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Call to Order

Chairman Hayssen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Hearing

Granting a waiver under the provisions of NYS Real Property Tax Law §1182 to Evans Chemetics, LP in the amount of \$2,730.38 for additional interest and administrative fees imposed on property in the Town of Waterloo, to wit: tax map parcels 11-2-22, 12-2-05, 13-1-29, 13-1-30.1, and 13-1-30.2., such properties at or near the corner of Gorham Street and 228 East Main Street, Waterloo; due in part to an administrative error; which is not the fault of the taxpayer. Sprvr. Ferrara moved the public hearing open. No comments were heard or received. Sprvr. Ferrara moved the public hearing closed.

Presentations

Cayuga Nation Back Taxes - Frank Sinicropi, County Treasurer. I am here tonight to talk with you about the Cayuga Nation properties, first as the County Treasurer; and second, as a resident of the Town of Seneca Falls. Cayuga Nation owes \$6,221,521.37 for Seneca Falls and \$346,278.39 for the Town of Varick in back taxes, interest and penalties. They paid taxes on the three parcels on the west side of Rt. 89, at the corner of Garden Street; but have not paid taxes on the two parcels on the east side of Rt. 89. Cayuga Nation was denied a permit to remove the demolished rubble because of non-payment of taxes pursuant to county local law. I am asking the Board of Supervisors to consider the negative impact the two parcels of demolished debris have on the neighborhood and the town. This decrepit condition is home for feral cats, rats, skunks, raccoons, possums and other animals not wanted in a R1 neighborhood. These two properties are an eye sore in my neighborhood, an area that has seasonal and year-round residents, and is home for the Chiropractic College and Cayuga Lake State Park. The local law can be amended to allow the removal of the construction debris by issuing a permit for only these parcels and only if Cayuga Nation guarantees they will clean-up the parcels in question. "What are we accomplishing by not doing something or taking action to clean up this area; you are certainly not punishing the Cayuga Nation; you are punishing those taxpayers in my neighborhood." The Cayuga nation is not going to pay the taxes on these two parcels until something comes from the Supreme Court of the US. It has already been 41 years and there is no settlement in sight. I hope this Board of Supervisors will consider the necessary temporary changes to the local law to resolve this stalemate because without action from you

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nothing will be done and the piles of half demolished hazardous building will be what people see when they drive through our neighborhood.

Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti supported the recommendation of County Treasurer Sinicropi; however, on the condition that the local law is amended for all of Seneca County, and not just for Cayuga Nation and the two parcels. Sprvr. Kronenwetter said he agreed 100% with Mr. Sinicropi. Sprvr. Lott said he would never agree – Cayuga Nation owes a lot of taxes. Our county local law states a permit would be issued if they paid up back taxes; why would this prevent them from moving forward and clean up the debris, they do what they want. He has been fighting them since the 80s and he won't stop now.

Petitioners

None

Open Privilege of the Floor

Allison Stokes, property owner and voter, Seneca County, commented on the life and work as an environmental activist, of Mary Anne Kowalski who passed away suddenly on May 13, 2021. Mary Anne Kowalski retired and lived in Seneca County after a long career working New York State government. She was responsible for the legislation, regulation, freedom of information and public and media relations for the New York State Health Department (DOH), Public Health Laboratory (Wadsworth); which provides clinical and environmental testing for New York DOH and local health agencies. After retiring in 2001, Mary Anne became active in numerous environmental advocacy organizations. She was appointed by the New York State Board of Regents in 2005 to represent the Public on the Board which sets standards for clinical laboratory technology practitioners. She offered her expertise and input to help develop Mount Saint Vincent's soon-to-be proposed B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. In addition, Mary Anne held a number of volunteer positions including President of the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association; Treasurer and Research Director of the Seneca Lake Guardian; Seneca County Water District #1 Advisory Board member in 2012, and served as Vice President of the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society. She was hired by Seneca County as Interim Administrator of the Seneca County Water and Sewer Department from March 2014 – July 2015. On the day before her death, Mary Anne had been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency. Mary Anne Kowalski worked tirelessly on regulation transparency and exposing deceptive enterprises causing negative impacts on our environment and on our lakes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved for May 11, 2021 regular board meeting and May 25, 2021 special board

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meeting.

Executive Session:

Sprvr. Ferrara offer a motion, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, to convene under Executive Session pursuant to NYS Open Meetings Law §105(1)(d) and invite the county attorney and the county manager. Time: 6:24 p.m. – 6:54 p.m. The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session.

Reports of Standing Committees

Human Services Standing Committee – Sprvr. McGreevy, Chairman. At the May 25 meetings we approved several contracts with various outside agencies assist in administration of services using grant award funding. We received \$25,000 in TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy families) and will contract with Cayuga/Seneca CAP for the administration of non-residential domestic violence services; we received \$120,000 from NYS OTDA (Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) and will contract with FLACRA (Fingerlakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency) to provide outreach to eligible households and assist them in applying for rental arrears payments; We received \$167,000 from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act and we will authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the necessary contracts for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 and the administrative agreements for July 1, 2021 -June 30, 2022 with the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board; Jim Sinicropi from FL1.com is appointed to the Finger Lakes WIB (Workforce Investment Board) for a three year term effective July 1 of this year; and Office for the Aging received additional funding in the amount of \$6,050 to help increase vaccinations among older adults and their caregivers.

Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Standing Committee – Sprvr. Barnhart, Chairman. Tonight, the board will consider declaring Seneca County Lead Agency under SEQRA for the adoption of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Trail Phase II Plan and to schedule a public hearing regarding SEQR determination for July 13, 2021 at 6:00. There was a special board meeting on May 25 when the board adopted a resolution requesting from Senator Schumer’s Office, a Congressionally Directed Spending item for \$500,000 to support elimination and removal of blighted structures within the County for Fiscal Year 2022.

