

Seneca County Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

March 27, 2012

8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Hayssen called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

All members of the Board answered roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentation

Employee of the Year 2011 was awarded to Melinda Marquart, Seneca County Sheriff's Deputy.

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism – Mr. Earle, Vice Chairman. The Committee approved the following for a board resolution: (1) a resolution urging New York State to Make Repairs to Sampson State Park Marina a Priority. The marina at Sampson State Park has fallen into substantial disrepair and is not presently a priority for repair by the State Parks administration. A grass roots effort is underway to make the marina restoration project a priority. Advocates for the marina restoration project find the economic and recreational benefits to Seneca County to be significant and compelling and ask for the Board to support advocacy efforts at the state level. It is envisioned that \$300,000 in funds is required to complete design and ready the project for construction; (2) the appointment of Peter Same to the Airport Advisory Board; (3) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Local Towns and Villages Regarding Submission for County Planning Board. In 2005, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Chairman of the Board signing a MOU with interested local Towns and Villages which listed items that would not need to be referred to the County Planning Board under sub sections L, M, or N of Section 239 of the General Municipal Law. The County Planning Board has reviewed that document and recommended a few changes and has taken action requesting the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign a modification of the MOU upon approval of the local Towns or Villages. The proposed MOU is currently posted on the County website under the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Human Services Committee – Mr. Davidson, Chairman. The Committee approved the following for a board resolution: (1) the appointment of two members to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, effective April 24, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Mr. Steven R. Brusso and Ms. Carol Kramer; (2) a resolution proclaiming the month of May "One Stop Month" for Seneca County

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Reynolds, Chairman. The Committee approved the following for a board resolution; (1) the acceptance of \$40,560 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services grant for the purchase of navigational equipment for the Seneca County

Marine Patrol, for additional equipment for the Seneca County Public Safety Underwater Search & Recovery Team. In addition, this project will provide an additional year of wireless data service for Road Patrol deputies and for local village police departments. The project will also purchase and deploy an off road incident response vehicle. There is no requirement in this grant for a local County match requirement.

Indian Affairs Committee – Mr. Shipley, Chairman. Mr. Shipley commented on the tours of property purchased by the Cayuga Nation in Seneca Falls. He said the tours would educate the public concerning contiguous buys; checker boarding, and infrastructure control. He said that the tours, financially sponsored by a unanimous donor, have been successful in that there have been two tours and two more are scheduled. Both of the tours were fully booked. There is also an opportunity to take the tour virtually through Fingerlakes1.com.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Garlick Lorenzetti, Chairwoman. The Committee approved revisions to Seneca County Policy 101.201 – Refilling Vacant Positions, specifically the process to reclassify positions.

Public Works Committee – Mr. Kaiser, Chairman. The Committee discussed the County Water & Sewer Department. One of the issues is the development of a contract with the Town Districts and the County. The County Attorney was charged with drafting the contracts. Mr. Kubasik requested to see the contracts in draft form before they are voted on by the Board. The Committee also discussed, briefly, the merits of a Water & Sewer Department vs. a Water Authority.

The Committee also talked about Phase One of building security. This will cost about \$1,000 for two deputies to be in charge of the only public entrance to the building, the South Entrance. A magnetometer will be set up for scanning.

The Committee also talked about developing a Capital Improvement Plan. The County Manager distributed a list identifying the project, an estimated completion date, and the estimated cost of each project. The discussion will continue at future meetings.

Government Operations Committee – Mr. Westfall, Chairman. The Committee approved for a board resolution the new Intern Policy which addresses the hiring of individuals for internship opportunities.

Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee – Mr. Prouty, Chairman. The Committee approved (1) authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the annual agreement to extend tax rolls and bills and the following villages: Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid, and Waterloo; (2) authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign agreements to provide tax extract files to Seneca County school districts for 2012; (3) to eliminate the Account Clerk position in the Water & Sewer Department and create a full-time Account Clerk position in the Highway Department to share duties with the Water & Sewer Department.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Hayssen stated that the board met in open session the previous night to view a presentation from Popli Design about the renovation of the courthouse building in Waterloo. This includes the District Attorney's office, the former jail, the building referred to as the former residence of the Sheriff; and the E911 back-up location. The Board of Supervisors needs to consider options delineated by how much money we should spend and how much of the project is a priority.

County Manager's Remarks

The County Manager spoke about this being the last meeting before the new agenda's start in April (one Board Meeting a month, and the Committee Meetings at the end of the month). He feels that it will be up to the Department Heads to make it work. He spoke about the State wrapping up the budget and how we should be seeing the impact it will have on the County. He met with the new STS Director, Mr. Bateman, this afternoon, along with the Director of RGRTA, Mr. Carpenter, and felt that it was a good meeting. He said that they are very willing to try to work with the County.

Communications

43. A copy of the Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., February 15, 2012 meeting minutes.

44. From the United Way of Seneca County a brief report on the participation of the Women's Leadership Council in Senator Nozzolio's Education Forum held on February 3, 2011.

45. From the Town of Geneva, Notice of a Public Hearing April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Geneva Town Hall to hear comments from the public on a proposed Local Law to Amend the Code of the Town of Geneva to Add Regulations Regarding Manure Storage.

46. A copy of a letter from Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator regarding his stand on the Carcieri Fix and to reiterate his commitment to taking action to oppose the Cayuga Land Trust application and block any attempts to enact a Carcieri Fix in this session of Congress.

47. A copy of a letter from New York State Assemblyman Brian Kolb to the Honorable Lt. Governor Duffy, regarding Seneca County's desire to be realigned with Region 4 of the NYS Department of Transportation.

