

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2008

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, February 15, 2008.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:00 A.M. at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE called the meeting to order and presided.

Mr. Campbell offered the prayer.

Mr. Banks led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Fire Safety Notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 16 Henke, Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Wilbur, Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Brown, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Shay, Scribner

ABSENT: 1 Rymph

A motion to approve the condensed minutes of the January 18, 2008 meeting, was moved by Mr. Wilbur, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

The Clerk read the communications.

A motion to adopt the February Audit Report, was moved by Mrs. N. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Clark, Campbell and adopted.

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked if any Supervisor had anyone who requests Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. Mrs. Gayle Hall introduced Tori Reilly of ARCC who invited the Board of Supervisors to attend the Washington County Business show on February 28th. Mr. Hurley introduced Todd Shimkus of ARCC who commented on Resolution No. 79.

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 87, was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Wilbur and adopted.

Resolution No. 53 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Brown, Lindsay, Scribner, Clark, Alexander, N. Hall, Campbell - TITLE: To Appoint Member of the Washington County Planning Board.

Resolution No. 54 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Brown, Lindsay, Scribner, Clark, Alexander, N. Hall, Campbell - TITLE: To Remove Member of the Washington

County Planning Board.

Resolution No. 55 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Henke, G. Hall, Rymph, Shay, Lindsay - TITLE: To Authorize Acceptance of CPTAP County Initiative Assessing Award.

Resolution No. 56 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Henke, LaPointe, Brown, G. Hall, Rymph, Shay, Lindsay - TITLE: To Appoint Members of the Washington County Ethics Board.

Resolution No. 57 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Henke, LaPointe, Brown, G. Hall, Rymph, Shay, Lindsay - TITLE: To Amend Fee Schedule, Real Property Tax Services 2008.

Resolution No. 58 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Wilbur, LaPointe, Banks, Rymph, Clark, Shay, Hurley - TITLE: To Make Appointments; Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 59 February 15, 2008 By Supervisor LaPointe - TITLE: Authorization to Solicit Bids for Highway Equipment.

Resolution No. 60 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant, Hurley - TITLE: To Award Conflict Contracts Defender for County/Local Courts.

Resolution No. 61 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant, Hurley - TITLE: Appointments; Washington County Fire Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 62 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Brown, Lindsay, Scribner, Clark, Alexander, N. Hall, Campbell - TITLE: To Approve Changes to By-Laws of the Washington County Planning Board.

Resolution No. 63 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Cancel Taxes - Town of Dresden.

Resolution No. 64 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Cancel Taxes - Town of Jackson.

Resolution No. 65 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Write Off Taxes - Town of Kingsbury.

Resolution No. 66 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Credit 2007 and 2008 Real Property Tax - Town of Fort Edward.

Resolution No. 67 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Correct Tax Roll.

Resolution No. 68 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - County Clerk for Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant.

Resolution No. 69 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Real Property Tax Services for NYS Office of Real Property Services Grant.

Resolution No. 70 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - Car Pool Fund.

Resolution No. 71 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - Jail.

Resolution No. 72 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Wilbur, Banks, Alexander, Henke, Hurley - TITLE: Create a New Title and Adjust 2008 Staffing Pattern for the Information Technology Department.

Resolution No. 73 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Mental Health.

Resolution No. 74 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Payment of Stale Voucher - District Attorney.

Resolution No. 75 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Public Health.

Resolution No. 76 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - District Attorney.

Resolution No. 77 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant.

Resolution No. 78 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors LaPointe, Lindsay, Banks, Alexander, Suprenant - TITLE: Authorize Agreement Between the County of Washington and the State of New York for the Removal of Snow and Sanding to Control Ice on State

Roads Expiring June 30, 2009.

Resolution No. 79 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors Hurley, Wilbur, Brown, Clark, Scribner - TITLE: Washington County Board of Supervisors Set the Goal of a Tax Levy in 2009 Not to Exceed 3%.

Resolution No. 80 February 15, 2008 By Supervisor LaPointe - TITLE: Preservation of Local Taxation on Certain Lands Owned by the State of New York.

Resolution No. 81 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Retention of Counsel to File Amicus Curiae Brief in Appellate Division Fourth Department in the Matter of Dillenburg v. State of New York et. al.

Resolution No. 82 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Clark, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Chairman to Sign Application for Refund of Taxes from the Salem School District.

Resolution No. 83 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize One Year Exemption of Improvements to Property Owned by the Village of Whitehall Located in the Town of Dresden from County Taxation Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §406.

Resolution No. 84 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Exemption of Property Owned by the Village of Fort Edward Located in the Town of Fort Edward from County Taxation Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §406.

Resolution No. 85 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Hurley - TITLE: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County Issuing a "Negative Declaration" Relative to the Adoption of Introductory Local Law F of 2007, a Local Law to Prohibit Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to the Washington County Separate Storm Sewer System.

Resolution No. 86 February 15, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Alexander, Hurley - TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "F" of 2007.

Resolution No. 87 February 15, 2008 By Supervisor LaPointe - TITLE: Resolution Urging Increased Funding to the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs).

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 53, moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Campbell and adopted.

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Scribner, Alexander, N. Hall and adopted.

Resolution No. 55, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors G. Hall, Shay, Lindsay, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 56, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors G. Hall, Shay, Scribner, Wilbur, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 57, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Shay, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 58, moved by Mr. Wilbur, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Henke, Shay, Hurley, Wilbur and adopted.

Resolution No. 59, moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Alexander and adopted.