Personnel Standing Committee – Sprvr. Ferrara, Chairman. The committee recommends we create several positions in the Division of Human Services: (1) Full-time Deputy Commissioner; (1) Full-time Senior Caseworker; and (1) Full-time Clerk; and creating a position for (1) Full-time Dispatcher in the E-911 Center. We also authorized refilling a position for a Full-Time Case Worker Trainee for Division of Human Services; in Mental Health Services we refilled three positions: (1) Full-time

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Psychiatric Social Worker II (Mental Health Services; (1) Full-time Program Director - Clinical Services; (1) Full-time Typist; for the Sheriff's Office we refilled a position for (1) Full-time Sheriff's Deputy; in Planning & Community Development, a position for Full-time Planner; we authorized refilling the 1st Assistant District Attorney position and in Personnel we authorized refilling one position for a Full-time Payroll System Technician (Personnel)

Water & Sewer Treatment Management & Operations Standing Committee – Sprvr. Borst, Vice-Chairman. At the Hillside plant, the tanks are in ground. Started late last week. Hit an obstacle trying to get the tank in the ground which delayed progress a bit. We expect First Light will be completed by end of May. Mr. Martin will no longer be a user of Sewer 2 and we want First light and Martin off and then we can start decommissioning. The letter for DOCCS was mailed out; at discussions with lead engineers in Albany, financial 'asks' were considerable; but they haven't been rejected yet. B&L and Hunt – grant request – hopefully everything will line up to move forward. The EDU evaluation will be forthcoming at the June meeting.

Public Safety Standing Committee – Sprvr. Brownell, Chairman. The Office of Emergency Management will be applying for grant money offered by NYS Homeland Security for reimbursement for interoperable communications upgrades and maintenance.

Government Operations Standing Committee – Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, Chair. A resolution was passed by the board the same night designating the year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 as the year honoring Robert S. Duncanson in Seneca County, NY. Robert S. Duncanson is recognized as the greatest black American landscape artist in the western United States in the 19th century. He was born in the town of Fayette, in Seneca County, NY in 1821; In addition to our IT Policy which briefly addresses use of social media by county employees, we are considering adopting a stricter policy that outlines in-depth purposes, benefits and site monitoring directives that will ensure Department Heads monitor and enforce the Social Media Policy.

Environmental Affairs Standing Committee – Sprvr. Kronenwetter, Chairman. Mark Venuti, Chairman and Ian Smith, Steward, Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, met with the committee. At the special board meeting later the Board of Supervisors passed a MOU with SWIO the same night at the special board meeting; Later tonight I will introduce a resolution for a local law authorizing Youth ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow during Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter”

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Public Works Standing Committee – Sprvr. Trout, Chairman. At the committee meeting two weeks ago, we approve the bids from Seneca Stone and Northern Asphalt for aggregate material and hot mix asphalt concrete for Highway and the board adopted them the same night. We also designated the county manager as the Responsible Local Official for the Lodi Point / Bridge NY project. We briefly discussed leasing space on the Hillside and Three Bears towers. A local internet provider, CBN, is interested. AirXcess is currently on the tower – signal reaches Yates County. County Manager will bring more details to June committee meeting. At tonight meeting, I will be seeking an amendment to the resolution authorizing a contract with The Friends of Three Bears for 20 years. The county manager advised that NYS County Law Article 5, Section 215-4 limits a lease to five years.

Finance, Assessment & Insurance – Sprvr. Reynolds, Chairman. Tonight the board will consider a resolution from the finance committee to pay the Mortgage Tax. We also met with the county manager regarding the implementation of the American Recovery Plan funding. We received the first disbursement of \$3.3 million. The county manager is requesting a special committee to oversee the funding. The Board of Supervisors chairman will appoint members; several supervisors volunteered. There are reporting requirements due in July and quarterly reports. The county manager believes this funding can be used to make up last sales tax; unsure if it can be used towards water and sewer. The money cannot be put into Reserves.

Report of Special Committees

Sprvr. Trout, Seneca County IDA: Menzo Case resigned, creating a new vacancy on the IDA Board of Directors; Bestmade Products of Fayette is interested in leasing two parcels at Deer Run Industrial Park. They make lightweight seasonal boat docks; the IDA is looking to develop another industrial park in Seneca County, possibly location on Rt. 318; and we still need to set up a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the IDA.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Hayssen commented on the Memorial Day event at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, celebrating the designation of the SVMC as New York State's Veterans Cemetery. Several supervisors attended the event. It was a beautiful day.

County Manager's Remarks

County Manager Rowe said there is a draft resolution requested by New York State to convey the 162 acres back to the state. The resolution will be introduced by Rule 29 later this evening. County Attorney Ettman is in contact with the state veterans legal counsel; we do have a copy of the deed.

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First Light completed their tank work and they are off the Hillside plant so we are going to be moving as early as later this week to start cutting the flow pipes in and out of the plant. More information will be provided in two weeks at the committee meeting.

County Attorney's Remarks

None

Communications:

56. Emails representing area sportsmen clubs expressing support for legislation authorizing youth ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years of age to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter from the following parties: Lodi Rod and Gun Club - Fred Ferreira, President; Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen Clubs – Greg Wadhams, President; and Eric Riegel, representing Kuneytown Sportsmens Club, Seneca Falls Ducks Unlimited Chapter, and he is a Varick town board member and a county delegate for NYS Conservation Council.

57. An email dated June 2, 2021, from Casey Kordziel, Executive Director, NYS Conservation Council, expressing support for legislation authorizing youth ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years of age to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter.

58. An email dated May 17, 2021 from Paul Gorgen, regarding the flooding on the Keady Road parcel, and commercial development would have the same adverse effect as residential development of taking lands of the table for future farming or forestry and for increasing the levels of flooding; and also the county parcel is a watershed for two seasonal streams that cross the property and feed directly into Mill Creek – which contributed heavily to the downstream flooding of Mill Creek in 2018.

59. An email dated May 12, 2021 from Steve Brusso, Chairman, Seneca County IDA Board and Sarah Davis, Executive Director, Seneca County IDA, expressing deep concern that Board of Supervisors circumvented the public process for selecting candidates to fill an IDA board vacancy by not interviewing all five candidates who applied, and the last minute decision to confirm the appointment without providing any advance notice or explanation, makes it clear to the IDA that the Board of Supervisors is not willing to work with partners for the betterment of the community.

