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OFA vouchers	#616 – 670	totaling	\$	69,578.92
Workforce Development vouchers	#197 – 215	totaling	\$	21,002.57
Insurance vouchers	#269 – 272	totaling	\$	18,481.78
Sheriff vouchers	#882 – 937	totaling	\$	62,615.37
County Airport vouchers	#108 – 120	totaling	\$	11,872.84
Highway Transportation vouchers				
Maintenance & State Snow	#299 – 332	totaling	\$	115,022.88
Highway Machinery	#385 – 421	totaling	\$	27,046.76
		Highway Total	\$	142,069.64
Highway Capital vouchers	#16 & 17		\$	4,457.34
Airport Capital vouchers	#11 – 15		\$	197,795.03
Veterans Cemetery Capital Voucher	#2	Totaling	\$	27,142.15

## Reports of Standing Committees

Government Operations Committee, Mrs. Amidon, 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. She also commended the Youth Bureau on their work with the schools.

Public Works Committee, Mr. Davidson, Chairman, reported that his committee discussed rental inspections this evening and also discussed refilling positions at the Highway Department and two dispatchers, which will come before the board at a later date.

Mental Health Services Committee, Mr. Reynolds, Chairman, reported that there was a discussion regarding the Drop In Center Peer Counselors and Seneca County acting as employer, and that the matter will be before the full board this evening.

Public Safety Committee, Mr. Shipley, Chairman, reported that the committee agreed to withdraw from a NYS Homeland Security Grant.

Human Services Committee, Mr. Mooney, Chairman, reported that his committee discussed tuition reimbursement program and that it will be before the board this evening.

Personnel Committee, Dr. Dresser, Chairman, reported that his committee discussed several matters. One will be before the Board this evening, one will be before the Board at the next meeting.

Indian Affairs, Mr. Same, Chairman, indicated that his Committee met in Executive Session.

Public Health, Mr. Hayssen, Chairman, indicated that his Committee met and discussed several matters, a Contract will come before the Board this evening.

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Finance Committee, Mr. Barto, Chairman, reported that his committee discussed several items this evening, one before the Board this evening. Mr. Barto also complimented the County Manager on her work on the Budget, and the Chairman concurred.

## Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Lafler spoke about the fact that we had won the Indian Sales Tax matter. He applauded the fine work of the District Attorney and the Sheriff's Department. He thanked Brad Jones and the other Indian Advisory Committee members.

## County Manager's Remarks

The County Manager thanked Mary Lou Turner, Veronica Draheim, Nick Sciotti and Frank Sinicropi for the plan for Health Insurance, which will be a big savings to Seneca County and each participant. She announced that she has been in Seneca County for almost a year and that she is thankful for being welcomed by the Community and the County. With that in mind, she extended a challenge to the employees of Seneca County that she will pay \$1.00 for each pound of food donated to the needy, up to \$500. The food should be brought in to the Office for the Aging, where there will be a box, which will be weighed over the next three (3) weeks.

## Communications

210. A copy of the Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District October 27, 2008 meeting minutes.

211. A draft copy of the Seneca county IDA November 6, 2008 meeting minutes.

212. A copy of the adopted 2009 budget for the Town of Waterloo.

213. A copy of the adopted 2009 budget for the Town of Varick.

214. A copy of the adopted 2009 budget for the Town of Lodi.

215. A copy of the adopted 2009 budget for the Town of Covert.

216. A copy of the adopted 2009 budget for the Town of Tyre.

217. a copy of the Distribution of PILOT Agreement and RP-412.a for Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.

218. From Daniel T. Wawro, an email dated November 27, 2008, expressing opposition to the confiscation of cigarettes by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office at Lakeside Trading, Seneca Falls, NY

219. From Veronica Youngs, Waterloo, NY, an email dated December 5, 2008, expressing support for the County to allocate funds to the Beverly Animal Shelter.

220. From Russ Boehm, California, an email dated December 2, 2008, expressing support for the County to allocate funds for the Beverly Animal Shelter.

221. From Skip and Marge Dutton, an email dated November 27, 2008, expressing support for the County to allocate funds for the Beverly Animal Shelter.

