

**SENECA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Regular Board Meeting
January 14, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Hayssen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Twelve members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Sprvrs. Lott and Trout were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentations

Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank, Corporation: Joe McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, FLRLB presented the 2019 Annual Report of the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation.

Delaware River Solar Project: Daniel Compitello and George Reed, presented information highlighting the development of a two solar farms in Seneca Falls. They have received a PILOT agreement with Seneca Falls School District, and will applying for a PILOT with the County and with the Town in the near future.

Petitioners

None.

Open Privilege of the Floor

Tom Murray, Treasurer, Seneca County Chamber of Commerce said the Annual Chamber Dinner Meeting is planned for January 16 at del Lago. There is still time to rsvp and attend. Business of the Year will be awarded to Wagner Vineyards Estate Winery ; Lifetime Achievement Award to Robert McKeveny Citizen of the Year Award to Menzo Case, and Rising Star Award to Elizabeth Babi D.D.S.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved for the November 12, 2019 regular board meeting and December 10, 2019 regular board meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

Health & Human Services Committee, Sprvr. McGreevy, Chairman. Our committee referred two resolutions for tonight's meeting. One is to approve the appointment of Tammy Ahorn to the Community Services Board. Her appointment was made a few months back. Now the Board of Supervisors has to approve the appointment to make it official. Her term will expire December 2023. The other is to approve Tammy Orlopp to attend a conference in Maryland next month. The conference fees are paid by scholarship. However, our policy requires out-of-state travel approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee, Sprvr. Brownell, Chairman. There is only one item on tonight's agenda from our committee, which is a resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant award

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for \$410,827 from NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services. The funding goes toward E911 interoperable communications.

Agriculture & Environmental Affairs Committee, Sprvr. Kronenwetter, Chairman. We have a resolution supporting an increase in the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations to \$8 million. Cornell Cooperative Extension has served to apply unbiased, research-based knowledge from Cornell, New York's Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years. Support from Federal, State and County sources is essential to the continued success of locally-governed county cooperative extension associations. I urge my fellow supervisors to vote yes on this resolution.

Ways & Means Committee, Sprvr. Reynold, Chairman.

We have one item for tonight, which is to consider creating a position for a PC Support Specialist for our IT Department. The position would be shared with the Town of Seneca Falls, and they will contribute \$45,000 annually for the position. The annual salary is Grade 8 at \$42,580.

Report of Special Committees

None

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Hayssen said that the Board of Supervisors will be completing its performance appraisals for the County Attorney, the County Manager, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Emergency Management; also, at the end of the meeting he will seek a motion to enter executive session in order to meet with Brian Laudadio for an update on litigation regarding Indian affairs.

County Manager's Remarks

None.

County Attorney's Remarks

County Attorney Ettman said he distributed a memo to each board member regarding Open Meetings Law – Executive sessions as a follow up to the actions taken at the December 26, 2019 year end meeting when the Board of Supervisors met in executive session without a majority vote of the full Board of Supervisors.

Communications:

1. A copy of the Seneca County Ag Enhancement Board October 30, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. A copy of the Seneca County Planning Board December 12, 2019 meeting minutes

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3. A copy of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office Monthly Snapshot Report for November 2019 and December 2019*.
4. From the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, notification dated December 27, 2019, that the budget for Seneca County department of Social Services submitted to OTDA to implement Office regulation 18NYCRR 304 (Code Blue) has been approved.
5. A copy of Columbia County Resolution No. 523-2019, "Imploring the State of New York to Immediately Amend or Delay Implementation of Bail and Discovery Reform Laws that will endanger the People of New York and Revere Decades of Bipartisan Progress in Reducing Crime".
6. A copy of Orleans County Resolution No. 557-1219, "Imploring the State of New York to Immediately Amend or Delay Implementation of Bail and Discovery Reform Laws that will endanger the People of New York and Revere Decades of Bipartisan Progress in Reducing Crime".
7. A copy of the 2019 Annual Report of the Seneca County Historian.
8. A copy of the 2019 Annual Report of the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Motion to Return Issue to Committee

Sprvr. Reynolds offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter, to authorize the creation of a position of Full-time PC Support Specialist to be shared between the County and the Town of Seneca Falls. Discussion of the motion included questions regarding how the time would be divided between Seneca Falls and the County; should the position be on a temporary basis; the county attorney advised that a shared services contract should be in place.

Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Barnhart, and carried to return the issue back to the Technology Standing Committee.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENCOURAGES NEW YORK STATE TO NAME
THE SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY AS ITS
FIRST STATE VETERANS CEMETERY**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2020, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, unanimously supported and adopted.

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced on November 10, 2019 the state's commitment to establish New York's first State Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2011 Seneca County established the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery on the grounds of the former Sampson Naval Training Station and Sampson Air Force Base; and

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WHEREAS, when Americans entered World War II in December 1941, there was an urgent need to equip and train soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. In the spring of 1942, construction began on the Sampson Naval Training Station. More than 5,000 Navy personnel operated and maintained the Station, and more than 411,000 Naval Recruits were trained there. Toward the end of the war, the site served as a Separation Center, discharging more than 65,000 service members. After the war, the Station was used as a temporary college for 15,000 veterans who attended classes under the GI Bill. Sampson College operated from September 1946 to June 1949 and matriculated 7,500 students; and

WHEREAS, with the outbreak of the Korean War, Sampson returned to active duty as a Basic Military Training Base of the United States Air Force. More than 330,000 airmen received their training at Sampson AFB. The base officially closed in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery is a living and lasting tribute to those who have served our nation and endures the rich and honorable history of this site; and

WHEREAS, the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery was designed and constructed through the generous financial support of New York State, who has provided in excess of Five Million Dollars in funding and the conveyance of 162 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Works Standing Committee at its meeting of December 17, 2019; now therefor be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors presents the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery as a candidate for New York States first State Veterans Cemetery and encourages New York State to select it as such.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTS INCREASING STATE APPROPRIATION FOR
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension is a formal collaboration between the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA, New York State, County Governments and the Citizens of the State that has served to apply unbiased, research-based knowledge from Cornell, New York's Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, local extension educators are key community partners in helping to implement state initiatives including maximizing agriculture and local food systems, strengthening the economy, promoting healthier eating habits and access to good nutrition, fighting poverty particularly in rural areas,

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protecting water quality and stewardship of New York's natural resources, building opportunity through STEM based youth education and leadership skills in 4-H, promoting renewable energy options while protecting farmland resources, and partnering where appropriate in Taste NY initiatives to promote tourism and local food and farm businesses, and

WHEREAS, support from Federal, State and County sources is essential to the continued success of locally-governed county cooperative extension associations; and

WHEREAS, state appropriations for county cooperative extension associations to match county government appropriations as authorized by Section 224 (8) of the County Law have remained stagnant for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, state funding is needed to ensure that the Cornell Cooperative Extension system can equitably work for all New York residents through increased resources to support rural, suburban, and urban community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Environmental Affairs Standing Committee approved this resolution on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Seneca County supports increasing the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations to \$8 million, such funds to be distributed directly to the associations through Cornell University as agent for the state as provided by law; and be it further RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Pamela Helming, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, State Senator Jen Metzger, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo; and NYSAC.

**COUNTY EXECUTES STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT
CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FINANCE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO AMEND THE
2020 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2020, moved by Sprvr. Brownell, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) awarded Seneca County \$410,827 in grant funding through the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant funding is for interoperable communications; and

WHEREAS, there are plans to use this funding for the county's 911 phone system that is in need of a system refresh; and

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WHEREAS, this grant has an initial contract period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 that requires no local match; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was reviewed and approved by the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Standing Committee at its meeting on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to execute a contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) to accept the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2020 Budget as follows with unused portions flowing into future years.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
103642-43306-SIC19	Homeland Security Grants	\$410,827	Increase
103642-52500-SIC19	Equipment-Communications	\$410,827	Increase

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE SENECA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