60. A copy of the Seneca County IDA May 6, 2021 meeting minutes.

61. A copy of the Seneca County Planning Board May 13, 2021 meeting minutes.

62. A copy of the Inter-County Association of Western NY May 21, 2021 meeting minutes.

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63. From NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, the List of Certified 2021 State Equalization Rates for the 2021 assessment rolls which have been established to date for the municipalities in Seneca County established April 30, 2021 with the exception of Seneca County C.A.P. #1 which was established June 02, 2021.

64. From Wayne County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 183-21, “Authorizing Appointments to the Finger lakes Workforce Investment Board”.

65. Copy of Finger Lakes Regional Airport Advisory Committee March 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

66. From the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, a copy of April-June 2021 Quarterly Report Discover Seneca.

67. From Christa Kinsley, an email dated June 8, 2021, alleging that “Governor Cuomo is targeting Romulus in his next round of ramped up efforts to vaccinate the NY population”; the “latest government bribe advertising, “Doses for Mimosas”; and urging the Board of Supervisors to “refuse to implement any programs of “guidance” that would deny the basic human right as protected by the Constitution and Nuremberg Code, of free and informed medical consent; and to reject any punitive measures that would create second class citizen in this county”.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO PAY MORTGAGE TAX

RESOLUTION NO. 112-21, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, the mortgage tax report for the period October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 has been filed, and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Assessment, and Insurance Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the municipalities of Seneca County the amount apportioned as follows:

TOWN	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	VILLAGE SHARE	TOWN SHARE
Covert	\$44,735.97	\$2,486.37	\$42,249.60
Fayette	\$47,479.00	\$2,961.07	\$44,517.93
Junius	\$6,947.42		\$6,947.42

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Lodi	\$16,961.47	\$689.94	\$16,271.53
Ovid	\$20,885.72	\$1,462.82	\$19,422.90
Romulus	\$23,112.82	\$127.18	\$22,985.64
Seneca Falls	\$73,982.70	\$6.49	\$73,976.21
Tyre	\$7,596.70		\$7,596.70
Varick	\$31,506.64		\$31,506.64
Waterloo	\$37,370.68	\$12,363.59	\$25,007.09
Totals:	\$310,579.12	\$20,097.46	\$290,481.66

**SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT AND ADJUSTMENT TO THE
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR SNOW & ICE 2020/2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 113-21, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, per resolution 207-19 the New York State Commissioner of Transportation and Seneca County have entered into Agreement No. D014759 entitled “Snow and Ice Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, the present term of the agreement, is through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the said agreement provides for an annual update of the estimated expenditure to be determined by the Commissioner which may require a supplemental agreement; and

WHEREAS, the recalculation indicates adding funding in the amount of \$11,171.48 to adjust the estimated expenditure to account for increases in labor, materials, equipment, and/or overall costs , per the terms in Paragraph 9 and 10 in the Original Agreement which does require a supplemental agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee approved this resolution on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the original estimated expenditure of \$514,423.50 be adjusted with an increase of \$11,171.48 for a revised estimated expenditure of \$525,594.98; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Manager to sign this Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between the County of Seneca and NYSDOT to fully execute the Agreement for the 2020/2021 season; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Director of Finance to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the intent of this resolution.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE 2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR INCREASE
IN CHIPS FUNDING FOR SENECA COUNTY HIGHWAY**

RESOLUTION NO. 114-21, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County has received notification from the New York State Department of Transportation on the funding for Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program(CHIPS), PAVE NY and Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) for the 2021-22 State budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County has been allocated the following funding amounts:

Program	21-22 Apportionment	Rollover Balance	Total Balance Available
CHIPS	\$1,246,310.96	\$113,541.32	\$1,359,852.28
PAVE NY	\$349,344.82	\$0.00	\$349,344.82
EWR	\$225,998.19	\$0.00	\$225,998.19

And

WHEREAS, the 2021 budget for Seneca County Highway Road and Bridge Construction included \$1,418,310.78 in revenue from these programs; and

WHEREAS, there is an additional \$516,884.51 that has not been appropriated in the 2021 Highway Road and Bridge Construction budget; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee approved this resolution on May 25, 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Finance Department to amend the 2021 Seneca County Highway Road and Bridge Construction budget as follows:

405112-43500	CHIPS Revenue	Increase	Revenue	\$516,884.51
405112-52000	County Road Construction	Increase	Expenditures	\$516,884.51

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Director of Finance to make the necessary budgetary and accounting entries to affect the intent of this resolution.

AUTHORIZE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE THREE BEARS, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-21, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County owns real property commonly referred to as, “The Three Bears Complex”; consisting of the former Courthouse (aka Papa Bear), Clerk’s Office (aka Mama Bear), and

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Surrogate's Office (aka Baby Bear), a recreational park area and a parking lot located in the Village and Town of Ovid, Seneca County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Three Bears, Inc. is a duly organized not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to promote the historic preservation of the complex and utilization of the former Courthouse and Clerks Office; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors deems it advantageous to itself and to the residents of Seneca County to grant a lease to the Friends of The Three Bears, Inc. for utilization of the former Courthouse and Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the lease will address the terms of use of subject premises, as well as repair maintenance responsibilities, and insurance, liability and indemnification requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Standing Committee approved this resolution at its May 25, 2021 meeting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes a lease agreement and directs the County Manager to sign the lease agreement with Friends of the Three Bears, Inc. for preservation and utilization of the former Courthouse building (aka Papa Bear) and the former Clerk's Office building (aka Mama Bear) for a term of 5 years beginning June 15, 2021 through June 14, 2026.
Motion to Amend the Main Motion – Resolution NO. 115-21

Sprvr. Trout offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Barnhart, and carried, to amend the main motion, by changing a contract for 20 years, to a contact for 5 years.

