

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2008

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, March 21, 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, Rymph, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Wilbur, Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Brown, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Scribner

ABSENT: 1 Shay

Brian Gilchrist, Executive Director of Cooperative Extension gave an update on Washington County agriculture.

A motion to approve the condensed minutes of the February 15, 2008 meeting, was moved by Mr. Wilbur, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Lindsay and adopted.

The Clerk read the communications.

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

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked if any Supervisor had anyone who requests Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. Mr. Rymph introduced Shirley Renaud of Belleview Preschool located on County Route 113 in the Town of Easton who was asking for support for a reduction of the speed limit on CR 113. Mrs. Renaud also submitted a petition. Mr. Suprenant introduced Cindy Raggi of the Town of Fort Edward who is unhappy with the effects to her property due to the County Route 42 reconstruction project. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE stated that a subcommittee of the Public Works Committee will be created to look into the situation.

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 115-118, was moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted.

Resolution No. 88 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Wilbur, LaPointe, Banks, Rymph, Clark, Shay, Hurley - TITLE: In Opposition to the Executive Budget's Proposed Shift of Juvenile Detention Costs to Counties.

Resolution No. 89 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Wilbur, LaPointe, Banks, Rymph, Clark, Shay, Hurley - TITLE: In Opposition to the Executive Budget's Proposed Shift of Public Assistance Costs to Counties.

Resolution No. 90 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant, Hurley - TITLE: To Amend Fee Schedule for Fire Prevention and Property Maintenance Inspections.

Resolution No. 91 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant, Hurley - TITLE: To Oppose Requirements of the New York State Fire and Building Code Requiring Mandatory Fire Prevention and Property Maintenance Inspections.

Resolution No. 92 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Sheriff and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Negotiate with Washington County Deputy Sheriffs PBA to Allow for Creation of a Vacation Time "Bank" Within the Sheriff's Department.

Resolution No. 93 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley, Scribner, Suprenant, Campbell - TITLE: Washington County Board of Supervisors Sets Goal of a Tax Levy in 2009 Not to Exceed a 3% Increase Over 2008.

Resolution No. 94 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Correct Tax Roll.

Resolution No. 95 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Refund Taxes.

Resolution No. 96 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Award Bid for Wastewater Disinfection Facilities Improvements; Sewer District No. 2 and Amend Budget - Capital Project No. 100 - Sewer District No. 2 UV Grant.

Resolution No. 97 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Mental Health.

Resolution No. 98 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Public Health Nursing Adjustment for 2005.

Resolution No. 99 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - Department of Social Services.

Resolution No. 100 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Home Energy Assistance (HEAP) and Weatherization (WRAP) Programs.

Resolution No. 101 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Department of Social Services.

Resolution No. 102 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - District Attorney.

Resolution No. 103 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Request the Legislature of the State of New York to Pass A9970/S6856-A "An Act to authorize the county of Washington to offer an optional twenty-five year retirement plan to deputy sheriffs Gregory Danio, Kristen Frasier, Scott McFarren and Robert Sullivan".

Resolution No. 104 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Create Title of Secretary to Superintendent of Public Works and Place on the Grade Schedule and Adjust Staffing Pattern for DPW Administration.

Resolution No. 105 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Approve Supplemental Agreement for Rexleigh Road Bridge Project Over the Battenkill.

Resolution No. 106 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Wilbur, Banks, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Contracts with Preferred Advocates Ltd. and Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes PC for Labor Services.

Resolution No. 107 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Authorize Payment of Settlement for Peachman Claim, Sewer District No. 2 and Amend 2007 Budget - Sewer District No. 2.

Resolution No. 108 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - County Road Machinery Fund.

Resolution No. 109 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2008 Budget - Alternative Sentencing.

Resolution No. 110 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - Sewer District No. 1.

Resolution No. 111 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: Amend 2007 Budget - Sewer District No. 2.

Resolution No. 112 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Henke, Hurley - TITLE: Authorizing Dix Avenue Location as Site for the Warren/Washington Counties Emergency Services Training Center.

