

**SENECA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Special Board Meeting  
June 23, 2020

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND UNDER  
NYS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1**

**Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or Other similar service:** Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Thirteen members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call. Sprvr. Borst was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented for the April 28, 2020 special board meeting; the May 12, 2020 regular board meeting; and the May 26, 2020 special board meeting

Report of Special Committees

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Hayssen said Phase 4 of Reopening is pending; but there won't be a lot of business included as we hoped. Not reopening are casinos, gyms, malls, movie theaters, etc. He pointed out that tribal owned casinos are opened and ignored Cuomo's executive orders. There has been no progress at the state level to reopen NYCC early, so that remains questionable.

A discussion ensued regarding Empire Farm Days for this year, and during NYS PAUSE, attendance is restricted to 25 people or less. The operators did not notify Emergency Management or local law enforcement. Seneca Falls polic and the Sheriff are unaware of any plans for traffic control. Previous years there have been 440 vendor booths operated by 2 – 3 people each. Historically the event draws 4,000 people. Operators have not submitted any plan addressing safety and prevention from spreading COVID; they have not applied for state permits or necessary operating permit at this time. Public Health and Public Safety officials urge the Board of Supervisors to do what they can to prevent this event, especially since there has been no safety plan submitted regarding COVID. Noted also was that county fairs and state fairs are being canceled. How can we allow Empire Farm Days.

County Manager's Remarks

None

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County Attorney's Remarks

We are initiating the enforcement of COVID regulations issued by the governor. Warning letters were distributed to 2 businesses in Seneca County. One is a national chain and the other is family owned. Management at both businesses will take steps to remedy the complaints received regarding the lack of safety measures to be in place during NYS PAUSE due to COVID. Enforcing safety measures for bars may involve NYS Liquor Authority. They could lose their license and/or receive a hefty fine.

An auction was held at Route 318 locations against safety recommendations and planning. It should not have taken place. An auction hosted by Amish is scheduled for tomorrow June 24 and June 25. Code Enforcement, Public Health, and the county attorney reviewed the auction's plan for safety measures that need to be in place to prevent the spread of COVID. The county attorney will visit site tomorrow to observe social distancing and mask wearing.

Communications

52. Declaration of a local state emergency for Seneca County NY beginning at 10:00 a.m. on June 13, 2020 and continue in effect until 10:00 a.m. July 13, 2020.

53. Emails dated June 9, 2020 from Gail Brown, Seneca Falls; Danielle Searing, Seneca Falls; Nancy Bromka, Romulus; Kathy Torrey, Seneca Falls; and Alyssa Bromka, Romulus, urging the Board of Supervisors to open Seneca County ahead of NYS Forward plan.

54. From Mike Lambert, Fayette, an email dated May 27, 2020 expressing his concern about a supervisor who did not wear a mask during the May committee and board meetings, regardless of county policy stating masks must be worn inside the county building.

55. From Karen Birch, Seneca Falls, an email dated May 27, 2020 expressing her concern about poor audio quality during the Board of Supervisors live streamed meetings and asking that the issue be addressed so members of the public can hear the meetings clearly.

56. From George Richardson, Covert, an email dated May 26, 2020 regarding elimination of twenty-four county staff positions and asking if they were necessary overall, stating "government officials are more interested in how they can get more dollars from the tax payers than how the dollars are spent".

57. A copy of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office Monthly Snapshot for May 2020.

58. From NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services, a list of Certified 2020 State Equalization Rates for the 2020 assessment rolls established to date for the municipalities in Seneca County (*\* The final state equalization rate has been rescinded, the revised State equalization rate is shown*).

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59. From The Halpin Firm, copy of Notice of Public Hearing regarding Home Leasing, LLC; Public Hearing for Application to Seneca County IDA for Financial Assistance set for June 22, 2020.

60. From The Halpin Firm, regarding the Notice of Public Hearing; Application of Home Leasing, LLC to Seneca County IDA for Financial Assistance in Connection with the Acquisition and Redevelopment of 201 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, the financial assistance applied for would constitute a deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP), for several reasons included in the communication.