Resolution No. 60, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Henke, Suprenant and adopted.

Resolution No. 61, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, G. Hall, Hurley and adopted.

Resolution No. 62, moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Wilbur, Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 63, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Scribner, Suprenant and adopted.

Resolution No. 64, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Scribner, Lindsay and adopted.

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Resolution No. 66, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Scribner, Lindsay, Suprenant and adopted.

Resolution No. 67, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Henke. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 67 to remove the correction for Joseph Kent, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Clark, Campbell and adopted. Resolution No. 67, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks, Scribner, Henke and adopted, as amended.

Resolution No. 68, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks,

Scribner, Henke and adopted.

Resolution No. 69, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 70, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 71, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Alexander and adopted.

Resolution No. 72, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 72 to remove retroactive to December 27, 2007 and replace with effective the first day of the next pay period, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Hurley stated that he would not like the employee to be punished because of the lack of communication from the manager. Kevin Hayes explained that this was discussed as part of the 2008 budget process and the title of Senior Microcomputer Specialist was approved and budgeted but after a position review by Civil Service, the actual duties being performed was determined to be a Network Analyst. A motion to amend Resolution No. 72 to remove retroactive to December 27, 2007 and replace with effective the first day of the next pay period, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Brown and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 4 Clark, Campbell, Brown, Scribner

NOES: 12 Henke, Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Wilbur, N. Hall, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Shay

ABSENT: 1 Rymph

AYES: 617 NOES: 3,348 ABSENT: 167

Resolution No. 72, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 16 Henke, Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Wilbur, Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Brown, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Shay, Scribner

ABSENT: 1 Rymph

AYES: 3,965 ABSENT: 167

Resolution No. 73, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Henke, Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 74, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 75, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.

Resolution No. 76, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 77, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Henke and adopted.

Resolution No. 78, moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Banks, Alexander. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Lindsay asked how we know the revenue will be \$720,000. Willy Grimmke stated that it is an estimate and that the contract is a time and materials contract, so the County is reimbursed for labor, materials and equipment actually used. Mr. Brown maintains that this contract costs the County dollars. Resolution No. 78, moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Alexander and adopted. Supervisors Brown, N. Hall opposed.

Resolution No. 79, moved by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Brown, Clark, Scribner, Suprenant, Campbell. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Henke stated that the goal for an increase in the tax levy should be 0%. Mr. Banks moved the question on the resolution but did not receive a second. Mr. Lindsay stated that the average tax increase for the last three years was 2% and feels the Board did a pretty good job without having a resolution like this in place. A motion to amend Resolution No. 79 to change the goal of a tax levy in 2009 not to exceed 3% to the goal of a tax levy in 2009 not to exceed 0%, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Brown. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion on the amendment. Mr. Brown stated that there is nothing wrong with having a goal and that our goal is to give the best service possible to the taxpayer for the least amount of dollars. Mr. Shay asked Budget Officer Gayle Hall to comment. Mrs. Hall pointed out that there is a schedule for the first round of budget meetings on each Supervisors' desk. The first set of meetings with department heads will be to dissect the 2007 budget. The second set of meetings will be to discuss the 2008 budget. She also commented that Committee Chairs will need to look long and hard at the departments that fall under their committee. Mr. LaPointe stated that this should wait until after the first set of meetings to allow the Budget Officer to do her job and moved to table. A motion to table Resolution No. 79, moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 9 Henke, Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, N. Hall, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Shay

NOES: 7 Suprenant, Hurley, Wilbur, Clark, Campbell, Brown, Scribner

ABSENT: 1 Rymph

AYES: 2,116 NOES: 1,849 ABSENT: 167

Resolution No. 80, moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 81, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Scribner and adopted.

Resolution No. 82, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Alexander, Henke and adopted.

Resolution No. 83, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Scribner and adopted. Mr. Clark opposed.

Resolution No. 84, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Suprenant. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 84 to add to first resolved "as the property exists as of February 29, 2008, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Campbell, Scribner and adopted. Resolution No. 84, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted, as amended. Mr. Clark opposed.

Resolution No. 85, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Clark stated that he doesn't like that the Board didn't approve this previously and it is being presented again without any changes to it. Resolution No. 85, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted. Mr. Brown opposed.

Resolution No. 86, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Henke disagrees with this and feels it is inappropriate for an executive department to tell a legislative body what to do. A motion to table Resolution No. 86, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Supervisors Brown, Lindsay and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 11 Henke, Wilbur, Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Brown, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Shay, Scribner

NOES: 5 Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley

ABSENT: 1 Rymph

AYES: 2,608 NOES: 1,357 ABSENT: 167

Resolution No. 87, moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded unanimously and adopted.

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Henke introduced Rebecca Bushway, a 10 year old Argyle School student council member who came to watch government in action. Mr. Campbell stated that we need policies that will help the ag sector. Mr. Hurley stated that the outcome of Resolution No. 79 was unsatisfactory and will propose this resolution again next month. Mr. Alexander stated that 3% is a good goal but we should allow time for the Budget Officer do her job. Mr. Brown suggested the Budget Officer look at the spending trends from October - December. Mr. Suprenant commended Mr. Hurley for offering Resolution No. 79. Mr. Wilbur was also disappointed that Resolution No. 79 was tabled and feels that this goal should be something the entire Board should be able to support. Mrs. Gayle Hall stated that we don't necessarily have to

put it in writing for us to know we have to strive to keep taxes low. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE announced that the Agriculture, Planning, Tourism and Community Development committee meeting has been reschedule for March 5th at 1 PM.

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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