Resolution No. 113 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Henke, Hurley - TITLE: Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement Between Warren and Washington Counties Relating to the Warren/Washington Counties Emergency Services Training Center.

Resolution No. 114 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors Banks, Lindsay, Scribner, Henke, Hurley - TITLE: Authorizing Agreement with Laberge Group for Design Services in Connection with Warren/Washington Counties Emergency Services Training Center.

Resolution No. 115 March 21, 2008 By Supervisor Scribner - TITLE: In Recognition of the Whitehall Wrestling Team.

Resolution No. 116 March 21, 2008 By Supervisor Henke - TITLE: In Recognition of the Argyle Scots Girls Basketball Team.

Resolution No. 117 March 21, 2008 By Supervisor N. Hall - TITLE: In Recognition of Harrison Cornell for the Achievement of Eagle Scout Rank.

Resolution No. 118 March 21, 2008 By Supervisor G. Hall - TITLE: Amend Budget - Capital Project No. 101 - Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant for Third Phase.

Resolution No. 119 March 21, 2008 By Supervisors G. Hall, LaPointe, Brown, Wilbur, Banks, Clark, N. Hall, Hurley - TITLE: To Increase Interfund Loan from the General Fund to Pleasant Valley.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 88, moved by Mr. Wilbur, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Rymph and adopted.

Resolution No. 89, moved by Mr. Wilbur, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Hurley and adopted.

Resolution No. 90, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant, Lindsay, Brown and adopted.

Resolution No. 91, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Hurley and adopted.

Resolution No. 92, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Brown asked if this is a change in policy for the Public Safety Committee to approve this

rather than the full Board. Mr. Wickes stated that this is the same way the vacation time “bank” policy was done for the Correction Officers. A motion to amend to remove the final resolved, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Brown and defeated. Resolution No. 92, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Alexander, Henke, Suprenant and adopted.

Resolution No. 93. Mr. LaPointe yielded to Mr. Hurley. Resolution No. 93, moved by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Wilbur, Suprenant, Brown, Scribner. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Rymph stated that in order to reach a goal to reduce the tax levy some tough decisions are going to need to be made. A motion to reduce all personnel budgets by 5% for 2009 and 2010, moved by Mr. Rymph, seconded by Mr. Henke and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 4 Henke, Rymph, Clark, Brown

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

ABSENT: 1 Shay

AYES: 626 NOES: 3,258 ABSENT: 248

Mrs. Gayle Hall distributed a handout indicating that the Board would have to cut expenses or find additional revenue of \$5.5 million in order to achieve the not to exceed 3% tax levy goal. A motion to amend Resolution No. 93 to remove all whereas and resolves and replace with:

TITLE: Washington County Board of Supervisors Set Goal to Minimize Tax Levy

WHEREAS, it is the function of a republican form of government to ensure that services necessary to or requested by the citizens so represented are provided, and

WHEREAS, it is expected that government will do this in a manner that places the least possible burden on the citizens so represented; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the goal of the Washington County Board of Supervisors in any budgetary process shall be to strive diligently to substantially decrease the tax levy whenever possible.

was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors LaPointe, Scribner, Campbell. Discussion ensued. A motion for the question on the amendment, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted. Mr. Clark opposed. A motion to amend Resolution No. 93 to remove all whereas and resolves and replace with:

TITLE: Washington County Board of Supervisors Set Goal to Minimize Tax Levy

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WHEREAS, it is expected that government will do this in a manner that places the least possible burden on the citizens so represented; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the goal of the Washington County Board of Supervisors in any budgetary process shall be to strive diligently to substantially decrease the tax levy whenever possible.

was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors LaPointe, Scribner, Campbell and adopted. Discussion on Resolution No. 93 as amended. A motion to amend the amended resolution to change the title to "Washington County Board of Supervisors Sets a Goal of a Tax Levy of 0% or Less in 2009", moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Clark and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 8 Henke, Rymph, Wilbur, Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Brown, Scribner

NOES: 8 Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander

ABSENT: 1 Shay

AYES: 1,571 NOES: 2,313 ABSENT: 248

Resolution No. 93, moved by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Wilbur, Suprenant, Brown, Scribner and adopted, as amended.