**A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E OF 2021, "A LOCAL LAW
AUTHORIZING YOUTH AGES TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF AGE TO
HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE
SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER"; AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING THERETO**

RESOLUTION NO. 116-21, moved by Sprvr. Kronenwetter, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has under Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935, which was a part of the 2021-2022 New York State Budget, includes a pilot program allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023; and

WHEREAS, said legislation provides that each county may participate by adopting a Local Law providing for the same in its county; and

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WHEREAS, Seneca County supports the educational and conservation goals of this legislation and believes that adoption of such local law will promote the combined goals of hunter safety education and contributing to important deer management population control practices for Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Clerk, County Sheriff, Undersheriff, and Seneca County Attorney have, in their official capacities, reviewed and endorsed said local law; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Affairs Standing Committee reviewed and approved this resolution on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law E of 2021, “A Local Law Authorizing Youth Ages Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) Years of Age to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter”, is hereby introduced before the Board of Supervisors of Seneca County, New York, to read in substantially the following form:

Section 1. Seneca County Board of Supervisors’ Intent: The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Seneca County to permit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget includes a pilot program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. Seneca County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices. This local law has been reviewed and endorsed by the Seneca County Clerk, County Sheriff, Undersheriff and County Attorney in their official capacities.

Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization: Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL Sec. 11-0935, Seneca County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2023.

Section 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized: Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and

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- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall remain at ground level while such youth hunters are hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.

Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements: A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation as well as the New York State Department of State.

Section 5. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing and publication in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desks of each member of the County Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Board hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Seneca County Office Building, Supervisors Meeting Room, 3rd floor, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, NY,

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board publish or cause to be published a notice of said public hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least five (5) days prior thereto.

BOARD ADOPTS SENECA COUNTY POLICY #101.410 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 117-21, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County has a broad IT Policy that is separate from the Seneca County Policy Manual which currently has a half-page policy on Blogging and Social Media; and

WHEREAS, it was requested of the Personnel Officer to implement a more comprehensive Social Media Policy to be adopted; and

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WHEREAS, the new policy outlines in-depth purposes, benefits and site monitoring directives that will ensure Department Heads monitor and enforce the Social Media Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Standing Committee met on May 25, 2021, reviewed the policy and recommended the policy to go to the full Board of Supervisors for approval; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt Policy #101.410 (Social Media Policy) and shall read as follows:

Purpose and Benefits of the Policy Introduction

More people than ever are using social media technologies to create, connect and collaborate online. The term social media is commonly associated with web applications that facilitate interactive information sharing, interoperability, user-centered design and collaboration on the World Wide Web. The use of social media presents opportunity and risk to individual County agencies and departments, as well as the County as a whole. In general, the County supports the use of social media technology to enhance communication, collaboration and information exchange to meet business missions and goals.

This document establishes countywide social media use policies, protocols and procedures intended to mitigate associated risks from use of this technology where possible. This policy applies to all County of Seneca employees and approved interns, consultants, service providers and contractors performing business on behalf of a County agency/department (hereinafter referred to as County Information Technology Systems Users [County ITS Users]).

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to promote the use of Social Media as an efficient communication and data gathering tool, and to ensure that County departments have the information necessary to use social media to their best advantage in supporting county business. This policy is not meant to address one particular form of social media; rather social media in general, as advances in technology will occur and new tools will emerge.

The information communicated over social media is subject to the same laws, regulations, policies, and other requirements as information communicated in other written forms and formats. All County of Seneca social networking sites shall adhere to applicable state, federal and local laws, regulations and policies including all Information Technology and Records Management policies. Freedom of Information Act and e-discovery laws and polices apply to social media content and therefore content must be able to be managed, stored and retrieved to comply with these laws.

Department Heads, or designees, are responsible for determining who is authorized to use social media on behalf of the agency/department and for designating appropriate access levels. Social media network access shall be limited only to those with a clear business purpose to use the forum.

Access to social media networks from within the County's IT infrastructure is limited to individuals performing official County business and to County ITS Users with sufficient Information and Technology security controls. County computers, laptops and mobile devices used to access social media sites shall

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have up-to-date software to protect against destructive technical incidents, including but not limited to cyber, virus and spyware/adware attacks.

County ITS Users are responsible for establishing and maintaining content posted to their social media sites on behalf of their agency/department and shall have measures in effect to prevent inappropriate or technically harmful information and links.

Employees:

- Must abide by all applicable policies and work rules regarding the use of the Internet when using social media tools for business purposes. The use of social media tools on County government entity IT resources will be monitored by the same method as defined in those policies and work rules.
- Must not discuss or post confidential, proprietary or otherwise restricted information.
- When speaking on behalf of the County government entity, users must be transparent when participating in any online community. They should disclose their identity and affiliation with the County government entity.
- Communicate in a professional manner.
- Abide by copyright and other applicable laws. Participation online results in a user's comments being permanently available and open to being republished in other media. Users should be aware that libel, defamation, copyright and data protection laws apply.
- When communicating on behalf of the County government entity, County ITS Users must obtain the necessary authorizations by management and the County Attorney, or other designee as appropriate.
- Must obtain permission before publishing photographs, videos or quotes of others.

When your comments or profile can identify you as an employee of Seneca County, you must:

- Only disclose and discuss publicly available information.
- Ensure that all content published is accurate and not misleading and complies with all County Policies.

When not representing the County government entity, County ITS Users who publish personal or professional opinions must not invoke their County government entity title. In such cases, users must use disclaimer such as the following where technically feasible: "The postings on this site are my own and do not represent the position, strategy or opinion of the County government entity". The use of County computers by County personnel to access social media is prohibited without authorization. The use of personally owned devices to manage the County social media is prohibited without express permission of the Department Head.

Definitions

- A. Blog: A self-published diary or commentary on a particular topic that may allow visitors to post responses, reactions, or comments. The term is short for "Web log."
- B. Page: The specific portion of a social media website where content is displayed, and managed by an individual or individuals with administrator rights.
- C. Post: Content an individual shares on a social media site or the act of publishing content on a site.
- D. Profile: Information that a user provides about themselves on a social networking site.