61. Copy of Essex County Resolution No. 114, "Calling on the Congressional Delegation to Provide Counties with Direct Federal Aid to Support Counties COVID-19 Response and Reopening Economic Activity Efforts".

62. Copy of Greene County Resolution No. 142-20, "Calling on the Congressional Delegation to Provide Counties with Direct Federal Aid to Support Counties COVID-19 Response and Reopening Economic Activity Efforts"; And Resolution No. 143-20, "Joining Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay in Calling the Legislature back into Session to Return to its Basic Principle of Representative Democracy".

63. A copy of a letter from David L. LeFeber, Chairman, Livingston County, NYS to Governor Cuomo, dated June 8, 2020, imploring on behalf of business owners of Livingston County to move it to the next phase of the reopening process.

64. A copy of Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee March 11, 2020 meeting minutes.

65. A copy of the Community Services Board January 8, 2020 meeting minutes.

66. From Patricia Ryan, resident, Romulus, an email expressing her opposition to allowing the Farm Days event to operate this year.

67. From Ruth Charter, resident, Romulus, comments received regarding her opposition to allowing the Farm Days event to operate this year.

68. From Mary Ann Kowalski, an email dated June 19, 2020, citing an article dated June 18, 2020 posted on the Fingerlakes1.com website about a Seneca Falls woman accused of setting off fireworks without obtaining town approval; and expressing her disapproval regarding the illegal use of fireworks, the lack of communication between the Sheriff's Office, the towns and County Code Enforcement regarding the issuance of permits and approval to use fireworks, and asking the Board of Supervisors to emphasize the illegal use of most fireworks and enforcing the law when violators are caught.

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RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM  
ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL TO SUPPORT ONE SCHOOL BASED CLINICIAN FOR  
SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Enslow, second by Sprvr. Kronenwetter and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all documents necessary to accept the following in contract funding in support of One School Based Clinician in the Romulus Central School for school year 2020/2021:

South Seneca School District   \$39,252.00

WHEREAS, under this program, the County will be reimbursed quarterly for salary expenses to support a full-time School Based Clinician at Romulus Central School; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County Manager to sign the contracts to receive the funding; and

WHEREAS, all funding is included in the 2020 Mental Health budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Services Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution at its June 23, 2020 meeting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents to accept contract funding from the Romulus Central School to support one full-time School Based Clinician in school year 2020/2021.

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE RECLASSIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL  
THERAPIST POSITION TO PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER I POSITION IN THE  
MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Enslow, second by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted.

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill a Clinician vacancy in the Mental Health Department to meet mental health services demand; and

WHEREAS, a list for Psychiatric Social Worker I exists allowing us to fill a Clinician vacancy with a Psychiatric Social Worker I; and

WHEREAS, in order to fill the position from the current Psychiatric Social Worker I list, the current Mental Health Clinical Therapist position must be reclassified to a Psychiatric Social Worker I position; and

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WHEREAS, the reclassification of this position was approved by the Seneca County Vacancy Committee on June 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Personnel Standing Committee on June 23, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Seneca County Mental Health Department to reclassify a Mental Health Clinical Therapist position to a Psychiatric Social Worker I position.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARES VEHICLES AND OFFICE ITEMS AS SURPLUS**  
RESOLUTION NO. 141-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County Highway Department and Facilities Department have accumulated vehicles and office items that have no use for the County; and

WHEREAS, the following Highway items are declared surplus by the Board of Supervisors

- 2000 Sterling dump truck Vin #: 2FZNEXYB4YAB53105
- 2002 Sterling dump truck Vin #: 2FZAZA582AJ69715
- 2003 Sterling dump truck Vin #: 2FZHAAZASX3AK88142
- 1986 Witco equipment trailer Vin #: 1W9A11E38GS061186
- 1987 Blaw-Knox paver - Serial #: 11507-16 12352
- Blaw-Knox roller - Possibly year 1970
- Ingersoll Rand air compressor with attachments
- 2000 New Holland tractor with flail, sickle bar - Serial #:A444485
- Western tailgate salter - Year 2004
- Sander, 1.5 yard, stainless steel - Year 2009
- Sander, 2.5 yard, stainless steel - Year 2006
- Truck cap, blue, 8'
- Truck cap, red, 8'

