

**SENECA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2020

Call to Order

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

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Eleven members of the Board answered roll call. Sprvrs. Cleere, Enslow, and Hayes were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentations

a) Committee to Designate Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery as New York State's Veterans Cemetery – Committee Chairman Michael Nozzolio. Senator Nozzolio, who represented Seneca County for more than thirty years, and retired in 2015, supported the designation of Sampson as a state designated veterans cemetery and has been working on this for over ten years. Senator Nozzolio pointed out that Sampson is the only location that has everything already in place and the transition from local to state designation would be seamless. Oneida County also expressed interest.

b) Problem Gambling Awareness Month – United Way of Seneca County. April 2020 is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. For most people, gambling is a recreational activity, but for some it develops into a problem addiction. Take time to learn the warning signs and reach out to friends and families to give and accept support.

c) Coronavirus Update – Public Health Director Vickie Swinehart, R.N. COVID 19 is a new strain of coronavirus; there is evidence of community spread (person to person) of the illness; 80% of cases are mild; As of March 10, 2020, there are 173 cases in New York State; 6 downstate counties including Westchester 108 cases, New York City 36 cases, Nassau 19 cases; There are no cases in Seneca County. Seneca County Health Department recommends individuals and families follow everyday preventive measures (similar to influenza preparedness) to prepare for COVID 19. Get a flu shot, stay home if are sick with respiratory disease symptoms; use proper respiratory etiquette: Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue then throw that tissue in the trash; use proper hand washing hygiene; avoid touching your face. Information and Public Health Advisory flyers were distributed.

Petitioners

a) Dutton Andrews, resident of Junius. Mr. Andrews complained that he is getting no help from law enforcement or the district attorney for a neighbor he alleges has been trespassing on his property because the neighbor is a convicted felon and law enforcement and the district attorney refuse to arrest convicted felons.

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Open Privilege of the Floor

Charles Bowman, resident, Seneca County reported he was assaulted by several individuals hired by Clint Halftown and Cayuga Nation and the Sheriff, State Police and Seneca Falls police stood and watched doing nothing to stop the attack.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved for February 11, 2020 board meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

Human Services Committee – Sprvr. McGreevy, Vice-Chairman. The Human Services committee has a resolution on tonight's agenda to apply for up to \$120,000 in grant funding for Workforce and Youth Bureau for various services for In-School and Out of School eligible youth and young adults ages 14 through 24 years of age. We also approved a contract with Glove House for up to \$823,747 to provide a multitude of services particularly for our foster care program. And finally, we will adopt the 2020 Seneca County Child & Family Services Annual Plan Update for Department of Social Services and Youth Bureau

Mental Health Services Committee – Sprvr. McGreevy, Vice-Chairman. The Mental Health Services has two resolutions on the agenda tonight. Accept \$22,000 Grant from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to support domestic violence services; and Approve appointments made by the Seneca County Community Services Board for its committees and board positions.

Public Health Services Committee – Sprvr. McGreevy, Chairman. Two resolution are on the agenda for Public Health Services. A contract with Abby Dunphy to provide speech and language pathology services for the preschool program at a rate of \$55 per hour; and the other resolution is to provide an Aide for the 3-5 Preschool Program for the Romulus Central School District. The resolution is for an Aide, but the school district contacted Vickie Swinehart and said they would prefer a nurse. So I will be seeking an amendment to include in the resolution an Aide OR a Nurse. Finally, the health department is getting ready for the annual household hazardous waste collection event held in the Fall. No date has been set yet. More information later in the year

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Committee – Sprvr. Barnhart, Chairman. On tonight's agenda, the committee approved three resolutions for the Board's consideration. April is recognized as Fair Housing Month, recognition of the 52 anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, and national origin. The State of New York adds: creed, disability, marital status, age, blindness, hearing impairment, use of a