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- E. Record: Any information kept, held, filed, produced or reproduced by, with or for an agency or the state legislature, in any physical form whatsoever including, but not limited to, reports, statements, examinations, memoranda, opinions, folders, files, books, ,manuals, pamphlets, forms, papers, designs, drawings, maps, photos, letters, microfilms, computer tapes or discs, rules, regulations or codes (SS86 (4) NYS Public Officers Law).
- F. Social Media: A category of Internet-based resources that integrate user-generated content and user participation. This includes, but not limited to, social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace), micro- blogging sites (Twitter, Nixle), photo and video-sharing sites (Flicker, YouTube), wikis (Wikipedia), blogs and news sites (Digg edit).
- G. Social Networks: Online platforms where users can create profiles, share information and socialize with others using a range of technologies.
- H. Speech: Expression or communication of thoughts or opinions in spoken words, in writing, by expressive conduct, symbolism, photographs, videotape, or related forms of communication.
- I. Web 2.0: The second generation of the World Wide Web focused on shareable, user-generated content, rather than static web pages. Some use this term interchangeably with social media.
- J. Wiki: Web page(s) that can be edited collaboratively.

Social Networking Sites

Users and visitors to County social media sites shall be notified that the intended purpose of the site is to serve as a mechanism for communication between County departments and members of the public. County social media site articles and comments are subject to removal, including but not limited to the following types of postings regardless of format:

- Comments not topically related to the particular article being commented upon;
- Profane language or content;
- Content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation;
- Sexual content or links to sexual content;
- Politics and/or Politically charged subjects;
- Solicitations of commerce;
- Conduct or encouragement of illegal activity;
- Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems.

Records Management

Agency/Department use of social media shall be documented and maintained in an easily accessible format that tracks account information and preserves items that may be considered a record subject to disclosure.

- Agencies/departments are responsible for the creation, administration and deactivation of social media accounts.
- Account password information shall only be shared with authorized staff that has been designated by the Department Head, or his/her designee, to fulfill the role of site account administrator.
- Passwords shall conform to County complex password requirements when permissible.
- Account passwords shall promptly be reset when an employee is removed as an account administrator.

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Personal Use

1. Precautions and Prohibitions: Absent State law or binding labor agreements to the contrary, personnel shall abide by the following when using social media:
 - Personnel are free to express themselves as private citizens on social media sites to the degree that their speech does not impair the working relationships of the County for which trust and confidentiality are important, impede the performance of duties, impair discipline and harmony among coworkers, or negatively affect the public perception of the County.
 - Leader and subordinate relationships: because of the nature of social media, formal leaders may interact and function in the same social media spaces as their employees. It is suggested that the online relationship function in the same manner as the professional relationship.
 - As public employees, County personnel are cautioned that speech, on or off County time, made pursuant to their official duties-that is, that owes its existence to the employee's professional duties and responsibilities-is not protected speech under the First Amendment and may form the basis for discipline if deemed detrimental to the County. County personnel should assume that their speech and related activity on social media sites would reflect upon their office and the County. Speech and conduct should be representative of County values.
 - County personnel will not post, transmit, or otherwise disseminate any information or imagery, such as official or unofficial reports, or information gained in their official capacity to which they have access as a result of their employment without written permission from the Department Head or his/her designee.
 - When using social media, County personnel should be mindful that their speech becomes part of the worldwide electronic domain. Therefore, adherence to the County code of conduct is required in the personal use of social media. In particular, County Personnel are prohibited from the following:
 - i. Speech containing obscene or sexually explicit language, images, acts, statements or other forms of speech that ridicule, malign, disparage, or otherwise express bias against any race, any religion, or any protected class of individuals.
 - ii. Speech involving themselves, or other County personnel, reflecting behavior that might reasonably be considered reckless or irresponsible.
2. County Personnel should be aware that they may be subject to civil litigation for:
 - Publishing or posting false information that harms the reputation of another person, group or organization (defamation);
 - Publishing or posting private facts and personal information about someone without their permission that has not been previously revealed to the public, is not of legitimate public concern, and would be offensive to a reasonable person;
 - Using someone else's name, likeness, or other personal attributes without that person's permission for an exploitative purpose;
 - Publishing the creative work of another, including trademarks, or certain confidential business information without the permission of the owner.
 - Privacy settings and social media sites are constantly changing and they should never assume that personal information posted on such sites is protected.
 - Expect that the County at any time and without prior notice, might access any information created, transmitted, downloaded, exchanged or discussed in a public online forum.
3. Any employee becoming aware of or having knowledge of a posting or any website or webpage in violation of the provisions of this policy shall immediately notify their supervisor.

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Electronic information posted to a social media site by the County, or a member of the public if permitted, may be considered a record subject to New York's Public Record Act.

- Any content maintained in a social media format that is related to County business, including a list of subscribers and County or public posted communication, may be a public record. Agencies/Departments shall have procedures in effect to preserve published social media content.
- The agency/department maintaining the site is responsible for responding completely and accurately to any public records request for public records on social media.
- Site content shall be maintained in accordance with its respective Records Retention Schedule and in accordance with County IT policies and procedures. If the content constitutes a public record, it must be disclosed to the public unless an exemption applies.

It is the responsibility of the County government entity to appropriately classify any information posted on social media sites. To avoid issues with records retention policies and laws, it is recommended that County government entities post only information that is not confidential, proprietary or otherwise restricted. All social networking sites and entries shall clearly indicate that any articles and any other content posted or submitted for posting are subject to public disclosure.

Site Monitoring

Agency/Department social media sites shall be monitored regularly and prompt corrective action shall be taken when an issue arises that places, or has the potential to place, the County at risk.

Agency/Department social media site administrators shall review site activity and content daily for exploitation or misuse.

Agency/Departments that allow the public to post comments, links or material directly onto their social media sites shall have an established process to verify that postings meet the rules established above.

Agencies/Departments choosing to use public comments shall consult with the County Attorney to develop agency- or department-specific disclaimers to meet the County's legal needs. The County Attorney may also be consulted to determine whether to remove comments that violate this policy.