And,

WHEREAS, the following Facility items are declared surplus by the Board of Supervisors

- 2013 Dodge Van - Vin # 2C4RDGBG9DR617293
- 3 work stations
- 4 full desks
- 8 various small desks
- 194 assorted chairs
- 1 Cabinet with glass front
- Partitions walls
- Die Bold safe 6'x4'
- 2 coat racks

And,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Superintendent of Facilities and the Highway Department to dispose of said surplus items; and

WHEREAS, upon recording sales revenue a budget transfer will be made to the Contingency Fund 101990-54700 for the Facility items; and

WHEREAS, upon recording sales revenue a budget transfer will be made to the 505130-42665 Sale of Equipment line for the Highway items; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution at their June 23, 2020 meeting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors declares vehicles and office items as surplus and authorizes disposal of these items with all proceeds to be transferred to the correct budget lines, 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 intent of this resolution.

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY PLANNING AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES TO DEVELOP SENECA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND  
FARM LAND PROTECTION PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Kronenwetter, second by Sprvr. Lott and adopted.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 72-19, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorized application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for a County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Development Grant; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 118-19, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorized acceptance of the \$50,000 Grant and committed a \$10,000 cash match and \$25,000 in-kind match for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 41-20, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorized the Dept. of Planning & Community Development to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified planning firms to prepare an update to the Seneca County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, RFPs were solicited, received and reviewed by a Consultant Selection Committee with representation from the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Seneca County Soil and Water, and Seneca County Planning and Community Development; and

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WHEREAS, the Consultant Selection Committee recommended the firm of Community Planning and Environmental Associates, 152 Stolzenburg Road Berne, NY 12023 as it demonstrated the ability to best serve the interests of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution on June 23, 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 engage with Community Planning and Environmental Associates for an amount not to exceed \$59,980 to update the Seneca County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Seneca / Location Code 10045 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min.6 hrs Max. 8 hrs.</b>	<b>Name (First and Last)</b>	<b>Tier 1 (Check Only if member is in Tier 1)</b>	<b>Current Term Begin &amp; End Dates  (mm/dd/yy- Mm/dd/yy)</b>	<b>Record of Activities Result</b>	<b>Not Submitted  (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)</b>
Board Supervisor	6	Kyle Barnhart	<input type="checkbox"/>	01-01-20/ 12-31-23	5.62	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Supervisor	6	C. Ernest Brownell	<input type="checkbox"/>	01-01-20/ 12-31-21	1.20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Supervisor	6	Joseph Borst	<input type="checkbox"/>	01-01-20/ 12-31-23	15.89	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Supervisor	6	James Cleere	<input type="checkbox"/>	01-01-20/ 12-31-21	5.62	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Supervisor	6	Paul Kronenwetter	<input type="checkbox"/>	01-01-20/ 12-31-21	5.68	<input type="checkbox"/>
District Attorney	7.5	Mark R Sinkiewicz	<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/20/ 12-31-20	24.20	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ACCEPTANCE OF NYS HAVA CARES ACT GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Enslow and adopted.

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WHEREAS, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), enacted March 28, 2020, includes \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds, made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 Federal election cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Program has no local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, New York State has been allocated a total of \$24,556,381 for use by county boards of elections, and Seneca County Board of Elections is eligible to receive up to \$40,563 for allowable and reasonable expenditures made between March 28, 2020 through November 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, such allowable and reasonable expenditures under this grant program are to protect against and respond to a pandemic, including those necessary to protect the health and safety of poll workers, voters and staff, secure physical locations, and address unexpected expenses due to COVID-19 pandemic during a federal election; as well as those resulting from unanticipated increased demand for vote costs (e.g. printing ballots, envelopes, postage, processing, receiving, storage, etc.), equipment, temporary staff, and similar costs due to COVID-19 would satisfy these elements; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Government Operations Standing Committee on June 23, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the grant and authorizes the Board of Elections Commissioners to sign any and all necessary documentation related to the applications, acceptance, and administration of this grant; and be it further