48. An acknowledgement letter from Assemblyman Brian Kolb of receipt of Seneca County's Resolution No. 54-12 urging the New York State legislature to fully fund the eradication of Hydrilla from Cayuga Lake and the Finger Lakes region.

49. A copy of a letter from Joan McDonald, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation, to Assemblyman Brian M. Kolb, responding to his inquiry about realigning Seneca County with NYS DOT Region 4, stating that the Governor's budget bill authorized NYSDOT to realign the regional offices and options are being reevaluated and Seneca County's request will be considered during the process.

50. From NYSAC, a copy of the official resolutions adopted in February 2012 by county delegates to the New York State Association of Counties.

Resolutions and Motions

EXTEND TAX ROLLS AND BILLS FOR VILLAGES

RESOLUTION NO. 64-12, moved by Mr. Prouty, seconded by Mr. Kubasik, and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County has for the past several years extended rolls and tax bills for the villages within the County; and

WHEREAS, the villages are desirous of continuing this service; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County and Villages to continue the service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, after review and approval by the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign the annual agreements pertaining to the extension of tax rolls and bills for villages located in towns that utilize the County's computer system in the following villages: Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid and Waterloo.

**EXTEND TAX ROLLS AND BILL EXTRACT FILES TO PHELPS/CLIFTON, ROMULUS,
SENECA FALLS, SOUTH SENECA, TRUMANSBURG AND
WATERLOO SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 65-12, moved by Mr. Prouty, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County has for the past several years extended tax extract files to the school districts of Phelps/Clifton, Romulus, Seneca Falls, South Seneca, Trumansburg and Waterloo; to enable them to extend their own school tax bills for the past; and

WHEREAS, the school districts and villages are desirous of continuing this service; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County, School Districts and Villages to continue the service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, after review and approval by the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign the annual agreements with the Phelps/Clifton, Romulus, Seneca Falls, South Seneca, Trumansburg and Waterloo School Districts to provide extract files to enable the schools to extend tax bills

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES

BOND FOR SENECA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 66-12, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mrs. Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted by 1382 ayes and 118 nays (Kubasik).

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Sewer District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Facility is in need of several capital repairs; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of said repairs is \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer and Seneca County Sewer District No. 1 Advisory Board recommend that the capital repairs be completed; and

WHEREAS, the funds to pay for said repair will be solely from the benefited users of Seneca County Sewer District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Committee on March 13, 2012; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes Seneca County Sewer District No. 1 to take the actions necessary to secure a bond in an amount up to \$400,000 to complete the necessary capital repairs to the wastewater treatment facility.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN
A CONTRACT FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND 3-5 PROGRAM SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 67-12, moved by Mr. Earle, seconded by Mr. Westfall and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Health Department is required to maintain contracts with individuals or agencies to provide professional services for the Early Intervention program and 3-5 Program; and

WHEREAS, Janet Bruno, 9 Lakeview Drive, Lansing, NY 14882, is a speech therapist who has many years of experience providing services to children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bruno would like to contract with Seneca County to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this contract is in the Public Health 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 the contracts with Ms. Bruno.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN
A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 68-12, moved by Mr. Earle, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has awarded the Health Department \$30,000 for the administration of the Immunization Action Plan for Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive this funding it is necessary for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the contract; and

WHEREAS, this funding is included in the Health Department budget 10-115-5-4012; and

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

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO PURCHASE NEW FINANCIAL
SOFTWARE AND RELATED SERVICES IN ORDER TO REPLACE CURRENT LEGACY
SOFTWARE THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 1985**

RESOLUTION NO. 69-12, moved by Mr. Churchill, seconded by Mr. Davidson and adopted.

WHEREAS, the current financial system has been in use for over 27 years and the software vendor provides minimal support; and

WHEREAS, the current financial system is extremely out-dated and does not integrate well with the existing computer network and other related applications and tools; and

WHEREAS, the IT Department, after determining departmental and end user requirements, researched software vendors that could best provide applications to fit the county's current needs and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the IT Department, after submitting an RFP, received proposals from three vendors; and

WHEREAS, after holding vendor software demonstrations, all users, including the IT Department, favored Tyler Technologies as the best fit for the county's current environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign into agreement with Tyler Technologies in order to provide new financial software and related services not to exceed \$320,000 in order to replace Seneca County's current legacy software; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the IT Department to purchase all necessary and related hardware not to exceed \$22,215.00; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Treasurer to transfer \$342,215.00 from the Technology Reserve to the Financial Software capital project account.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION
FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 70-12, moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Shipley and adopted.

WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration reports a higher rate of fire-related deaths among the poor, children under five, individuals over 64 and individuals living in rural low-income housings; and

WHEREAS, the single most effective tool to save lives during a fire are long-life battery-powered smoke detectors on each level and in each bedroom; and

WHEREAS, many Seneca County households, particularly those of Seneca County seniors and families either do not have any or not enough working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) will shortly release the competitive 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant program intended to provide monies to communities for fire safety education, increased regional response, and fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing and installing enough smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for roughly 300 Seneca County households meeting eligibility requirements is \$62,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 FEMA grant, if awarded, would provide the entire \$62,000 for the purchase and installation of the equipment, with no local County matching dollars required; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Committee on March 13, 2012; 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 Federal Emergency Management Administration 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety grant program, subject to approval by the Seneca County Attorney.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DELCARE APRIL AS 911 EDUCATION MONTH AND APRIL 8 THROUGH APRIL 14 AS TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

RESOLUTION NO. 71-12, moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted.

WHEREAS, April is National 911 Education Month; and

WHEREAS, 911 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread misuse of the 911 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 911 and emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages use 911 and its is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 911; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors declares April as 911 Education month and April 8 through April 14 as Telecommunicators week.

Special Order of the Day

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