

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

February 09, 2010

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

Ten members of the Board answered roll call. Mr. Mooney, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Shipley and Mr. Kubasik were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentations / Petitioners:

- a. Chairman Lafler commented about the progress on the new trail for snowmobiling. He recognized the efforts of the Twin Lakes Snowmobile Association
- b. Anita Celentano-Miracle spoke in opposition to using trains to transport waste to Seneca Meadows.

Submission of Claims for Audit

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

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| Supervisors vouchers | # 283 - 602 | totaling | \$ 573,305.71 |
| OFA vouchers | # 68 - 138 | totaling | \$ 84,764.46 |
| Workforce Development vouchers | # 18 - 35 | totaling | \$ 18,855.12 |
| Insurance vouchers | # 4 - 11 | totaling | \$ 1,644.80 |
| Sheriff vouchers | # 131 - 180 | totaling | \$ 66,627.98 |
| County Airport vouchers | # 14 - 22 | totaling | \$ 1,386.91 |
| Highway Transportation vouchers | | | |
| Maintenance & State Snow | # 30 - 52 | totaling | \$ 242,784.18 |
| Highway Machinery | # 45 - 83 | totaling | \$ 55,761.17 |
| | | Highway Total | \$ 298,545.35 |
| Airport Capital vouchers | # 2 | totaling | \$ 6,125.00 |
| Highway Capital vouchers | # 3 - 4 | totaling | \$ 15,376.00 |
| Veterans Cemetery Capital Voucher | # 4 - 6 | totaling | \$ 63,223.99 |

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism, Mrs. Amidon, Chairperson, reported on the Census Bureau 2010 Boundary Validation Program which outlines the boundaries of towns in Seneca County and requires a signature of the Chief Elected Official of the town to verify the accuracy of the boundaries. The committee approved McFarland Johnson to be Seneca County's Airport Engineers and undertake the Master Plan Update. The total cost of the Master Plan is expected to cost \$200,000 with a Seneca County share of \$5,000. Mrs. Amidon also said that Fred Gaffney, Director of the Seneca County Chamber and Seneca County Tourism has asked that each town supervisor send a letter to New York State asking it to reinstate the I Love NY funding.

Human Services, Mrs. Amidon, Vice-Chair, said the committee approved the appointment of Mr. Martin Williams, Deputy Director, Wayne County Department of Aging and Youth to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for the term 01/01/2010 – 06/30/2012. The appointment was initially made from Wayne County, but FLWIB requires that all member counties approve the appointments. The committee also approved refilling positions for a Social Welfare Examiner, a part-time Driver in Human Services and an Employment & Training Counselor in Workforce.

Mental Health Services, Mr. Reynolds, Chairperson, said that the committee approved several provider contracts for mental health services; approved the appointment of Mr. Richard Underwood to the Seneca County Community Services Board. Mr. Underwood is the director of the Elmira Psychiatric Center's Outpatient Mental Health Clinic in Seneca Falls; approved the reappointment of four Community Services Board members: Peter Same, Dr. Edward Franzoni, Ph.D., Dr. Ted Papperman, Ph.D. and Craig VanVessem.

County Attorney's Remarks:

The County Attorney said that the New York State Court of Appeals would be hearing the Cayuga v Gould case on March 25 in Syracuse, NY. He will notify the board as more information regarding transportation and location of the courtroom is received.

Communications:

14. A copy of the testimony presented by NYSAC at the Joint State Legislative Budget Hearing on the 2010-11 Executive Budget on January 25, 2010.
15. A copy of the Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Club, Inc., December 15, 2009 meeting minutes.
16. From Gustav A. Pohlig, Waterloo, NY, a letter expressing opposition to the expansion of Seneca Meadows.
17. A copy of the Seneca County's Tourism Matching Funds report for the fourth quarter of the 2009 program year.

18. A copy of the Soil & Water Conservation District December 28, 2009 meeting minutes.
19. From Todd MacIntosh, information published by the U.S. Department of Energy regarding Recycling of Aluminum Dross/Saltcake.
20. A copy of the Seneca County IDA January 7, 2010 Annual Meeting minutes.
21. From NYS Office of the Comptroller, information required to complete the Indigent Legal Services Fund 2009 Annual Report. Referred to the Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee.

Resolutions and Motions

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN
A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 32-10, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and adopted by 539 ayes (Hayssen, Reynolds, Garlick Lorenzetti, Serven, Prouty, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Churchill, Amidon) and 211 absent (Davidson, Mooney, Shipley, Kubasik).