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

**SUPERVISORS APPOINT MITCHELL ROWE AS INTERIM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR  
FOR SENECA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 1; SENECA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT  
NO. 1; SENECA COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 AND SENECA COUNTY SEWER  
DISTRICT NO. 3**

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Hayes, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 5-A of New York State County Law Seneca County operates Water and Sewer Districts in various parts of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors adopted Sewer Use Laws in 2019 to provide for efficient, sage and legal operation of said Districts; and

WHEREAS, Article 5-A and County Use Laws provide for and direct the designation of a System Administrator under the Authority of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors; and

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WHEREAS, Water and Sewer Treatment Management & Operations Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution at their meeting on June 23, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors appoints Mitchell Rowe as Interim Director of the Seneca County Water and Sewer Districts.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMEND 101.210 PERSONNEL FILE POLICY**

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Hayes and adopted.

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo is expected to repeal Section 50-A Law Reform Bill which will allow disciplinary records for individual police officers, firefighters or corrections officers to be released without their written consent; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Sheriff expects an immense influx in FOIL requests and does not have the resources to undertake said influx; and

WHEREAS, the PBA Union President, SCSEA Union President, Seneca County Sheriff and Seneca County Personnel Officer agreed to allow for the Sheriff's Department Personnel files to be stored and under the care, custody and control of the Personnel Officer as Sheriff's designee; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee has met on June 23, 2020 and agreed that the motion is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors met and approved the resolution on June 23, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Personnel Files policy #101.210 shall read as follows:

**101.210 Personnel Files**

A personnel file is maintained in the Personnel Department for each employee. Personnel files may contain but are not limited to application materials, insurance and retirement forms, leave of absence records, payroll records, letters of commendation, disciplinary records, written requests for leave of absence, department head's responses to leave of absence requests, promotion and transfer records, performance appraisals, and any other relevant employee information. Employees are responsible to notify the Personnel Department of any change in their status, address, number of dependents, name, telephone number, or any other pertinent information to ensure that employee data is complete and accurate at all times.

The Sheriff and E-911 Coordinator are the custodian of all official personnel records for his/her department. The Sheriff has opted for the Personnel Officer to be a designee for custodianship of the Sheriff's Department's personnel records. Access to personnel files is addressed in their respective collective bargaining agreement.

With the exception of the E-911 Department, the Personnel Officer is responsible for the care, custody and control of all personnel records. Access to personnel files is limited to the Personnel Officer, his or her designated staff, the employee's department head, the County Manager, and the employee. A

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department head, the County Manager, and, or the employee must request access to personnel files from the Personnel Officer.

Information from the employee's personnel file is released to persons other than those listed above only upon a written and signed authorization of the employee or in accordance of Federal, State and Local Laws. The security of the personnel file is strictly maintained. Personnel files may not be removed from the Personnel Department. Individual files are kept for three years following the employee's termination.

The Personnel Officer utilizes personnel information when preparing reports to meet EEOC requirements. In all instances individual anonymity and privacy will be protected.

If a FOIL request is received, redaction will occur in order to protect the employee's personal identifiable information such as address, phone number, social security number, etc.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE HIRING FREEZE WAIVER AND CREATION OF  
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO PERSONNEL OFFICER POSITION**

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted by 457 ayes (Ferrara, Brownell, Hayes, Lott, McGreevy, Hayssen, Trout, Cleere, Enslow) and 241 nays (Reynolds, Garlick Lorenzetti, Barnhart, Kronenwetter) and 52 not present (Borst).