Agencies/Departments shall be responsible for monitoring employee use of social media and social networking sites in accordance with County IT policies and procedures.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES APPLYING FOR THE
FY 2020-2021 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 118-21, moved by Sprvr. Brownell, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable Communications announced the FY 2020-2021 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) on May 17, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, this grant allows for state support to counties for eligible expenses related to interoperable communications; and

WHEREAS, this state support is in the form of reimbursement for interoperable communications upgrades and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the enacted state budget for 2020-2021 appropriates \$45 million for all those eligible (62 counties); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020-2021 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant is non-competitive and will allocate money by a formula which equitably distributes funding among counties based on quantifiable elements and relevant metrics with no local match; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the grant is June 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution at its May 25th meeting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors approves applying for the FY 2020-2021 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) and authorizes and directs the County Manager to sign all paperwork related to the same.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, ONE FULL-TIME SENIOR CASEWORKER, AND ONE FULL-TIME CLERK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 119-21, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. McGreevy and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DHS, has identified the need to create and fill one (1) Deputy Commissioner, one (1) Senior Caseworker for Child and Family Services, and one (1) Clerk for Temporary Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the positions are necessary to deliver essential services to the county, and restoration of the organizational structure of the Division with the return of funding and stabilization after the reorganizational changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk for Temporary Assistance is immediately needed due to recommendations received from an audit, clear checks and balances are necessary for the systems determining eligibility and other regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Caseworker position has monies budgeted in the 2021 budget line 106010-51100-SS02, and the Director of Finance has reviewed each position; and

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WHEREAS, the positions have been approved and reviewed by the Vacancy Committee and the Personnel Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the creation and filling of one (1) Full-time Deputy Commissioner, one (1) Full-time Senior Caseworker, and one (1) Full-time Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2021 budget as follows:

106010 51100 SS02	Services Salaries	Decrease	Expenditure	\$37,338
106010 51100 SS20	DSS Admin Salaries	Increase	Expenditure	\$37,338

And be it further

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE CREATION AND
FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME DISPATCHER IN THE E-911 CENTER**

RESOLUTION NO. 120-21, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management has identified a need to create and fill one position for Full-time Dispatcher in the E-911 Center; and

WHEREAS, the positions are necessary to deliver essential services to the county, and to recover from operating at “minimum staffing” levels due limited staffing in the department, and overtime expenses; and

WHEREAS, the department has mandated dispatchers to stay for double shifts to cover the 24/7, 365 needs of operations; and the mandates are in conflict with union contracts; and

WHEREAS, the E911 Department has monies available in the 2021 budget with reallocation from overtime, and part time budget lines; and

WHEREAS, the position has been approved and reviewed by the Vacancy Committee and the Personnel Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the creation and filling of one (1) Full-time 911 Dispatcher; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2021 budget as follows:

103020 51200	Part Time Salaries	Decrease	Expenditure	\$10,750
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103020 51300	Overtime	Decrease	Expenditure	\$16,787
103020 51100	Full Time Salaries	Increase	Expenditure	\$17,181
103020 58100	Retirement	Increase	Expenditure	\$2,698
103020 58300	Social Security	Increase	Expenditure	\$1,065
103020 58400	Workers Comp	Increase	Expenditure	\$344
103020 58600	Health Insurance	Increase	Expenditure	\$6,000
103020 58700	Medicare	Increase	Expenditure	\$250

And be it further

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

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARES ITSELF LEAD AGENCY FOR
SEQRA REVIEW OF CAYUGA-SENECA CANALWAY TRAIL PHASE II PLAN &
SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING**

RESOLUTION NO. 121-21, moved by Sprvr. Barnhart, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County was awarded a \$70,000 grant from Genesee Transportation Council under the 2019 Unified Planning Work Program to study concepts and alternative routes for extension of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Trail from the Village of Waterloo into the town of Seneca Falls to connect with the Ludovico Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was completed in August 2020; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is required to further design and develop Phase II of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Trail; and

WHEREAS, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review is required for adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Trail Phase II is a Type I action; and

WHEREAS, there are no other entities with discretionary authority to serve as Lead Agency for SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required for adoption of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Trail Phase II Plan; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Planning, Development, Agriculture & Tourism Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors declares itself as Lead Agency under SEQRA for the adoption of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Trail Phase II Plan; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors directs that a Public Hearing be scheduled for July 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM regarding SEQR determination for the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Way Phase II Plan and adoption of the Plan.

**INCREASE OFFICE FOR THE AGING 2021 BUDGET TO REFLECT
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COVID-19 CRISIS**

RESOLUTION NO. 122-21, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Office for the Aging has received federal stimulus funds from the Administration on Community Living (ACL) in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help increase vaccinations among older adults and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, these funds can be used for the period of April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, there is no county match requested for these funds; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$6,050 will be added to the 2021 Office for the Aging county budget;
and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Standing Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office for the Aging is authorized and directed to accept these additional funds; 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.

**SENECA COUNTY DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH CAYUGA/SENECA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (CAP) FOR TANF NON-
RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES PLAN AND FUNDING**

RESOLUTION NO. 123-21, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Barnhart and adopted.

WHEREAS, the enacted budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-21 through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) allocated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) appropriations for the provision of non-residential DV services; and

WHEREAS, a sum of \$25,000 has been recommended for Seneca County to be used to provide enhanced or expanded core and/or optional non-residential DV services provided by OCFS-approved non-residential DV programs to families with children and whose income is at or below 200% of the poverty level; and

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WHEREAS, Seneca County Division of Human Services (DHS) submitted a request for these TANF funds for eligible activities to service non-residential domestic violence services; and

WHEREAS, as part of these application, DHS partnered with Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Program (CAP) to assist in the following non-residential domestic violence services:

- Rental Assistance to include Security Deposit
- Moving Expenses, Storage unit rent
- Transportation Assistance (car repair, license fee, registration, insurance, gas card, bus passes)
- Clothing, Bedding Supplies, hygiene products
- Phone cards
- Access to Child Care

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the approval of the agreement with CAP and the County Manager would be authorized and directed to sign the agreement with CAP; 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.