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222. From Bob Brown, Seneca Falls, an email dated November 25, 2008, expressing opposition to any pay increases for part-time, full-time, appointed department heads, confidential management staff, attorneys and elected officials.

223. A Notice of Availability of State and Federal Funds for Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Projects. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.

224. From David Jensen, President, SCSEA, a letter dated December 5, 2008, expressing the union's support to continue the policy of tuition reimbursement for the social services employees. Referred to the Human Services Committee.

225. From Jenny McWhorter, Seneca County SPCA, information clarifying the mission of the new SPCA and an amendment to the original proposal submitted in September, 2008. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.

## Resolutions and Motions

### **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 281-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded Mr. Terryberry, and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the Health Department has been awarded an Emergency Preparedness Grant with the New York State Department of Health for the period 8/10/08 to 8/9/08; and

WHEREAS, the grant award is \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the contract to receive these funds; and

WHEREAS, there is no county match to this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Committee has recommended the acceptance of these grant dollars; and

WHEREAS, the funds are included in the Public Health Budget 10-115-4014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Emergency Preparedness Contract with the New York State Department of Health.

### **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION AND 3-5 PROGRAMS**

RESOLUTION NO. 282-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted.

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WHEREAS, the Health Department has contracts in place with service providers for the Early Intervention and 3-5 Programs; and

WHEREAS, Loreyn Hansen is a qualified Occupational Therapist who wishes to contract with the Health Department to provide services; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional Occupational Therapists; and

WHEREAS, the money for these services are included in the Public Health 2009 budget 2960.470 and 4145.470; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health committee has approved this contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with Loreyn Hansen.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN  
A CONTRACT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE S2AY RURAL HEALTH NETWORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 283-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mr. Shipley and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the S2AY Rural Health Network is comprised of the Public Health Departments in the seven contiguous counties (Schuyler, Steuben, Allegany, Yates, Seneca, Ontario and Wayne); and

WHEREAS, the Network has been in existence since 1997 with Seneca County joining in January 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Network's goal is to ensure coordinated services across a seven county area and to streamline administrative processes, planning and funding activities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this membership is \$15,375; and

WHEREAS, these funds are included in the 2009 departmental budget 10-115-5-4010-4280; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Committee has approved this contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract for S2AY Rural Health Network membership.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO  
SIGN CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 284-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department currently has contracts for the provision of professional services offered by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, these contracts must be renewed on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the contracts for the following individuals need to be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors: Dr. Mary Brady, Pediatrician at \$180 per hour; Dr. Emanuel Li, Tuberculosis

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Control Program Physician at \$150 per hour; and Elaine Day, Dental Hygienist at \$140 per pre-school dental clinic; and

WHEREAS, the funding for these contracts is in the Public Health Budget 10-115-5-4010-4350 for Dr. Brady and Elaine Day; and 10-115-5-4010-4391 for Dr. Li; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign contracts with Dr. Mary Brady, Dr. Emanuel Li and Elaine Day, Dental Hygienist.

## **THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO APPLY FOR NYS OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 285-08, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has received a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications for \$500,000 in Federal State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding made available by the NYS Office of Homeland Security (OHS) for the state's hazardous materials (hazmat) response teams; and

WHEREAS, because of the regional focus of this specialized grant program, two or more teams must apply together for a regional project; and

WHEREAS, the regional hazmat teams from Seneca County, along with Ontario, Yates and Wayne counties will apply for this non-local matching grant; and

WHEREAS, the four regional teams have met and have recognized the ever increasing risks associated with the transportation of and storage of flammable and combustible liquids and alcohols; and

WHEREAS, the RFP will consist of a response ready foam trailer and necessary training, which this will lead to the development of a three county special capabilities team for handling a fire or spill involving these hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cost of the trailer is \$85,000.00 and the proposed cost of training and exercises is \$15,000.00 and the total amount of the grant is \$100,000.00 with no local match; and

WHEREAS, under the grant guidance, one county will be the submitting partner (Seneca) and the other counties will be the non-submitting partners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Emergency Services is directed to apply for the Homeland Security Regional Grant and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is directed to sign all related documents.

## **SENECA COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO BECOME EMPLOYER OF THE SENECA CONNECTIONS (DROP-IN-CENTER) PEER COUNSELORS**

RESOLUTION NO. 286-08, moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Same and unanimously adopted.