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has assumed the Risk Manager duties on top of his own duties and will be receiving the Seneca County Sheriff's designation to be the custodian of his department's Personnel Records; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo is expected to repeal Section 50-A Law Reform Bill which will allow disciplinary records for individual police officers, firefighters or corrections officers to be released without their written consent; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Sheriff expects an immense influx in FOIL requests regarding his department's personnel files; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer believes that creating and filling a Confidential Secretary to Personnel Officer will ensure that the Personnel Department has adequate resources to accommodate all requests received; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has evaluated the job duties as well as received a determination from Public Sector HR and it was determined that the proper Salary Grade would be Grade 3 of the Management Salary Schedule (\$42,298 – \$55,403); and

WHEREAS, funds are available due to the vacancy within the Risk Manager position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee met on June 23, 2020 and approved this resolution, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request submitted by the Personnel Officer to waive the Hiring Freeze Policy in order to create and fill one (1) vacant position for Confidential Secretary to Personnel Officer; and

RESOLVED, a budget transfer is authorized to transfer funds from the Risk Manager's allotted Salary and Fringe benefit lines (651910 and 601710: 51100, 58100, 58300, 58400, 58600, 58700) to 101430: 51100, 58100, 58300, 58400, 58600, 58700, respectively.

Discussion Resolution No. 147-2020: Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti was opposed to the adoption of this resolution because we are justifying the position without known data. We don't know if the increase in FOIL request for the Sheriff's Office will be unmanageable due to the passage of the 50-A Law Reform Bill. She recommended waiting three months to collect the data to see if a new position in the Personnel Office is necessary. An alternative may be a part-time position in the Sheriff's Office to focus on anticipated Sheriff FOILs. Sprvr. Barnhart cited the savings for this position due to the eliminating the Risk Manager position, and asked if additional compensation was granted to the Personnel Officer for assuming the duties of the former Risk Manager? He also asked if the Personnel Officer requested quotes from contracted third party risk management. Personnel Officer Chris Wagner said he did not because the risk manager should be onsite for safety reasons, which is why he assumed the duties.

**SUPERVISORS APPOINT ROY GATES AS INTERIM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 19, Section 725 of New York State County Law provides for the duties and responsibilities of County Superintendents of Highways; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for Seneca County to appoint a Highway Superintendent to undertake these duties; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Personnel Standing Committee at its meeting of June 23, 2020; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors appoints Roy Gates as Interim Highway Superintendent at a rate of \$30 per hour.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE**

**HIRING FREEZE WAIVER FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, there are currently two (2) Code Enforcement Officer Vacancies in the County Codes Department; and

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WHEREAS, the commencement of the construction season and phased re-opening of the economy necessitates the filling of one (1) of the two positions to ensure prompt project reviews and inspections; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Code Enforcement Salary Account; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Standing Committee met on June 23, 2020 and approved this resolution, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request submitted by the Personnel Officer to waive the Hiring Freeze Policy in order to fill one (1) vacant position for Code Enforcement Officer position.

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITIES ACT CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021 AND CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS JULY 1, 2020 -JUNE 30, 2022 WITH THE FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Department of Workforce Development and Youth Bureau will provide a variety of services and programs utilizing funds available under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County to enter into a variety of financial contracts with the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, acting as an Administrative Entity Grant Recipient for the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Area; and

WHEREAS, these documents are due to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board by June 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on June 23, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the following contracts and projected funding amounts with Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board and are included in the Workforce Development and Youth Bureau accounts and will require a budget amendment; and be it further

WIOA Adult	206011- 44000	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	\$45,287
WIOA Dislocated Worker	206011- 44001	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	\$41,556
WIOA Youth	206011- 44002	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	\$100,190

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to sign contracts on behalf of the County based on County Attorney review and approval; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEMBERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Cleere and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has authorized the creation of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for the counties of Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates in compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the Partner/Public Sector Workforce Investment Board Members must be endorsed by the four counties of Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates; and

WHEREAS, per the NYS WIOA requirements, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors must endorse the following Partner/Public Sector representatives for a three year term beginning July 1-2020 through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the representatives listed below have terms expiring June 30, 2020 and are willing to serve another three year term; and