BOARD'S APPOINTMENT (AHORN)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2020, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019 the Seneca County Community Services Board (CSB) appointed Tammy Ahorn to the CSB with a term expiration date of January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Standing Committee approved the CSB's appointment of Tammy Ahorn on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby approves CSB appointment of Tammy Ahorn to the CSB.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SENECA COUNTY STAFF: TAMMY ORLOPP, SENECA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND; CADCA - THE ANNUAL LEADERSHIP
FORUM FEBRUARY 2-8, 2020 IN NATIONAL HARBOR, M.D.**

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2020, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, the CADCA- 31ST Annual Leadership Forum will be held in National Harbor, M.D. and

WHEREAS, Tammy Orlopp, serves as a Coalition Vice-Chair and the Prevention Program Director; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health funds are budgeted to cover hotel/parking/fees under Account 104350.54450; and

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WHEREAS, the conference registration fee, food and travel are paid by scholarship from the Prevention Resource Center to the Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition to support attendance for the aforementioned individual; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Standing Committee approved this resolution on December 17, 2019; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes Tammy Orlopp to attend the CADCA - 31st Annual Leadership Forum February 2 –8, 2019 in National Harbor, M.D. and authorizes expenses associated with said travel and payable under the Seneca County Travel Policy.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Rule 29: Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Barnhart, and carried by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Supervisors present, to consider a resolution introducing proposed local law A which establishes salaries of certain county officials and scheduling a public hearing.

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A - YEAR 2020 –
ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS AND SCHEDULING A
PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS The Seneca County Board of Supervisors, by Resolution No. 276-19 did adopt a salary increase of 3% for the Management Salary Schedule that includes certain County Officers; and

WHEREAS a local law is required to address the annual salary of County Officers as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, such County Officers salary may be increased in accordance with a schedule providing higher rates of compensation through additional increments of salary based on time service or otherwise; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law A - Year 2020 entitled, “Seneca County Establishes Salaries for Certain County Officials for the Year 2020”, be and the same is hereby introduced before the Board of Supervisors of Seneca County, New York as follows:

The salary of the following County Officers as of January 1, 2020 shall not exceed that indicated opposite their respective titles:

Robert W. Hayssen	Chairman, Board of Supervisors	\$	17,733.00
Supervisor	Member, Board of Supervisors	\$	13,797.00

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C. Mitchel Rowe	County Manager	\$ 114,092.00
Margaret Li	Clerk to the Board	\$ 59,377.00
Mark Sinkiewicz	District Attorney	\$ 200,355.00
Michael Mirras	Public Defender	\$ 83,939.00
Halle Stevens	Finance Director	\$ 87,505.00
Frank Sinicropi	County Treasurer	\$ 37,131.50
Lisa Keshel	Director of Real Property Tax	\$ 58,870.00
Christina Lotz	County Clerk	\$ 71,571.00
David Ettman	County Attorney	\$ 108,130.00
Christopher Wagner	Personnel Officer	\$ 80,000.00
Tiffany Folk	Commissioner Board of Elections	\$ 64,306.00
Carl Same	Commissioner Board of Elections	\$ 64,306.00
William Luce	Sheriff	\$ 84,033.00
Vickie Swinehart	Director Public Health	\$ 97,793.00
Tracy VanVleck	Commissioner of Human Services	\$ 87,867.00
Sue Sauvageau	Director Weights & Measures	\$ 60,396.00
Walter Gable	Historian	\$ 16,750.00
Samuel Priem	Commissioner Public Works	\$ 103,442.00

And be it further

RESOLVED that the amounts therein shown, reflects a possible increase based upon the evaluation step schedule adopted by the Board previously and that said step increase may not apply to each position; and it is further

RESOLVED that this local law shall ratify Resolution 276-19 applicable to said officers as of January 1, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Board of Supervisors Room at the Seneca County Office Building, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, New York at or about 700 P.M. on January 28, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board publish or cause to be published a notice of said public hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least five days prior thereto.