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WHEREAS, Seneca-Cayuga ARC no longer wishes to retain as their employees the peer counselors who work at the Seneca Connections Drop-In Center; and

WHEREAS, these positions are entirely funded (including payroll processing) by New York State Aid from the Office of Mental Health passed through the County Mental Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Department recommends this proposed change as it would allow the money being spent directly on payroll processing (currently between \$13,410 - \$16,390) to be put into hiring more peer-counselors in order to extend weekend and holiday Drop-In-Center hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, these individual positions will remain below 825 hours per year per position, and are only available for those mental health treatment consumers who are not able to secure competitive employment due to their illness; and

WHEREAS, this change has been reviewed and approved by the Seneca County Human Resources Department, Insurance Department, County Treasurer, County Attorney, and Union Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Union has allowed these grouped-positions to remain outside of collective bargaining agreement due to their unique characteristics, provided they remain within established guidelines (i.e. below 825 hours per employee per year); and

WHEREAS, direct supervision of these employees would continue to be provided by Elmira Psychiatric Center's Staff, who would also report to the County Director of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, should state funding for these positions be reduced, positions would be eliminated proportional to any reductions in state funding for this program; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Board of Supervisors oversight committees for: Mental Health, Personnel, and Finance on December 9, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2009, Seneca County will be the employer (as stipulated above) of these state-funded peer-counselors located at the Seneca Connections Drop-In-Center, at 27 Cayuga Street, Seneca Falls.

Dr Dresser moved to Suspend the Rules of Order to introduce resolutions not previously filed.

## **RESOLUTION TO REMOVE STATE STREET AS TRUST AND APPOINT RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 287-08, moved by Dr. Dresser, seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), currently serves as passive, nondiscretionary Trustee for the [The Hartford](the "Plan"); and

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WHEREAS, State Street has provided notice to Hartford Life Insurance Company that it will no longer provide these services to our customers beyond January 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, as a result, it is desirable to remove State Street as passive, nondiscretionary Trustee of the trust for the Plan and to appoint Reliance Trust Company ("RTC") as successor passive, nondiscretionary Trustee of the trust for the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that State Street is hereby removed as passive, nondiscretionary Trustee of the trust for the Plan, and that Reliance Trust Company is hereby appointed as successor passive, nondiscretionary Trustee for the trust for the Plan; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the Board, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents required to effectuate each removal and appointment, including, but not limited to, the enclosed Trustee Removal and Appointment, and to take such actions as are necessary, appropriate or advisable to effectuate the foregoing resolution.

## New Business

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE 3% INCREASE IN MANAGEMENT SALARY SCHEDULE**  
RESOLUTION NO. 288-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mr. Same and adopted by 690 ayes (Barto, Same, Reynolds, Serven, Davidson, Dresser, Kaiser, Lafler, Terryberry, Amidon, Hayssen, Mooney, Westfall) and 60 nays (Shipley).

WHEREAS, the regional Consumer Price Index, a standardized measure of the cost of living from October 2007 to October 2008 rose 3.1%; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Insurance & Assessment Committee met on December 4, 2008 in a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the Tentative 2009 Seneca county Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Insurance & Assessment Committee approved a motion to increase uniformly by 3% the 2008 salary schedule for non-represented part-time and management employees of Seneca County to comprise the 2009 salary schedule for non-represented part-time and management employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors accepts the 2009 salary schedule as recommended by the Finance, Insurance & Assessment Committee.

**SUPERVISORS AMEND PROPOSED 2009 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**  
RESOLUTION NO. 289-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted by 690 ayes (Barto, Amidon, Reynolds, Serven, Davidson, Dresser, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Terryberry, Hayssen, Mooney, Westfall) and 60 nays (Shipley).

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the Proposed 2009 Seneca County Budget as follows:

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To adjust the salaries on non-represented, part-time and management employees to conform to the adopted 2009 salary schedule for such employees.