**Public Sector**

Elizabeth (Lynn) Fried  
Director of Field Services  
30 North Union Street  
Rochester, New York 14607

**Private Sector**

Lori M. Parish  
AVP/Corporate Secretary/HR Associate  
Workforce Development Institute  
20 E. Bayard Street  
Seneca Falls, New York 13148

**Public Sector**

Danielle Malloy  
Regional Coordinator  
ACCES-VR  
109 South Union Street  
Rochester, NY 1460

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on June 23, 2020; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby appoint the individuals listed above to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors send a certified copy of this resolution to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board and to the Clerks of the Boards of Ontario, Wayne and Yates Counties.

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**ACCEPT FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A  
NEW TAXIWAY STUB AT FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT**

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Hayes and adopted.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 117-19, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors approved the application to and receipt of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 2019 Airport Improvement Plan (IAP) grant for South Apron Reconstruction project, that included construction of a new Taxiway Stub at the Finger Lakes Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2019, FAA notified Seneca County that due to delays in the FAA review and approval process, FAA could only fund the Base Bid portion of the project with 2019 AIP funding but offered the option to fund reimbursement of the Add Alt. 1 portion (ie. Taxiway Stub) with 2020 AIP entitlement funds; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County submitted a 2020 AIP grant application to reimbursed expenditures associated with the Add Alt. 1 (Taxiway Stub) portion of the South Apron Reconstruction project with the following funding:

FAA AIP (90%)	\$81,117
CARES Act (10%)	\$9,013

WHEREAS, by Resolution 245-19, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors awarded a construction contract to Seneca Stone, 2747 Canoga Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148 at the total amount of \$778,680 which included the Base Bid and Add Alt. 1 and established the budget in account 805610-54491-53302 General Construction; and

WHEREAS, the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution on June 23, 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 FAA 2020 AIP grant funding to reimburse expenditures associated with the construction of a new Taxiway Stub at Finger Lakes Regional Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the intent of this resolution.

**SUPERVISORS SUPPORT ADDITIONAL PROJECT ACTIVITY AT THE  
SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County is the owner of the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery; and

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WHEREAS, there are existing New York State Grants to support additional work at the cemetery for which there is no required local match; and

WHEREAS, a \$2 Million Grant to support redevelopment of the former Firehouse has funds available to support more work; and

WHEREAS, a \$900,000 Grant related to redevelopment of the former Steam Plant has been offered; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism Committee at its Meeting of June 23, 2020; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Manager to solicit bids and proposals for additional work at the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery with the understanding than any services or work in excess of \$20,000 will require both competitive bidding and Board of Supervisor Approval.

**SENECA COUNTY MANAGER AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN A SERVICE  
AGREEMENT WITH CATHY BOND, EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, Cathy Bond is a consultant who has worked with the Health Department for several years for the Emergency Preparedness Program; and

WHEREAS, as an Emergency Preparedness Consultant she will provide the following services:

1. Revise and update the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans  
(including all Attachments and Annexes)
2. Revise and update all Command Center and Operational Binders and forms
3. Facilitate required drills and exercises
4. Write all after action reports for drills and exercises
5. Conduct weekly surveillance with Childcare Centers, LTC facilities, Schools, MD offices and Veterinarians;

And

WHEREAS, she will provide a monthly report of all activities; and

WHEREAS the cost for these services will be no more than \$42,000; and;

WHEREAS these funds will be paid for from the Emergency Preparedness Grant funds which are included in the 2020 Public Health Department budget 104010-54702; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Standing Committee approved this resolution on June 23, 2020; now, therefor be it

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RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign a service agreement with Cathy Bond for Emergency Planning Consultation services for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AWARD BID FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE  
EARLY INTERVENTION AND PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Cleere and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Health Department solicited bids for the provision of transportation services for Seneca County Children enrolled in the Early Intervention and Pre-School Programs; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received in response to the request; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bid submission, the recommendation is to award the bid to Durham School Services, 2601 Navistar Drive, Lisle, Il. 60532 (local branch 3854 State Route 5&20, Canandaigua, NY 14424; and