**SENECA COUNTY DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH FINGERLAKES AREA COUNSELING & RECOVERY AGENCY (FLACRA) FOR
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) OUTREACH PLAN & FUNDING**

RESOLUTION NO. 124-21, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Cleere and adopted.

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) announced to Local Social Service Departments that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) through the U.S. Treasury was being allocated to the County; and

WHEREAS, a sum of \$120,000 has been recommended for the County to provide outreach to eligible households and assist them in applying for rental arrears payments; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County Division of Human Services (DHS) submitted a request for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for eligible activities to service homeless populations as they relate to the impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as part of these application, DHS partnered with Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency (FLACRA) to be the entity to contract with Office of Temporary and Disability

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Assistance (OTDA) to receive, distribute funds through referrals and receipts of services, and report the funds allocated to Seneca County as indicated in the application; and

WHEREAS, this allocation will be provided with the amendment to the ESG CV contract in place; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the approval of the agreement with FLACRA and the County Manager would be authorized and directed to sign the agreement with FLACRA.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 125-21, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Barnhart 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 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; 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, 2021- June 30, 2022	\$42,872
WIOA Dislocated Worker	206011- 44001	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	\$44,105
WIOA Youth	206011- 44002	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	\$80,152

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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

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; 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 APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF
FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEMBER**

RESOLUTION NO. 126-21, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Enslow 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 Business/Private Sector representative: Jim Sinicropi from Finger Lakes 1.com, Inc. to be appointed to fill an open vacancy for a three year term beginning July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors does hereby appoint the individual 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.

**SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE 2021 SENECA COUNTY
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE FOR SENECA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND FAMILY YOUTH**

RESOLUTION NO. 127-21, moved by Sprvr. McGreevy, second by Sprvr. Borst 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

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and Family Services, Youth and Young Adults Components, Child Care Subsidy Program and PINS Diversion Services; and

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

WHEREAS, the plan submission is due July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Human Services Standing Committee on May 25, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the submission of the 2021 Annual Plan Update; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized and directed to sign the 2021 Child and Family Services Plan Update.

Unfinished Business

COVID Update – Public Health Director, Vickie Swinehart, RN, MS.

Our positive case numbers are declining. Some days we have zero new cases. We scheduled several vaccination clinics for this month. This Saturday, June 12, there is a Moderna Clinic from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at del Lago Casino in the ballroom. del Lago will be offering \$20 in free play in an attempt to motivate people to get vaccinated. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome. We scheduled another Moderna clinic for next Thursday, June 17 at the health department form 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. The testing clinic on Mondays is moved to Thursday at the county office building. The rapid test is offered. Registration is preferred – Walk-ins are welcome.

New Business

RULE 29: Sprvr. Trout offered a motion, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, to introduce the following resolutions under Rule 29. The motion carried by 2/3 majority vote of supervisors present.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128-21, moved by Sprvr. Borst, second by Sprvr. Trout 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 Transpo Bus Services, 150 Josons Drive, Rochester, New York 14623; and

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WHEREAS, Transpo Bus Services has provided three options for the provision of services as outlined on the attached document; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has recommended that Option 1 (Flat Price per Vehicle Plus \$5 for each additional student) be accepted; and

WHEREAS, the funds for these services are included in the 2021 Public Health Budget 104147-54441 and 104149-54441 and will be budgeted accordingly in future years; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been considered Pursuant to Rule 29 of the Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors awards the bid for the transportation services for the Early Intervention and Pre-School Programs to Transpo Bus Services, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County may renew this contract for up to an additional two (2) 12 month periods (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026); 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, 2021 through June 30, 2024 with Transpo Bus Services.

Discussion Resolution No. 128-19

The provider for transportation we contracted with for years is not renewing its contract. We solicited bids and received one response. There is an increase in cost. We have two options. We can pay per child / per route which would result in an increase of \$441,000 for the year. The other option is to pay for the bus and then \$5.00 for each additional child, which would result in an increase of \$160,000 for the year. We have the option to amend our option after one year. With the previous transportation company it cost \$832,000 annually for transporting children for the Early Intervention program and the Pre-School program; the new rate with the new company will be \$993,000 annually. Various reasons why the transportation costs are so exorbitant. We are in a rural area. Most of the outside agencies are outside Seneca County – some counties include transportation in the budget because the agencies are located within the county. The routes and the services and number of children served determine whether there will be one child on the bus or five children on the bus, but there are times when one child is being transported and the cost works out to be \$46,000 to transport one child. We require an aid for the child on the bus and security cameras. The county will reimburse parents who self-transport their children, we encourage parents, but it isn't always an option.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENTS WITH UNIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 129-21, moved by Sprvr. Ferrara, second by Sprvr. Borst and adopted.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, originating in Texas, is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those enslaved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the date of June 19th (“Juneteenth”) has been designated as a public holiday by New York State as set forth in General Construction Law §24; and

WHEREAS, the addition or deletion of any observed holiday is a mandatory negotiable subject; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has negotiated with the three Unions and is proposing the authorization of signing Memorandum of Agreements that would convert a Floating Holiday into Juneteenth and add Christmas Eve as an observed holiday; and

WHEREAS, on some occurrences Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day were already being observed due to the other holiday being on a weekend; and

WHEREAS, if the three Unions agree to the proposal, the County will need to modify Seneca County Policy #101.709 – Holiday Leave to reflect the same; 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 Personnel Officer is authorized and directed to sign the agreed upon Memorandum of Agreements with those Unions that have agreed to the proposed modifications of converting a Floating Holiday into Juneteenth and adding Christmas Eve as Observed Holidays; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Personnel Officer is authorized and directed to modify Seneca County Policy #101.709 – Holiday Leave to read as follows:

101.709 Holiday Leave

The following days shall be designated as excused paid holidays for all county employees:

New Year’s Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day	Election Day
Presidents Day	Veterans Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth	Day After Thanksgiving

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Fourth of July	Christmas Eve
Labor Day	Christmas Day

Resignation and Holidays:

An employee having a resignation date which falls on a holiday will not receive payment for said holiday except if said holiday falls on a Friday. Those employees having a resignation effective on the day immediately following a holiday must work that day or he/she will forfeit the paid holiday.