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hearing service or guide dog, sexual orientation, military status, and domestic violence victim. We approved the appointment of Valerie Bassett to the Board of Directors for Seneca County Funding Corporation. She will take the place of Tom Macinski who resigned his position. The Seneca County Economic Development Strategy is completed and ready for adoption by this Board. The Strategy is intended to serve as a guide for how and where to focus economic development resources throughout Seneca County. This Plan is the result of detailed analysis of the County's economy along with interviews of business leaders, government officials and other stakeholders in the County economy. There is a webinar scheduled on developing strong applications to fund municipal water infrastructure. Date is March 19 from 10 am – 12 p.m. Tom Murray, board director for Seneca County Chamber of Commerce announced several upcoming events hosted by the Chamber and open to There are also a few upcoming events hosted by Seneca County Chamber of Commerce for the month of March.

Personnel Committee – Sprvr. Ferrara, Chairman. In addition to the several resolutions under Personnel tonight, the committee also approved refilling several vacant positions. In the Mental Health Department, we authorized refilling a full-time position for a Peer Advocate; we have a vacancy to fill in for a full-time Code Enforcement Officer, and our Probation Department has a position to fill for a full-time Senior Typist and for a full-time Probation Officer.

Public Safety Committee – Sprvr. Brownell, Chairman. The committee agreed to support the judges' request for a CAP court clerk. It will be a part-time position, at 20 hours a week, for no more than \$20,000. This will be for a temporary basis and we will review the process in 6 months. And later tonight, under new business, I will be offering a motion for a Rule 29 to introduce a resolution to apply for a homeland security grant.

Government Operations Committee – Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, Chairwoman. Tonight I will introduce a resolution recognizing March 2020 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Seneca County; and a resolution authorizing a grant application for up to \$75,000 toward our records management system. Chairman Hayssen said he will be re-forming the Special Committee on Sharing Sales Tax Revenue. As for the demolition of Cayuga Nation buildings, Clint Halftown did not obtain a permit prior to the demolition. We asked the county attorney to research if there was a legal option, by local law, or resolution, to penalize the hired contractor, who went ahead and demolished the building knowing there wasn't a permit for the demo. We do have a Codes regulation that will not issue any building permit if there are back taxes owed on the property. Cayuga Nation properties located on the west side of Rt 89 are paid. property on the east side of Rt. 89 taxes are not paid.

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Indian Affairs Committee – Sprvr. Kronenwetter, Vice-Chairman. The committee voted in favor of contacting Terra Sweeny of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who has the final authority to approve the Clint Halftown application to make the land a reservation, stating that “any attempt to put into trust any lands with dangerous and reckless leadership should be out of the question; and because buildings were demolished without proper permits, then the application is disqualified anyway.

Environmental Affairs Committee – Sprvr. Kronenwetter, Chairman. The moratorium is lifted for Sewer 1 and Sewer 2; but a moratorium remains in place for out-of-district users. Towns need to have a Sewer Use Law in place before it will be lifted. Discussion about whether recycling picked up by Cardinale in the Town of Seneca Falls is being taken to a landfill for dumping. There was a meeting with Cardinale, Kyle Black, SMI District Manager, and Mitch Rowe regarding this ‘rumor’ and they have some information. SA for the Solid Waste Plan – DEC has templates. Kathleen Johns is the contact person in DEC. Landfill is scheduled to close due to Seneca Falls local law. We need to re-start on completing a solid waste plan for the county. NYC Composting: New York City has a composting program. Maybe beneficial to us in that less garbage will be sent up here??

Public Works Committee – Sprvr. Trout, Chairman. Other than one resolution on tonight’s agenda to declare equipment as surplus, the committee continued discussion regarding 318 sewer issues. The IDA sewer line is not ready to be turned over to the county yet. Cost of inspection is more than expected; 8600 foot area; 24 manholes; jetty issue which will be costly to address; 30 – 80 ft. off pavement-so will need a state permit.

Finance, Assessment & Insurance Committee – Sprvr. Reynolds, Chairman. The Finance Committee discussed the option to raise the sliding scale dollar amount for certain exemptions: Aged / low income / disabled. The current rate is low. The process for making this happen will be for next year. There is a resolution to contract with PMA Companies to administer our workers compensation claims. The company we contracted with previously went out of business – they were unable to provide the service at the rate they quoted us. The rate was too low.