WHEREAS, Durham School Services has been providing some of the transportation services for the past several years and has been a reliable provider of services; and

WHEREAS, the transportation costs are as follows:

	<b>Route #</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
Route # 1	Waterloo/Seneca Falls School District to Happiness House Geneva	\$48.64	*\$55
Route #2	Romulus/South Seneca/Trumansburg School Districts to Happiness House Geneva	\$170.39	*\$185
Route #3	Clyde Savannah School District to Happiness House Geneva	\$156.81	*\$320
Route #4	Lyons School District to Happiness House Geneva	\$156.89	\$320
Route #5	Romulus/South Seneca/Trumansburg School Districts to Franziska Racker Centers	\$147.22	\$400
Route #6	Clyde Savannah/Lyons, Waterloo, Seneca Falls School Districts to Roosevelt Center	\$200.22	\$230
Route #7	Waterloo/Seneca Falls School Districts to Happiness House Skoi-Yase	\$43.03	\$55
Route #8	Romulus/South Seneca/Trumansburg School Districts to Happiness House Skoi-Yase	\$131.72	*\$340
Route #9	Clyde Savannah School District to Happiness House Skoi-Yase	\$156.81	*\$302
Route #10	Lyons School District to Happiness House Skoi-Yase	\$153.10	*\$302
Route #11	Willard-Romulus-South Seneca to South Seneca Elementary School	\$136.31	*\$250
Route #12	Interlaken-Lodi to South Seneca Elementary School	\$317.69	*\$250

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WHEREAS, the funds for these services are included in the public health budget 104147-54441 and 104149-54441; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Standing Committee has recommended awarding the bid to Durham School Services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors award the bid for the transportation services for the Early Intervention and Pre-School Programs to Durham School Services, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the county may renew this contract for up to an additional two, 12 month periods (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract for the provision of transportation services for the Early Intervention and Pre-School Programs for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 with Durham School Services.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Empire Farm Days 2020: Discussion continued regarding Empire Farm Days and if the county would waive its mass gathering local law so the event could take place. Sprvr. Lott exited the board room to avoid possible conflict of interest issues as his land is leased for the event. County Attorney Ettman said if Empire Farm Days were to file an Article 78 against the county, it would be unlikely they would be successful. New York State has to authorize a permit for the event, and to his knowledge that has not occurred. Sprvr. Ferrara added that Empire Farm Days is one of the largest annual events in Seneca County and it is disappointing that we cannot have the event this year.

**SUPERVISORS DENY WAIVERS FOR THE EMPIRE FARM DAYS FOR 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted by 630 ayes, 52 not present (Borst) and 68 recused (Lott\*).

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors hereby declines to take action to waive any local authority to allow Empire Farm Days to be held in Seneca County on the dates so requested, for the protection of the public health and safety of the residents of the Seneca County community.

\*Supervisor Lott, County Supervisor, Town of Seneca Falls, recused himself on this issue and absented the meeting room for discussion and vote.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTS EARLY REOPENING OF  
DEL LAGO RESORT AND CASINO**

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2020, motion offered by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted by 698 (McGreevy, Ferrara, Reynolds, Brownell, Hayes, Kronenwetter, Lott, Hayssen, Trout, Cleere, and Enslow), 124 nays (Garlick Lorenzetti and Barnhart), and 52 not present (Borst).

WHEREAS, del Lago has indicated a willingness and commitment to implement any and all recommended safety protocols, plans, and guidelines upon permission for reopening; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the early reopening of del Lago Resort and Casino with the implementation of safety protocols; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a letter, on behalf of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, be sent to Governor Cuomo, supporting the reopening of del Lago Resort and Casino in the very near future.

Executive Session

Sprvr. Hayes offered a motion to enter executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the NYS Open Meetings Law with the Personnel Officer. Sprvr. Ferrara seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board convened in executive session at 7:50 p.m.; and reconvened in open session at 8:23 p.m. No action was taken.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.