A motion to take Resolution No. 79 from the table, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Brown and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Brown, Lindsay

NOES: 11 Henke, Trinkle, Banks, Rymph, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Wilbur, LaPointe, Alexander, Scribner

ABSENT: 1 Shay

AYES: 1,200 NOES: 2,684 ABSENT: 248

Resolution No. 94, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 95, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 96, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors LaPointe, Banks and adopted. Mr. Brown opposed.

Resolution No. 97, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 98, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 99, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 100, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 101, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 102, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 103, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 13 Henke, Trinkle, Banks, G. Hall, Suprenant, Hurley, Clark, N. Hall, Campbell, Lindsay, LaPointe, Alexander, Scribner

NOES: 2 Rymph, Brown

ABSENT: 1 Shay

ABSTAIN: 1 Wilbur

AYES: 3,167 NOES: 265 ABSENT: 225 ABSTAIN: 320

Resolution No. 104, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: 1 Shay

AYES: 3,884 ABSENT: 248

Resolution No. 105, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Alexander and adopted.

Resolution No. 106, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, N. Hall, Campbell. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 106 in the last resolved to change "separate agreements" to "an agreement" based on the decision made by the committee, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted. Mr. Clark opposed. Discussion on Resolution No. 106 as amended. Mr. Brown asked for clarification on whether signing this contract with Preferred Advocates

commits the county to use Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes if there is any litigation related to negotiations. Roger Wickes stated that it does not. A motion to table Resolution No. 106, moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Brown and defeated. Resolution No. 106, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, N. Hall, Campbell and adopted, as amended. Supervisors Clark, Brown opposed.

Resolution No. 107, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Banks, Clark and adopted.

Resolution No. 108, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 109, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 110, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 111, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.

Resolution No. 112, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Henke, Alexander. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Brown asked if anyone knows how much this project is going to cost. Mr. Banks stated that after this phase is completed, we will know the project's estimated costs and where the money will come from. Resolution No. 112, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Lindsay, Scribner, Henke, Alexander and adopted. Mr. Brown opposed.

Resolution No. 113, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Suprenant, G. Hall, Alexander, Campbell. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Clark asked if Warren County would consider waiving the back taxes owed for this site. Mrs. G. Hall stated the amount of taxes owed is \$43,269.15. Regarding the percentage of what we will pay, they will be looking at how much of this property is actually going to be used and negotiating with Warren County as part of the intermunicipal agreement. Mr. Brown feels the Fire Training Center should be located in Washington County. Resolution No. 113, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Supervisors Wilbur, Suprenant, G. Hall, Alexander, Campbell and adopted. Supervisors Brown, Rymph opposed.

Resolution No. 114, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Scribner. CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for discussion. Mr. Brown asked if RFP's were done for these services. Roger Wickes stated that originally there were ten responses which the top three were interviewed and by resolution of both Warren and Washington Counties, Laberge was selected. Resolution No. 114, moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Scribner and adopted.

Resolution No. 115, moved by Mr. Scribner, seconded unanimously and adopted. Mr. Banks' name will be added as a sponsor.

Resolution No. 116, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 117, moved by Mrs. N. Hall, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 118, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Banks, Campbell, Lindsay, Scribner and adopted.

Resolution No. 119, moved by Mrs. G. Hall, seconded by Mrs. N. Hall and adopted.

CHAIRMAN TRINKLE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Campbell stated that in the Audit committee there was a bill for travel from the Travel Shop in Warren County and stated that we should be using a travel agency in Washington County. Mr. Clark suggested that the Supervisors be provided with a map displaying the areas affected by the MS4 regulations because this is going to come up again. Mrs. Gayle Hall stated that a sub committee will be created to review this issue before it is brought back to the committee and full Board.

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.