Chairman’s Remarks

Chairman Hayssen the program to repair or replace the historic markers is underway. Some of the signs are missing. He asked if anyone who may know where they are would please return them to the county. Highway took the markers down for repair. Chairman Hayssen drove downstate himself to pick up the new markers. On another note, \$5.4 million is actual unpaid taxes belonging to Cayuga Nation.

County Manager’s Remarks

None

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County Attorney's Remarks

County Attorney Ettman said he will address the board under executive session later tonight regarding the demolition of buildings by Clint Halftown.

Communications:

20. From Assemblyman Brian Kolb's office a letter dated February 13, 2020 acknowledging receipt of a copy of Seneca County Resolution No. 19-2020, requesting Home Rule Statute amending Section 1210(28) of the NYS Law and giving the County of Seneca authority to extend the additional one percent sales tax to November 30, 2023.

21. From NYS Department of Transportation, a copy of the fully executed Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement, D014759 for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

22. A copy of the Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee December 11, 2019 meeting minutes.

23. A copy of the Seneca County Community Services Board January 21, 2020 meeting minutes.

24. A copy of Seneca County Board of Health January 15, 2020 meeting minutes; and February 19, 2020 meeting minutes.

25. A copy of Ontario County Resolution No. 100-2020, "Calling on the State to Restore Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Funding to Local Governments in the 2020-2021 State Budget".

26. A copy of Sullivan County Resolution No. 61-20 requesting an additional one half percent than previous years due to our \$95 Million new jail which the New York State has mandated the size and New York State is mandating Sullivan County to take down our new Jail and build a new Courthouse; and Resolution No. 90-20, "Supporting the Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act (S.7280/A.09107); and Resolution Nos. 95-20 through 105-20, related to resolutions adopted by NYSAC at the conference regarding increased funding for public health programs, social services programs and Medicaid.

27. A copy of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, "Discover Seneca Quarterly Report January – March 2020".

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES ACCEPTANCE OF \$22,000 GRANT FROM THE
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (OCFS) TO
SUPPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2020, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Community Counseling Center of the County Mental Health Department has received \$22,000 in grant funding from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) with a \$5,000 local cash match required to provide domestic violence services to individuals under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds the salary and fringe benefits of the Coordinator of Domestic Violence Services; and

WHEREAS, services provided through this funding include: a 24-hour emergency hotline, information and referrals, counseling, safety planning, legal advocacy, medical and court accompaniment, and community education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant funding has been reviewed and approved by the Mental Health Services Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all necessary documents to accept and administer the \$22,000 grant from OCFS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Finance Department to make any necessary budgetary and accounting entries to account 10.4330.44389, to affect the intent of this resolution.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES 2020 APPOINTMENTS TO THE
SENECA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD'S (CSB)**

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2020, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the CSB agreed to appoint Seneca County CSB member Pat Plyter, formerly Vice Chair to the position of Chair with a term expiration date of December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS; the Seneca County CSB agreed to appoint Lisa Heitmann, formerly Seneca County CSB Chair, to the position of Seneca County CSB Vice Chair with a term expiration date of December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS; the Seneca County CSB has accepted Jennifer Manders' resignation from the Community Services Board and her role as Chair of the Mental Health Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County CSB has agreed to appoint Seneca County CSB Member Suzanne Lee as Chair of the Mental Health Subcommittee with a term expiration date of December 31, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County CSB appointed Dr. Lorenzetti to the Seneca County CSB with a term expiration date of December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Services Committee approved this resolution on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby approves CSB appointments for 2020.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATES COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZES SALE BY AUCTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2020, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, the following county owned property has been recommended to be declared surplus and sold by auction:

Property	Quantity
2010 Ford F-250, Blue VIN 1FTSX2b51AEb25554	1
Television	7
Flat Screen Television	2
Miscellaneous Chairs	194
Couch	1
Desk	18
Computer stand	4
16 Inch Dual Axle Trailer Big Tex 2007 vin# 16VNX162X72C55888	1
Two Station desk with partitions and wall mount cabinets	1
U-shaped desk with partitions and cabinets	2
Round Patio Table	4
Chairs that go with the patio table	14
Water Softening System with 3 tanks	1
Book Shelves	7
Metal Detector	1
Nortel 1120E IP Telephone	346
Notel 1140E IP Telephone	26
Noretel 2001 IP Telephone	29
Notrel IP Audio Conference Phone 2033	8
Nortel Networks NTDK92 Telephone System Expander Chassis	3
Nortel Network NTDK91 Chassis	5
Nortel MG 1000 NTDU15 Media Gateway Chassis	1
Nortel CallPilot 202i	1
Nortel Meridian NTRB21AA TMDI DTI/PRI Card	1
Nortel Meridian NTRB21AC TMDI DTI/PRI Card	1
Nortel Meridian 1 Option NTRB21AB TMDI T1 1.5M DTI/PRI Multi-Purpose Digital Interface Circuit Card	2
Nortel Media Gateway Controller	2
NORTEL NT8D09AL 16 Port Analog Message Waiting Line Card	3

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Nortel Meridian NT8D09BA 16 Port Analog Extension Card M/WLC Meridian	3
Nortel CS 1000 CPPM Card	1
Nortel NT8D14BB/(UNIV TRK)	1
Nortel NTDK16BA 48 Port Digital line card	4
NORTEL Meridian NT8D14AA RLSE 15 8-Port Universal Trunk Card	3
Nortel NTDW59BAE6 CS1000 CPMG 128	3
Nortel Meridian NT8D09AL Analog Message Waiting Line Card	1

And

WHEREAS, upon recording sales revenue a budget transfer will be made to the Contingency Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee approved this resolution on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the aforementioned property as surplus and authorizes the Superintendent of Facilities to dispose these surplus items by auction with all proceeds to be recorded as sales revenue in Contingency Account 101990-42665; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is authorized and directed to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the budget transfer to the Contingency Fund, Account 101990-54700.

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZES

MARCH 2020 AS PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH IN SENECA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 55-2020, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York Council on Problem Gambling and National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2020 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a Public Health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

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WHEREAS, the United Way of Seneca County and the Seneca County Board of Supervisors invite all residents of Seneca County, New York to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation resolution was approved by the Government Operations Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as: Problem Gambling Awareness Month In Seneca County and encourage all citizens to have the conversation with friends, family, patients and clients, and support the Seneca County Community Counseling Center and the United Way of Seneca County in their efforts to increase awareness of the risks of problem gambling and encourage all to take action toward recovery.

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT
IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2020, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Archives has announced that it is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline is 5:00 pm on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) provides grants to local governments to assist in establishing records management programs or develop new program components; and

WHEREAS, it is a competitive program, awarding grants based on the merits of applications with no required local match in amount up to \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County could benefit from funding to support document conversion and access as well as file management enhancements; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been recommended for approval by the Government Operations Committee at its meeting of February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes submission of a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant Application in an amount up to \$75,000.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTS FINANCIAL AID TO SENECA COUNTY
MAGISTRATES FOR COURT CLERK SERVICES TO THE CENTRAL ARRAIGNMENT
PART (CAP) COURT AND AMENDS THE 2020 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**

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RESOLUTION NO. 57-2020, moved by Sprvr. Brownell, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Magistrates' and Court Clerk's Association, in response to the increased administrative burden of the various criminal justice reforms that became effective January 1, 2020, have requested that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors establish a plan of financial support to provide for the compensation of Court Clerks for the effective operation of the Central Arraignment Part (CAP) Court, as established in Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board of Supervisors that there exists a pool of trained and experienced Court Clerks serving in the various Town and Village Courts of Seneca County that can provide this needed assistance; and

WHEREAS that compensation through their current Town or Village employers is the most effective way to assist the CAP Court in providing the needed support; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Safety Committee at its meeting of February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Manager to enter into shared services agreements with the Towns or Villages of Seneca County that provide Court Clerk services to the Seneca County CAP Court above their standard compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such plan of compensation shall not exceed \$20,000 for the remainder of calendar year 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such specific requests for compensation shall be in compliance with the directives and application of NY Civil Service Law and Seneca County Civil Service guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to transfer \$20,000 from Contingencies Account No. 101990 into a new Account to be established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the CAP Court for clerk services.