Rule 29: Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Borst, and carried by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Supervisors present, to consider a resolution amending the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors by creating a new structure for Standing Committees.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE **
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RESOLUTION NO. 17-2020, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

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WHEREAS, New York County Law §154 provides that the board of supervisors may create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the board in the transaction of its business; now, therefore,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Rules of Order at the reorganizational meeting on January 6, 2020 and under Rule 25, designation of Standing Committees is set forth; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 8 of said Rules of Order, an amendment of said Rules must be made on notice to the Board of the proposed amendment and the same be passed by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Board; and

WHEREAS, to increase the leadership and participation of the Board in matters critical to the efficient and accountable governance of Seneca County, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that Rule 25 of the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors is amended as follows:

COMMITTEE NO. 1 - FINANCE, ASSESSMENT & INSURANCE - Responsible for County budget, returned school taxes, sales tax, debt service, and County Treasurer, Finance Department, County Insurance Programs, Risk Management, Workers' Compensation and Fixed Assets Program, Assessment rolls, Real Property Tax Office, tax maps, reappraisals tax sale property, tax petitions, and all real property tax matters

COMMITTEE NO. 2 - PERSONNEL - Responsible for Personnel Department, civil service, employee contracts, employee salaries and benefits, employee relations, County Policy development and maintenance, ethics and affirmative action program, vacancy committee reports and recommendations.

COMMITTEE NO. 3 - GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS - Responsible for County Clerk, Board of Elections, Courts, Central Services, Records Management, County rules and order of business, legislative proposals and reviews, County Historian, County Manager, Clerk of the Board, Supervisors' expenses, Purchasing, County Law Department, and Weights and Measures.

COMMITTEE NO. 4 - PUBLIC WORKS - Responsible for Public Works Division and its departments: Code Enforcement, Facilities, Highway, and operations thereunder to include County roads, rights of way, snow removal, highway materials and equipment, repairs, maintenance, construction and siting of all

County buildings, utilities, matters related to Seneca County Sewer District #3, and Solid Waste management, recycling and composting.

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COMMITTEE NO. 5 - PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE & TOURISM - Responsible for Planning & Community Development, Planning Board, Industrial Development Agency, Tourism, Federal and State grants, Soil & Water Conservation District, Extension Service, Agriculture Districts, and Finger Lakes Regional Airport

COMMITTEE NO. 6 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - Responsible for the Mental Health Department, Mental Health Programs, Community Services Board, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse programs, Youth at Risk Programs

COMMITTEE NO. 7 - PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES - Responsible for the Public Health Department, home health agency, sanitation, Handicapped Children Pre-K (3-5), Early Intervention, animal disease control and Code Enforcement

COMMITTEE NO. 8 - HUMAN SERVICES - Responsible for the Division of Human Services, Social Services Department, Office for the Aging, Veterans Services, Weatherization Program, and Community Colleges

COMMITTEE NO. 9 - PUBLIC SAFETY - Responsible for Sheriff's Department and Jail, District Attorney, Public Defender, Coroners, Justices and Constables, Fire Mutual Aid, Office of Emergency Management, Probation Department, STOP-DWI Program, and E-911

COMMITTEE NO. 10 - INDIAN AFFAIRS - Responsible for all issues relative to the Indian Affairs

COMMITTEE NO. 11 - ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS - Responsible for keeping the Board abreast of the various activities in the County, alternative energy issues, and their potential environmental impacts

COMMITTEE NO. 12 - TECHNOLOGY- Responsible for computers and computer related equipment, AS400, electronic communications including telephones and cellular phones and the Information Technology Department

COMMITTEE NO. 13 – WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS – Responsible for all matters related to Seneca County Sewer Districts 1 & 2, and Seneca County Water District 1.

Executive Session:

Sprvr. Kronenwetter offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, and carried by 2/3 majority vote of the full Board of Supervisors, to enter into executive session for the purpose of holding a discussion regarding current litigation (OML 105(1)(d)). Invited to join the Board in executive session:

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County Manager Rowe, County Attorney Ettman, and Brian Laudadio, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Time of executive session: 7:14 p.m. – 8:03 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session. No action was taken.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.