

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SENECA COUNTY

Waterloo, New York 13165

October 24, 2023 Special Board Meeting

Call to Order

Chairman Enslow called the special meeting to order at 8:07p.m.

Roll Call of Members by the Clerk

Fourteen members of the Board of Supervisors answered roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Sprvr. Ferrara asked the Board of Supervisors to keep Menzo Case and his family in our thoughts. Menzo Case was the President and CEO of Generations Bank, President recently passed away.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

**CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO
ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 SENECA COUNTY BUDGET**
RESOLUTION NO. 258-23, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, seconded by Sprvr. Ferrara and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Tentative 2024 Seneca County Budget has been filed with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing is required under New York State County Law; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been approval by the Ways and Means Committee at its meeting of October 24, 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for a Public Hearing for all interested residents of Seneca County to offer oral and written comments regarding the Tentative 2024 Seneca County Budget; and said Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at or about 6:00 p.m. at the former courthouse in Ovid, New York, also known as, the “Papa Bear” Building.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED

Sprvr. Reynolds made a motion to correct the first resolved and replace 1,200,000 with 1,100,00 and in the second resolved to add the town of Covert into the list of towns and villages. Sprvr. Ferrara seconded the motion. The resolution passed as amended.

SUPERVISORS SUPPORT SENECA COUNTY AID TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 259-23, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, seconded by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors has determined that the devastating economic impacts of the multi-year COVID pandemic resulted in financial hardships for the towns and villages of Seneca County, beyond the scope of these municipalities to address; and

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WHEREAS, a one-time infusion of financial support to each town and village in Seneca County would provide an economic boost and allow these municipalities to address certain burdens or expenses beyond their current budget capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County has received funding from the Federal Government under the American Recovery Act, (ARPA) to which the recovery from the economic hardships of the Covid, particularly in water, sewer, and other related infrastructure needs for recovery and economic development are authorized uses of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of up to one-million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000.00) can be made from county's remaining ARPA funds, to be paid in the amount of \$100,000.00 to each town, and \$25,000 to each village in Seneca County would be a substantial benefit to each municipality in the county; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for the use of ARPA funds as set forth above in this resolution was made by the ARPA Committee and referred the Ways and Means Committee for further deliberation; and

WHEREAS the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution at its meeting on October 24, 2023, and forwarded the same for action by the Seneca County Board of Supervisors; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Supervisors authorizes aid to municipalities for 2023 in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 in ARPA Funds as provided herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Director is authorized and directed to issue payments to the towns of Seneca County, to wit: Junius, Tyre, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Fayette, Varick, Romulus, Ovid, Lodi, and Covert in the amount of \$100,000.00 to each said town directed to issue payments to the villages of Seneca County, and to the Villages of Lodi, Interlaken, Ovid, and Waterloo in the amount of \$25,000.00 to each said village; and it is further

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

Sprvr. Rhinehart asked for clarification regarding the resolution stating the Board still has the right to review and potentially reject the bids for these projects. County Attorney David Ettman stated that was correct, and that this resolution was to only approve John Snyder Architects to solicit bids for these projects.

**SUPERVISORS APPROVE JOHN SNYDER ARCHITECTS TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR
SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD ROOM RENOVATIONS**
RESOLUTION NO. 260-23, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, seconded by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.
Sprvr. Hayssen & Sprvr. Ferrara opposed.

WHEREAS; the need for board room renovations at the Seneca County Office Building have been identified by the Board of Supervisors and;

WHEREAS, John Snyder Architects, 700 Cascadilla Street Suite 203, Ithaca, NY 14850, has supplied Seneca County with a proposal to renovate the Board of Supervisors and the Executive Wing; and

WHEREAS, the A.R.P.A Committee has funding to support these renovations and;

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WHEREAS, the A.R.P.A. Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution on October 20, 2023; and has identified this as a Capital Project and;

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Ways and Means Committee on October 24, 2023; now therefore be it

RESOVLED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Manager, Kyle Lovell, to sign a contract with John Snyder Architects, 700 Cascadilla Street Suite 203, Ithaca, NY 14850, for professional services up to \$78,400 to solicit bids for the renovation of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors Board Room and Executive Wing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is authorized to establish a Capital Project budget at the time of bid awards; 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.

SUPERVISORS APPROVE JOHN SNYDER ARCHITECTS TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SENECA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING RENOVATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 261-23, moved by Sprvr. Reynolds, seconded by Sprvr. Brownell and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging wishes to re-occupy the space in the first floor of the County Office Building, and

WHEREAS; the need for renovations for the first floor of the Seneca County Office Building to accommodate this move has been identified; and

WHEREAS, the A.R.P.A Committee received a proposal from John Snyder Architects, 700 Cascadilla Street Suite 203, Ithaca, NY 14850, at the October 20, 2023 meeting for the renovation of the Old OFA space, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, New York 13165; and

WHEREAS, the A.R.P.A Committee has funding to support these renovations; and

WHEREAS, the A.R.P.A. Committee has reviewed and approved this resolution on October 20, 2023; and has identified this as a Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Ways and Means Committee on October 24, 2023; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Manager, Kyle Lovell, to sign a contract with John Snyder Architects, 700 Cascadilla Street Suite 203, Ithaca, NY 14850, for professional services up to \$40,800 to solicit bids for the renovation of the Seneca County Old Office for the Aging space, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, New York 13165; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Department of Finance is authorized to establish a Capital Project budget at the time of bid awards; 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.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION BRANCATO -V- SENECA COUNTY; SAVOIE -V- SENECA COUNTY ET AL; AND GARRISON -V- SENECA COUNTY, ET AL

RESOLUTION NO. 262-23, moved by Sprvr. J. Trout, seconded by Sprvr. Partee and adopted.

WHEREAS in 2018 individual claims and ensuing litigation actions were commenced against Seneca County and other defendants by Vito Brancato; Michael and Penny Savoie; and by Todd Garrison alleging negligence on the part of the county in the construction and repair work being conducted at the Sheldrake Creek Bridge, County Route 153 that resulted in flooding of their properties homes, resulting in claims of substantial property damage; and

WHEREAS settlements have been reached with each plaintiff and the defendants, including Seneca County and its contractors, P.S. Bruckel and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., whereby Seneca County will be released, and discharged of all claims related to this matter and the plaintiff, and would further release and discharge any and all cross claims, counterclaims, and third-party actions relative to the contractor and engineers on the project; P.S. Bruckel and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., respectively; and

WHEREAS the terms of the settlement provide certain cash payments to the plaintiffs from Axis Insurance on behalf of Seneca County and P.S. Bruckel, Inc, and also additional payments from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C; and

WHEREAS due to the contractual provisions between Seneca County and P.S.Bruckel, and the insurance coverage provided by AXIS Insurance, no payments by Seneca County are required to facilitate this settlement action; and

WHEREAS this resolution was brought before the Board of Supervisors by action of the Human Resources and Government Operations committee at its October 24, 2023 meeting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Seneca County Attorney is authorized and directed to sign the aforesaid Settlement Agreements, and the terms thereto.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Sprvr. J. Trout made a motion to enter into executive session Pursuant to Sections 105 (1)(F) of the New York State Open Meetings Law to review the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and the following individuals were invited to attend, all members of the Board of Supervisors, the County

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Manager and the Personnel Director. Sprvr. Rhinehart seconded the motion. The Board of Supervisors entered into executive session at 8:15pm. There was no action planned for after the executive session. The executive session ended at 8:30pm.