**AUTHORIZE ELIMINATION OF ONE FULL-TIME POSITION FOR ADDICTIONS
COUNSELOR AND CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME POSITION FOR
MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL THERAPIST POSITION
IN FISCAL YEAR 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2020, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Borst, and adopted.

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill a vacant clinical position for provision of both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services in The Mental Health Department's integrated outpatient clinic; and

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WHEREAS, the Mental Health Clinical Therapist role allows for more flexibility in the provision of services in an integrated clinic environment; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Department will eliminate a vacant Addictions Counselor position in order to support financing of this new position; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the Addictions Counselor position and the creation and filling of the Mental Health Clinical Therapist position has been approved by the Seneca County Board of Supervisors Vacancy Committee on February 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee on February 25, 2020 approved this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Seneca County Mental Health Department to eliminate one Addictions Counselor position and to create and fill one full-time Mental Health Clinical Therapist position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance be authorized and directed to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the intent of this resolution.

AUTHORIZE CREATION & FILLING OF ONE (1) REAL PROPERTY TAX AIDE POSITION

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2020, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Reynolds, and adopted.

WHEREAS, in May of 2017 the Real Property Tax Office and the Treasurer's Office were combined which resulted in the increase of duties and work load; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2018, the BOS approved the creation and filling of the position of a Senior Real Property Tax Aide which was recommended by Public Sector HR and authorized the Real Property Tax Services Aide position to backfill the vacant position due to promotion; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the Real Property Tax Department, filling the Real Property Tax Aide position with the required minimum qualifications proved to be difficult. This resulted in the position being reclassified to a Clerk position which has since been filled; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has recommended the creation of the Real Property Tax Aide position in order for the current Clerk to avoid out of title work; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee met on February 25, 2020 and reviewed and approved this resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the creation and filling of one (1) Real Property Tax.

SUPERVISORS APPROVE CSEA MOA AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9 SECTION 1

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2020, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Trout, and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the County and CSEA Union have a signed contract through December 31, 2022;
and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to revise the Collective Bargaining Agreement to benefit the employees so that they may have a longer window to grieve during a death in the family; and

WHEREAS, the CSEA Union has agreed to the proposed revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution at its Committee Meeting on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approves the revision of the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 9 Section 1 to read as follows and allows the Personnel Officer to sign a MOA with the CSEA reflecting the following:

1. In the event of a death of a member in the employee's family, the employee shall be excused from his/her work at his/her request for up to a maximum of five (5) work days. Such days shall be used to attend the funeral and shall be used over a two week calendar day period following the death of the member in the employee's family, provided that all of those days were regularly scheduled work days of the employee.

Definition of an employee's family shall be: Parent including Foster or Step Parents, Spouse, Children, including Step and Foster, Brother or Sister, Domestic Partner or Significant Other, Mother-in-law, Father-in-law, and any other relatives who are a member of his/her household.

2. In the event of death "other" members of an employee's family, the employee shall be excused from his/her work at his/her request for up to a maximum of three (3) work days. Such days shall be used to attend the funeral and shall be used over a two week calendar day period following the death of the member in the employee's family, provided that all of those days were regularly scheduled work days of the employee.

Definition of "other" members of an employee's family shall be: brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents, grandparents-in-law and grandchildren including foster and step.

3. In the event of the death of an employee's aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, the employee shall be granted one (1) regularly scheduled workday off to attend the funeral.
4. Part-time employees shall be paid bereavement leave for their regularly scheduled workday.

