a state or local agency is a Type I action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has established itself as Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has determined that the acquisition of lands at the former Sampson Air Force and Naval Base by Seneca County will not have an adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Committee on November 11, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors determines that the acquisition of lands at the former Sampson Air Force and Naval Base by Seneca County will not have an adverse impact on the environment and hereby issues a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.

Chairman Lafler thanked Mr. Davidson and C. Mitchell Rowe, Director of Planning and Community Development for the report on potable water and asked that they be prepared to discuss the same at the next board meeting.

Mr. Davidson thanked Mr. Rowe, Mr. McCormick, County Engineer and Ms. Sinclair, County Manager for their time and effort attending meetings with other county water authorities and boards, as well as compiling the report that was handed out this evening to the entire Board.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.