

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

November 25, 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 Acting Clerk

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 28, 2008 board meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mental Health Committee, Mr. Reynolds, Chairman, reported that the Committee discussed the hours at the Mental Health Clinic being cut back by one hour. Matter will come before the Board this evening.

Public Health, Mr. Hayssen, Chairman, reported that his committee heard three items this evening, all carried.

Public Safety, Mr. Shipley, Chairman, the committee had one item this evening, which is the grant for emergency management. This was carried.

Public Works, Mr. Shipley, Vice Chairman, reported that there were two matters brought to the committee this evening and that they would come before the next Board Meeting, in two weeks.

Finance Committee, Mr. Barto, Chairman, reported that there was discussion regarding a contract with the Bonadio Group, which was approved and would come before the Board this evening. He also indicated that there will be a Budget Workshop on December 02 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss the 2009 Budget and raises for Management. Also, the Committee approved the Clerk to advertise for the Public Meeting regarding the Tentative 2009 Budget.

Indian Affairs, Mr. Same, Chairman, met to discuss their appreciation for the fine work of the District Attorney and the Sheriff, along with their staff. Motion was made by Dr. Dresser and seconded by Mr. Hayssen that the Committee adjourn to Executive Session, and carried.

Mr. Kaiser indicated that there is a Resolution before the Board this evening on Brownfield Grant that had been previously discussed in his committee.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Lafler spoke about the fact that it is Thanksgiving time and that he is truly thankful for the Country, the County and all of the Board. He is very thankful for the fine job that the District Attorney and the Sheriff have done. He wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

County Manager's Remarks

The County Manager "echoed" the County Manager's remarks. She also thanked Deputy Clerk of the Board Barbara Carr for her capability and readiness to perform her duties during the Clerk of the Board's unexpected absence. She also expressed appreciation to Kitty Peterson who was the former Deputy Clerk of the Board, who volunteered her time to assist Mrs. Carr.

County Attorney's Remarks:

The County Attorney reported that he is very thankful for his entire staff, especially Brian Fay, who has won a ten year case before the Appellate Division. He also was thankful for all of the help from Charlie Schillaci and his staff for their help in the matter.

Communications

197. A copy of the tentative 2009 Budget for Seneca County.
198. A copy of the adopted 2009 Budget for the Town of Seneca Falls.
199. A copy of the adopted 2009 Budget for the Town of Junius.
200. A copy of the adopted 2009 Budget for the Town of Fayette.
201. A copy of the minutes of the November 18, 2008 of the E-911 Board.
202. A copy of the minutes of the October 17, 2008 Inter-County Meeting of Western New York.
203. A copy of the minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board meeting on October 9, 2008.
204. A copy of the minutes of the Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee meeting on September 3, 2008.
205. A copy of the Finger Lakes RC & D Council Update dated November 19, 2008.
206. A copy of the Annual Evaluation Guide of the Seneca County Area Agency on Aging (Office for the Aging) April 1, 2009 – March 21, 2009.
207. A copy of the 2007-2008 Agricultural Environmental Management Annual Report from the Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District.
208. A copy of the Report on the Delivery of Potable Water in Seneca County, dated November 11, 2008.
209. An electronic correspondence from J. Patti dated November 9, 2008 regarding the educational use of live animal testing in Albany Medical Center.

210. A copy of a letter from David E. Jensen, President, SCEA, dated November 10, 2008, regarding comments made by Sheriff Stenberg at the October 28, 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting.
Resolutions and Motions

TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER FUNDS – 2008 SELF INSURANCE BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 275-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded Mrs. Amidon, and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in litigation commenced against the County in 2007 and 2008 resulting in increased fees beyond expectations; and

WHEREAS, the bills received have exceeded the amount budgeted in the 2008 Insurance Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Contingent Fund 1990-4700 to account 65-101-5-1910-4380 (Trial Counsel).

SUPERVISORS ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM THE BONADIO GROUP FOR COUNTY AUDIT
RESOLUTION NO. 276-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Mooney, and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County must have an audit performed on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Treasurer has received a three year proposal from our current auditors, the Bonadio Group, to perform the County financial audit, single audit, NYS DOT audit and the CFR certification at a 3% annual increase; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the proposal from the Bonadio Group to perform the Seneca County audit for the fiscal years 2008 for \$48,975; 2009 for \$50,425 and 2010 for \$51,920.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2009
SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**

RESOLUTION NO. 277-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for a public hearing on the tentative 2009 Seneca County Budget; and said public hearing to be held on December 09, 2008.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN
CONTRACTS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION AND 3-5
PROGRAMS**

RESOLUTION NO. 278-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the Health Department has contracts with several individuals and agencies for the provision of services for the Early Intervention and 3-5 Programs; and

WHEREAS, the contracts with the following individuals and providers will expire on 12-31-2008; and

WHEREAS, the health department is seeking renewal of these contracts; and

WHEREAS, the funds for these contracts are included in the Public Health budget 2960-470 and 4145-470; and

WHEREAS, the contractors for the Early Intervention Program are: Virginia DeJohn, Franziska Racker Center, Lisa Glasner, Wayne County ARC, and Seneca Cayuga ARC, and the contractors for the 3-5 Program include: Finger Lakes UCP (Happiness House), Virginia DeJohn, Franziska Racker Center, Lisa Glasner, Monroe I BOCES, Seneca Cayuga ARC, Christine Toner, and Wayne ARC; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Committee has recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign these contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign contracts with these contractors for the Early Intervention and 3 – 5 Programs.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREAS (BOA) GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 279-08, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has announced it is soliciting grant applications from communities to participate in the Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Program; and

WHEREAS, the BOA Program empowers municipalities to undertake redevelopment planning to revitalize areas affected by brownfields, abandoned or vacant buildings and economic distress; and

WHEREAS, the program provides 90% funding and the County share would be in the form of in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant will allow the County to undertake pre-development activities for affected areas and site assessments for strategic brownfield sites; and

WHEREAS, grant applications may be submitted on a continuous basis; 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 Department of State for funding from the Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program.

MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE SENECA COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC CLOSING HOURS

RESOLUTION NO. 280-08, moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Kaiser, and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health recommends the change in closing hours for the Mental Health Clinic of the Seneca County Community Counseling Center from its current Monday – Thursday 9:00 p.m. closure time, to the new closure time of 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday; and

WHEREAS, this change will not affect access to services as the 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. time is rarely utilized by clients (despite it being routinely offered); and

WHEREAS, all Mental Health clinical and clerical staff have agreed to this change; and

WHEREAS, this change has been reviewed by the Union, and Seneca county HR Staff and has been determined not to violate the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Board of Supervisors' Mental Health; Personnel & Technology; and Finance, Assessment and Insurance committees on November 25, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mental Health Department is authorized to change the closure hours for the Mental Health Clinic of the Seneca County Community Counseling Center from its current Monday – Thursday 9:00 p.m. closure time, to an 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday closure time.

New Business:

Dr. Dresser spoke about NYS Comptroller DiNapoli's proposal regarding Time and Reporting Requirements as outlined in a recent NYSAC Webinar. He urged his fellow supervisors to submit comments regarding the proposal by the deadline of December 4.

Mr. Same said that the issue regarding the program offering Human Services employees college tuition was discussed and laid on the table until the December 9 meeting.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.