**AUTHORIZE CREATION AND FILLING ONE POSITION FOR PART-TIME SPECIAL
INVESTIGATOR IN THE SENECA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2020, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Public Defender's Office is seeking to create a new position for a Part-time Special Investigator to assist the Public Defender's Office with their investigations and other duties; and

WHEREAS, the Part-time Special Investigator position would be for approximately 20 hours per week; and would receive an annual salary of not more than \$31,500, and not more than \$8,100 in fringe benefits; and

WHEREAS, the expense for this position is at no cost to the county due to the statewide expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Settlement, which awarded Seneca County \$4,724,443.84 by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services over a five year period; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with County Policy 101.200(A) (7) this position was authorized by the Vacancy Committee on February 11, 2020 and approved by the Personnel Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the creation of a position in the Public Defender's Office for one Part-time Special Investigator, for approximately 20 hours a week; for an annual salary not more than \$31,500, and not more than \$8,100 in fringe benefits

**AUTHORIZE CREATION AND FILLING OF A TEMPORARY CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2020, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, The Children with Special Needs Program Coordinator will be retiring in May, 2020 after 32 years of services; and

WHEREAS, due to many job responsibilities of this position the department is requesting to create and fill a temporary Child with Special Needs Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the candidate will be able to work with the incumbent in this position for one month to become familiar with the duties of this position; and

WHEREAS, the temporary position will be vacated upon the retirement of the incumbent in May, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this position is in the Public Health Budget as there is a Public Health Sanitarian position that remains vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Committee has authorized the creation and filling of this temporary position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the creation and filling of a temporary Children with Special Needs Program Coordinator in Public Health.

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS URGE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA)
TO STOP ANY APPROVALS RELATED TO APPLICATION FOR LAND INTO TRUST
BY THE CAYUGA INDIAN NATION IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2020, moved by Sprvr. Kronenwetter, second by Sprvr. Lott and adopted.

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has been considering an application by the Cayuga Indian Nation for Land Into Trust; and

WHEREAS, the BIA's decision on Land into Trust has far reaching impacts for Seneca County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, recent unrest within the Cayuga Indian Nation (CIN) has resulted in acts of violence and civil unrest at and near CIN properties in the Town of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, these actions should cause pause to any decisions pending before the BIA and any other Federal Agency; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Indian Affairs Committee at its meeting of February 25, 2020; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors urges the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs to stop any actions in support of the Cayuga Indian Nation's Request for Land Into Trust in light of recent demolition activities of multiple buildings in the Town of Seneca Falls.

Amendment to the Main Motion – Resolution No. 63-2020:

Sprvr. Kronenwetter offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, and carried, to amend the main motion by replacing the word "delay", with the word "stop" in the resolution title and the resolution resolved clause.

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT
TITLE 1-B YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FUNDING**

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2020, moved by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted.

WHEREAS, there is an annual Competitive Request for Proposal grant through the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County must apply individually for these funds; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County Workforce Development and Youth Bureau is interested in applying for up to \$120,000 to service In -School and Out of School WIOA eligible youth and young adults ages 14 through 24; and

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WHEREAS, the funding will cover the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, optional two year extension based on performance and funding; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposal application is tentatively due on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Seneca County Division of Human Services Department of Workforce Development and Youth Bureau to apply for WIOA Title 1-B Youth Employment and Training Program funds, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign proposal application and contract documents if proposal is funded based on review and approval of the contract by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance be authorized to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the intent of this resolution.

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2020 SENECA COUNTY CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2020, moved by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted.

WHEREAS, an Annual Plan update is required by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to the 2018-2023 Child and Family Services Plan. The Annual Update covers the Children and Family Services, Youth and Young Adults Components, Child Care Subsidy Program and PINS Diversion Services; and

WHEREAS, this plan covers the activities, strategies and outcomes for the above components; and

WHEREAS, the plan submission is due April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the submission of the April 1, 2020 Annual Plan Update; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized and directed to sign the 2020 Child and Family Services Plan Update.

**AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GLOVE HOUSE, INC. FOR
CHILD WELFARE RELATED SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2020, moved by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Division of Human Services desires to continue to contract with Glove House, Inc. for Child Welfare Related Services; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided in the amendment are the following:

- Recruit/Train and Certify Foster Care homes
- Administrative Expenses
- On Call emergency services for Foster Care/Preventive Services
- Family Advocacy
- Home and Community Based Preservation Services, providing at least weekly visitation
- Supervised Visitation
- Youth Advocacy and Skill Building
- Family Team Meetings
- Socialization and learning groups for children
- Home and Community based Parenting classes
- Transportation Services for Families
- Permanency outcomes for Youth

And

WHEREAS, the proposed Contract amount is \$ 823,747 and is provided for in Account #10-6070-54700-POS47; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the approval of an Agreement with Glove House, Inc. and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to sign the agreement with Glove House Inc.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2020 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2020, moved by Sprvr. Barnhart. second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, April 11, 2020, marks the 52nd anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, and national origin. The State of New York adds: creed, disability, marital status, age, blindness, hearing impairment, use of a hearing service or guide dog, sexual orientation, military status, and domestic violence victim; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors and the Seneca County Housing Coalition are committed to highlighting the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, by

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continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every American of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2020 as Fair Housing Month.

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO SENECA COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION
(VALERIE J. BASSETT)**

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2020, moved by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County lacks the authority under the Laws of New York to issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds for the benefit of private entities; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, by Resolution 24-16, authorized the creation of the Seneca County Funding Corporation, a local development corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Funding Corporation was designated by the County to be an issuer of such bonds for significant projects and related job creation and economic development; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Macinski, one of the individuals appointed to the Seneca County Funding Corporation, has resigned his position on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Valerie J. Bassett, 4019 County Road 131, Interlaken, NY 14847 has been nominated to replace G. Thomas Macinski as a Board Member on the Seneca County Funding Corporation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Standing Committee on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors appoints Valerie J. Bassett to the Board of Directors of the Seneca County Funding Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall take effect immediately.

SUPERVISORS ADOPT SENECA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
RESOLUTION NO. 69-2020, moved by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Economic Development Strategy is intended to serve as a guide for how and where to focus economic development resources throughout Seneca County; and

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WHEREAS, this strategy is the result of detailed analysis of the County’s economy along with interviews of business leaders, government officials and other stakeholders in the County economy; and

WHEREAS, throughout this process, the findings were reviewed by a steering committee comprised of members of the business community, local officials, educators and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County’s economic development strategy can be summarized as “fostering the next generation of growth”; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County is already host to a variety of enterprises building competitive advantage for the “next generation” of growth under the economic conditions of the early 21st Century. To support these firms, the strategy seeks to meet nation-wide economic challenges, including workforce shortages and technological changes disrupting entire industries. It also addresses challenges distinct to Seneca County, including:

- Promoting a “business-friendly” approach when working with businesses so they can easily and quickly find answers and assistance they need;
- Gaps in key infrastructure such as electrical service, sewer and water and broadband Internet service;
- The need to address regulatory and planning issues in an ever faster-paced economy
- Providing an adequate supply of housing at all income levels to support a growing workforce
- Enhancing efforts to create constructive approaches to the role of the Seneca Meadows Landfill in an era when quality of life is increasingly central to economic competitiveness and given the inherent challenging dynamics of hosting such a facility in the County

WHEREAS, this resolution has been approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Standing Committee on January 28, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors adopts the Seneca County Economic Development Strategy dated November 2019.

**AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE 3-5 PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Health Department must secure contracts with agencies and individuals to provide professional services to children enrolled in the 3-5 (Pre-School) Program; and

WHEREAS, Romulus Central School District requires an Aide, or Nurse, to provide services for a child enrolled in the 3-5 Program; and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a contract with Romulus Central School District in order to reimburse them for the expenses for the services this Aide, or Nurse, provides; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement rate for the aide is \$10 per half hour; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement rate for the Nurse is \$17.76 per half hour; and

WHEREAS, funding for this Contract is provided for in Public Health Budget Account # 104149-54700; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution on February 25, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign a Contract with Romulus Central School District for services provided for the 3-5 Program for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Amendment to the Main Motion – Resolution No. 70-2020:

Sprvr. McGreevy offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Barnhart, and carried, to amend the main motion by inserting the text, “or Nurse” immediately following the word “Aide” in the second and third Whereas clause; and inserting the following text after the fourth Whereas clause, “Whereas, the reimbursement rate for the Nurse is \$17.76 per half hour; and”.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ABBY DUNPHY TO PROVIDE

SPEECH / LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2020, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Health Department is required to contract with professionals to provide services for the children enrolled in the Pre-School Program; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for Speech Language Pathologists to meet the needs of children enrolled in this program; and

WHEREAS, Abby Dunphy, 106 East Williams Street, Waterloo, New York is available to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, funding for these services is provided for in Public Health Budget Account No. 10-4149-54700; and

WHEREAS, the Contract will expire on December 31, 2022 and Ms. Dunphy will be compensated at the rate not to exceed \$55 per half hour session; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution; on February 25, 2020 now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign a Contract with Abby Dunphy to provide speech and language pathology services for the Pre-School Program.

Postponed until next board meeting – Contract with PMA Companies to Administer County Workers Compensation Program

Sprvr. Reynolds offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Borst, for a board resolution authorizing a three-year contract with PMA Companies, Syracuse, NY, to administer the Seneca County Workers Compensation Program, for \$63,000 year 1 and \$58,000 for years 2 and 3; and directs the Seneca County Board Chair to execute all necessary documents, and authorize the appropriation of Reserve Funds in the amount of \$54,000 to be transferred to Account No. 601710-54000. The company that administers the county Workers Compensation Program will be discontinuing the service on April 1, 2020.

A discussion followed about whether this function could be done in-house using specific financial software for Workers Compensation. Risk Manager Greg Pellicano advised that if there is a disruption in continuation of compensation payments would result in penalties. Finance Director Halle Stevens said her staff would have the capability to continue compensation payments without interruption after the April 1 deadline.

Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter, and carried, to postpone the motion until the next board meeting

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Rule 29: Sprvr. Brownell offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, and carried by 2/3 majority vote of members of the Board present, to introduce the following resolution to the floor without it having been reviewed by the appropriate Standing Committee.

APPLY FOR FY2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP/SLETPP) GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2020, moved by Sprvr. Brownell, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services awarded the Seneca County Office of Emergency Management and the Seneca County Sheriff's Office a NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant for 2020; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County has received a targeted allocation amount of \$43,770 - \$57,278 under the FY2020 SHSP (to include SLETPP); and

WHEREAS, activities implemented under the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) grant must support terrorism

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preparedness by building or sustaining capabilities that relate to terrorism prevention, protection, and/or response activities; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five percent (25%) (\$14,319) of the highest total allocation amount must be directed to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent (20%) of the grant award (based on the highest target allocation amount) must be spent in support of four (4) National Priority areas including Cyber Security, Soft Targets/Crowded Places, Intelligence and Information Sharing, and Emerging Threats; and

WHEREAS, funding decisions and final award amounts will be determined by DHS/FEMA and will be based on a Grant Effectiveness Review conducted on those 20% National Priority projects; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was brought from the floor by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board under Rule 29 of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Order; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approves applying for the 2020 SHSP/SLETPP grant and directs the County Manager to sign all paperwork related to the same.

Executive Session:

Sprvr. Trout offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, to convene under Executive Session to hold discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation; and 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 (*NYS OML Section 105 (1) (d) (f)*). Invited into Executive Session were the County Manager; County Attorney, Personnel Officer; Commissioner of the Division of Human Services; Seneca County Sheriff. Time of Executive Session: 7:50 p.m. – 9:05 p.m. The Board of Supervisors returned from Executive Session and convened under open session. No action was taken.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.