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to have the availability of a Professional Engineer for the review and approval of plans for mobile home parks, realty subdivisions, new campgrounds, temporary residences, water systems and septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer will be providing these services for most of the departmental needs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue to have a contract with Barton and Loguidice, P.C. for any activities that the County Engineer may be unable to perform; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this contract is not to exceed \$10,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the funds for these expenses are in the Public Health Budget (10-115-5-4011-4280); and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Committee has recommended renewing 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 Barton and Loguidice, P.C. for engineering services for the Health Department.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33-10, moved by Mr. Hayssen, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted by 539 ayes (Hayssen, Amidon, Reynolds, Garlick Lorenzetti, Serven, Prouty, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Churchill) and 211 absent (Davidson, Mooney, Shipley, Kubasik).

WHEREAS, the S2AY Rural Health Network is comprised of the Public Health Department in the six contiguous counties (Schuyler, Steuben, 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 mission is to "integrate, promote, and expand appropriate components of the public health service delivery system to improve health outcomes for all residents of the network region; and

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

WHEREAS, the \$16,000 membership cost is included in the 2010 departmental budget (10-115-5-4010-4280); and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Committee has approved this membership; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract for membership in the S2AY Rural Health Network.

Mr. Serven made a motion to Introduce Proposed Local Law Establishing Residency Requirements for the Position of Assistant District Attorney for Seneca County and Providing for Public Hearing. Mrs. Amidon seconded the motion. Following discussion, Mr. Hayssen made a motion to lay the main motion on the table and refer it back to the Public Safety committee. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion to Lay the Main Motion of the Table and Refer it Back to Committee was carried by 539 ayes.

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTS SENECA HOUSING'S APPLICATIONS TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL AND THE NYS AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

RESOLUTION NO. 34-10, moved by Mrs. Amidon, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and adopted by 457 ayes (Amidon, Reynolds, Serven, Prouty, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Churchill, Hayssen), 82 nays (Garlick Lorenzetti), and 211 absent (Davidson, Mooney, Shipley, Kubasik).

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal has established the competitive statewide HOME grant program due on March 18, 2010 for the purpose of funding low income owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and replacing dilapidated mobile and manufactured homes; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) has established the competitive statewide housing rehabilitation grant program due in April 2010 for the purpose of providing funding to low income owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, combined, the AHC and HOME programs can provide up to \$35,000 in grant funds for single owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects, or \$70,000 toward replacing dilapidated mobile and manufactured homes with new EnergyStar-certified, green-construction homes; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60% (8,423) of the homes in Seneca County are over 50 years old and may be eligible for vital systems rejuvenation, such as heating, water, electric, insulation, roofing, and structural repair and nearly 10% (1,443) of the homes are owner-occupied mobile and manufactured homes, including some 354 “poor” or “fair” condition homes identified by Town Assessors, and therefore potential candidates if these programs are awarded; and

WHEREAS, integral to these programs is the consideration of local zoning laws and rehabilitation work that turns dilapidated houses into safe, decent, healthy, energy-efficient affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Housing, Inc., is a 501©3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to administer Seneca County’s HUD Section 8 program and to facilitate residential housing repair and rehabilitation programs in Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Housing is applying to both grant programs for roughly \$700,000 in residential owner-occupied housing rehabilitation funds for projects throughout Seneca County benefiting some of Seneca County’s most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture, and Tourism Committee at its January 12, 2010 meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors supports Seneca Housing’s grant applications to the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewals HOME and the Affordable Housing Corporation’s Housing Rehabilitation program for the purpose of improving Seneca County’s aging housing stock; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to issue letters to the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation showing this Board’s support of Seneca Housing, Inc., grant applications.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES CHAIRMAN TO SIGN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN FOR ADMINISTRATION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 35-10, moved by Mrs. Amidon, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and adopted by 539 ayes (Amidon, Reynolds, Garlick Lorenzetti, Serven, Prouty, Kaiser, Same, Lafler, Churchill, Hayssen) and 211 absent (Davidson, Mooney, Shipley, Kubasik).

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken has heretofore enacted an unsafe buildings law which regulates buildings, structures, or portions thereof within said municipality; and

WHEREAS, in order to administer the above referenced law or ordinance, it is necessary to investigate and report upon receipt of information that a building may become dangerous or unsafe to the general public; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §99-c authorizes a village to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with a county to carry out all or a portion of the ministerial functions related to property condition inspections; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County wishes to promote inter-governmental cooperation to the extent of offering to the Village of Interlaken the opportunity to have the Seneca County Codes Department perform certain ministerial functions related to the inspection of properties within said Village for the purpose of enforcing the unsafe building regulations within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the County, through its Codes Department, shall provide the following services at the rate of \$25 per hour to assist the municipality in the administration of its unsafe buildings law: (1) Serve in the capacity of Code Enforcement Officer for the purposes of enforcement of the Unsafe Buildings Law of the Village of Interlaken; and (2) Inspect, investigate and report to the Village Board of Trustees findings and recommendations in regard to buildings determined to require repair, or demolition and removal; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Public Health Services Committee on January 12, 2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Village of Interlaken for administration of the Village of Interlaken's Unsafe Buildings Law.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m..