To adjust specific line items as presented in Exhibit A:

## Exhibit A

### Adjustment to the Proposed 2009 Seneca County Budget

Page	Department	Account	Account Title	Increase	Decrease
94	1900-Special Items	1990-4700	Contingent Fund	76,681	
29	3110-Sheriff Admin	1100	Salaries		30,649
7	1040-Clerk of the Board	1100	Salaries		1,024
9	1165-District Attorney	1100	Salaries		17,800
18	1420-County Attorney	1100	Salaries		8,208
20	1440-County Engineer	120	PT Salaries		19,000
				76,681	76,681
38	3150-Sheriff Cor. Fac	4410	Vehicle Repairs	2,000	
94	1900-Special Items	1990-4700	Contingent Fund	28,000	
38	3150-Sheriff- Cor. Fac.	2600	Vehicles		30,000
				30,000	30,000
				<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
105	5112-HWY Rd & Bridge	D3500	CHIPS-Capital	114,491	
105	5112-HWY Rd & Bridge	2000	Co Road Const.		114,491
				114,491	114,491

Mr. Barto made a motion to adopt the tentative budget as amended, revised, altered, and changed as the Seneca County Budget for the year 2009. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion.

### **SUPERVISORS AMEND PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT TO TOWNS FOR SNOW PLOWING (DEFEATED)**

RESOLUTION NO. 290-08, moved by Dr. Dresser, seconded by Mr. Hayssen and defeated by 404 nays (Reynolds, Serven, Lafler, Terryberry, Mooney, Shipley, Westfall), 82 abstentions (Barto) and 264 ayes (Dresser, Hayssen, Davidson, Kaiser, Same, Amidon).

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors amends the proposed 2009 budget by increasing the Contingent Fund by \$191,000 to be used towards and additional 10% increase in the County's reimbursement to Towns for snow plowing services.

Following discussion on ways to provide for a zero increase in taxes, Mr. Hayssen moved to lay on the table the motion to adopt the tentative budget as the Seneca County Budget for the year 2009 until a Special meeting scheduled before December 20, 2008. Mr. Shipley seconded the motion. The motion

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carried by 457 ayes (Hayssen, Shipley, Reynolds, Barto, Serven, Davidson, Dresser, Kaiser, and Mooney) and 293 nays (Same, Lafler, Terryberry, Amidon, and Westfall).

Following discussion on a date and time to schedule a special meeting for the purpose of adopting a budget for 2009, it was decided not to schedule another meeting, but to continue the board meeting until a budget was adopted.

In accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law §105( f) Mr. Same made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of holding discussions about the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors convened in Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Regular Session at 10:05 p.m.

Mr. Mooney made the motion to take from the table the motion to the motion to adopt the tentative budget as the Seneca County Budget for the year 2009. Mr. Shipley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **SUPERVISORS AMEND PROPOSED 2009 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**

### **SALES TAX REVENUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 291-08, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mr. Hayssen and unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the Proposed 2009 Seneca County budget by increasing the budgeted sales tax revenue by \$139,267 which will decrease the amount to be raised by property taxes by the same amount.

Chairman Lafler recognized Richard Swinehart, Seneca County District Attorney. Mr. Swinehart appealed to the Board of Supervisors for an increase in salary of \$17,800, which would be the same as that of the Supreme Court Judge in Seneca County.

## **SUPERVISORS AMEND PROPOSED 2009 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**

### **INCREASE SALARY OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 292-08, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mr. Same and adopted by 435 ayes (Hayssen, Same, Barto, Kaiser, Terryberry, Mooney, Shipley), 284 nays (Reynolds, Serven, Dresser, Lafler, Amidon, Westfall) and 31 abstentions (Davidson).

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve a \$17,800 salary increase for the District Attorney; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the Proposed 2009 Seneca County budget to reflect this increase.

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## SUPERVISORS ADOPT 2009 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 293-08, moved by Mr. Barto, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted by 730 ayes (Barto, Reynolds, Serven, Davidson, Dresser, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Terryberry, Mooney, Shipley, Westfall) and 20 nays (Amidon).

WHEREAS, the heads of Seneca County departments have made their estimates of revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed 2009 Seneca County Budget has been duly presented to the Board of Supervisors by the budget officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held on December 9, 2009; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 269 of the County Law said proposed budget, as changed altered, revised and amended, be and hereby is adopted as the budget for Seneca County for the year 2009.

### Special Order of the Day

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.