Holiday Observance:

When a holiday falls on Saturday, we observe the preceding day. When a legal holiday falls on a Sunday, we observe the following day. For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day only, when Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, Christmas Eve will be observed on Thursday and Christmas Day on Friday. When Christmas Day falls on a Monday, Christmas Eve will be observed on Monday and Christmas Day on Tuesday.

Discretionary Holidays:

None of these provisions shall be construed as preventing the County from granting employees additional days off and pay. If such day is designated by the President of the United States or the Governor of New York State and when approved by the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, the County may, within the law and its discretion, designate a day off for all employees

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZES TRANSFER OF
LAND TO NEW YORK STATE FOR THE BENEFIT OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 130-21, moved by Sprvr. Trout, second by Sprvr. Enslow and adopted.

WHEREAS, Seneca County obtained the right, title and interest to 6632 NYS Route 96A in Romulus, New York on July 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County subsequently established the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery as a final resting place for Veterans, as well as their spouses and dependent children; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day 2019 Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New York State would be establishing the first State Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021 New York State issued Requests for Information for municipalities to submit sites for consideration to be considered as a State Veterans Cemetery selection; and

WHEREAS, on Monday May 24, 2021 the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery was unanimously selected to become the first New York State Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County, in its submission to the State, indicated that the 162 acre parcel would be conveyed at no cost to New York State; and

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WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has consented to this transfer of a fee interest in light of New York State's selection of the site as its first Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been reviewed and considered Pursuant to Rule 29 of the Rules of Order of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes the conveyance of 6632 NYS Route 96A, the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, to New York State at no cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors shall be, and hereby is authorized to execute all documents necessary to transfer the County's fee interest in same to the New York State subject to the approval by the Seneca County Attorney as to the form of such documents.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOME RULE REQUEST FOR PASSAGE OF SENATE
BILL NO. S.5711 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A.7967 INTRODUCING NEW YORK STATE
LEGISLATION TO AMEND NEW YORK TAX LAW §1202-O HOTEL OR MOTEL TAXES IN
SENECA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 131-21, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Barnhart, and adopted.

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors requested that its New York State Legislators enact a special state law amending New York Tax Law §1202-o to expand the scope of tourism projects to be funded from the revenues of the local Seneca County Room Occupancy Tax Law, authorized by the aforesaid New York Tax Law, and to provide for up to five percent (5%) of said revenue to be utilized for the administrative costs of said local law; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, Senator Helming introduced such legislation in the New York State Senate as Senate Bill No. S.7117; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, Assemblyman Gallahan introduced identical legislation in the New York State Assembly as Assembly Bill No. A.7967; and

WHEREAS, following the introduction of the bills in the State Legislature, this Board has been advised that it must adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and filing of formal Home Rule Requests for each bill; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Seneca approves the legislation set forth as Senate Bill No. S.7117 and Assembly Bill No. A.7967 "**AN ACT TO AMEND NEW YORK TAX LAW §1202-O, HOTEL OR MOTEL TAXES IN SENECA COUNTY** to expand the scope of

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tourism projects to be funded from the revenues of the local Seneca County Room Occupancy Tax Law, authorized by the aforesaid New York Tax Law, and to provide for up to five percent (5%) of said revenue to be utilized for the administrative costs of said local law"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Home Rule Request for the passage of Senate Bill No. S.7117 and the Home Rule Request for the passage of Assembly Bill No. A.7967; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to execute the required Home Rule Requests for transmittal of the appropriate forms to the appropriate Senate and Assembly Home counsels' office.

SUPERVISORS URGE NYS LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE BILLS S.699-B / A.7429

RESOLUTION NO. 132-21, moved by Sprvr. Lott, second by Sprvr. Reynolds and adopted.

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature is considering legislation that ban neonicotinoid seed treatments, as well as the products' used on ornamental trees and shrubs, and turf; and

WHEREAS, neonicotinoid seed protectants are crucial tools for corn, soybean and wheat farmers, of which there are many in the state; and

WHEREAS, use of neonics in the ornamental horticultural community, including golf courses, are critical tools for maintaining safe, healthy landscapes; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, this legislation would ban any seeds for planting that have been coated or treated with a neonicotinoid insecticide. Neonicotinoids are a class of insecticides that have been specifically formulated to control harmful agricultural pest infestations on a wide variety of crops grown in New York; and

WHEREAS, many times, these products are the only products that work to control crop damages from pests in the fields. Use of neonics as seed treatments have proven to be effective and safe for humans and the environment; and

WHEREAS, farmers depend upon pollinators, like bees, for their businesses and employ many strategies on the farm to negate impacts to pollinator health. Bee health is dependent upon many variables, including proper hive management, parasites, disease, and loss of habitat, in addition to potential pesticide exposure. In fact, New York's Pollinator Management Plan is recognized nationally for its effective best management practices to support pollinator health; and

WHEREAS, this legislation sets a dangerous precedent, usurping a state regulatory agency's statutory responsibility to review and register pesticides in New York State. Farmers have relied on the

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Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for regulations and scientific credibility, please do not set a precedent to bypass the DEC's authority; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been considered pursuant to Rule 29 of the Rules of Order of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, for these reasons the Seneca County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the New York State Legislature to oppose this legislation.

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Sprvr. Lott expressed his full support for this resolution. He said they product is much improved. Neonics were developed as a safer pesticide for the user as well as for the environment. A Cornell University study on neonic insecticides found them to be effective in fighting crop pests, while indeed requiring less indiscriminate spreading methods such as spraying. The alternative would be to return to toxic pesticides that were not as safe for the environment or for the person applying them.

Sprvr. Barnhart said he preferred the resolution went through committee; perhaps meet with experts on neonics and he had a lot of questions. He understands neonics are especially poisonous for bees, a great pollinator; pesticides are absorbed in crops and are endemic in the consumer food chain, while runoff contaminates water sources. Sprvr. Barnhart ultimately supports organic farming without toxins and chemicals. He will be voting in opposition to the resolution.

Special Order of the Day

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.