

# SUPERVISORS NOTEBOOK

*A Digest of Legislative Activities*

For the Month of

***December 2015***

*The following minutes were not available at the time this packet was published:*

*Planning, Economic Development, Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs – 11/19/15*

*Highway, Buildings, and Grounds – 9/8/15, 9/30/15, 10/13/15, 10/28/15, 11/17/15*

*Government Operations – 11/9/15, 11/17/15*

*Finance, Ways and Means – 10/1/15, 10/29/15, 11/17/15*

*Administration and Oversight – 11/17/15*

*Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications – 11/19/15*

*Solid Waste and Recycling – 10/27/15, 11/9/15, 11/17/15*

*Health and Human Services – 8/24/15, 11/23/15*

*Public Utility Service – 11/19/15*

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## Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting Sept. 08, 2015 – Special Meeting

Acting Chairperson Scott Henderson called a special meeting of the Solid Waste and Recycling committee meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Supervisors Chambers on the second floor of the County Office Bldg. in Wampsville, NY.

*Those in attendance were Acting Chairman S. Henderson, Solid Waste Director James A. Zecca. Solid Waste Committee members in attendance were: Supervisors Richard Bargabos and James Raffte. James Goldstein and Darrin Ball were absent. Also present were: John Becker, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, Mark Scimone, County Administrator, Kipp Hicks, Director of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA), John Condino of Barton and Loguidice and Sharon Driscoll, Media Director.*

### Sewer Line Bids – Resolutions:

**Motion** by R. Bargabos to approve all three ARE Park Sewer project bids and awarding contracts to the lowest responsible bidders seconded by J. Raffte and approved.

- 1.** Accepting the bid and award the contract to North County Contractors, Inc. of Calcium, NY in the amount of \$2,415,000.00 for the ARE Park Sanitary Sewer Project NO. 1A General Construction.
- 2.** Accepting the bid and awarding the contract to Henderson Bros. Contracting, Inc. of Central Square, NY in the amount of \$310,571.00 for the ARE Park Sanitary Sewer project NO. 2 Landfill Construction.
- 3.** Accepting the bid and awarding the contract to S. C. Spencer Electric, Inc. of Constableville, NY in the amount of \$98,100.00 for the ARE Park Sanitary Sewer Project NO. 1B Electrical Construction.

## Land Lease –

The committee held a brief discussion regarding the land that is leased to area farmers and is located at the Buyea Rd. Landfill site. It was suggested that the farm land lease be increased from three years to either five (5) or seven (7). The committee agreed on a five year lease.

Several committee members felt the price should increase if the land is “seeded down”. R. Bargabos said that the contract may need to be revisited.

J. Becker explained that if farm land is seeded down it is worth more money. If it is in hay it must stay in hay.

Director Zecca will check the existing contract to make sure all of the committees concerns are listed and if they are not the contract would need to be amended.

## Adjourn Meeting –

**Motion** by R. Bargabos to adjourn the Solid Waste and Recycling meeting as there was no further business to discuss seconded by S. Henderson.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon A. Driscoll for James A. Zecca



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## Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting September 29, 2015

SW Minutes for August 24 and September 8, 2015 were approved

Chairman James Goldstein called the Solid Waste and Recycling committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisor's Chambers on the second floor of the County Office Bldg. in Wampsville, NY.

*Those present were J. Goldstein, Darrin Ball, James Rafte and Scott Henderson. Also present were: Kipp Hicks, Director of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA), Kevin Voorhees and Jillian Blake of Barton and Loguidice, Solid Waste Attorney Bill Buchan, Russ Hammond, Operations Manager, Sharon Driscoll, Media Director and Matthew A. Tynan, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer and Marcia Rafte.*

### Approve SW and Recycling Committee Minutes:

**Motion** by S. Henderson to approve the Solid Waste and Recycling minutes for August 24, 2015 and September 8, 2015 seconded by D. Ball and approved.

### Resolutions:

**Motion** by S. Henderson to approve a \$200,000 budget modification for solid waste department equipment procurement – transferring \$200,000 from the 2014 budget surplus seconded by D. Ball and approved.

Note: Russ Hammond presented a list of the departments various equipment needs.

1. \$20,000 for 4 loader tires
2. \$55,000 wheels for Landfill compactor
3. \$25,000 to replace 4 dumpsters
4. \$35,000 for a new DSS work truck

Total -- \$135.00

### Gas Field Supply & Service EE817680 542161

5. \$65,000 for all piping for cells 8 &9 – which we will be reimbursed by 50% from the NYSDEC.

**Note:** The treasurer reported that there is a surplus from the 2014 Solid Waste Dept. budget. Of which \$200,000 will be used for equipment procurement.

At this juncture D. Ball asked to see a list of all funds the Dept. of Solid Waste has given to other departments.

J. Goldstein asked how the landfill is getting paid back for the \$24,000 that “we have been told has to go to the Cazenovia sewer district for something that had nothing to do with the Dept. of Solid Waste.”

M. Scimone told the committee that they could vote down the resolution. The Finance Committee did not want to take the \$24,000 out of the General Fund.

Chairman Goldstein reiterated, “The landfill needs to get paid back.”

The question was raised, “How did this happen?” Chairman Goldstein explained that the Purchasing Office did not award the low bid in a timely manner. “The shortfall should not come from landfill budget. And, if the funds are taken out of the landfill budget, these funds should be paid back – perhaps in monthly payments over the coming year until the landfill is reimbursed for the \$24,000.”

M. Scimone said, “I suggest you (the committee) vote down the resolution.”

**Motion** by J. Rafté to authorize amendment of an agreement with the Madison County Sewer District that would authorize a reduction in the tipping fee for the Madison County Sewer District from \$42 per ton to \$21/ton for up to 2,200 tons (or until the \$24,000 short fall was paid back). No one seconded the motion. The resolution was voted down by Jim Goldstein, Darrin Ball and S. Henderson.

M. Scimone said he would do a transfer of funds to the landfill from the contingency fund. “I will take care of it.”

### Regional Waste Solutions proposed settlement—

Director Zecca reported that Regional Waste Solutions has owed the Dept. of Solid Waste \$600 for cover material for the past two (2) years. Their attorney wants to settle the account with a \$200 payment. “We don’t want to spend any more time on this and a settlement for \$200 has to be approved by committee.

**Motion** by S. Henderson to approve the acceptance of a \$200.00 settlement for a two year old \$600.00 debt from regional waste Solutions seconded by D. Ball and approved.

### **Tipping Fee Increase –**

**Motion** by S. Henderson to approve the increased tipping fees as presented seconded by J. Rafta and approved.

**Note:** A resolution will go the Board of Supervisors for final approval on Tuesday, October 13.

### **ARE Park Sewer/ Water line updates –**

A Pre- construction meeting for the sewer line project has been scheduled for Thursday, October 1 at the Landfill Scale House.

The committee discussed the Draft Bidding schedule for the ARE Park Water Project that will be submitted to the County, OCWA and the Health Dept. on 10/08; advertise for bids on October 15; receive bids on November 12 – and bids will be awarded at the November annual session meeting – Date to be announced.

Selection of preferred Proposer (s) for contract negotiations will be in May of 2016 and the Board of Supervisors approves award of contract in June of 2016 – as well as signing the contract.

### **JBL Kiln update –**

R. Hammond reported that Johnson Brothers Lumber (JBL) kilns are expected to be completed in the next three or four weeks. He also reported that the heat exchanger box in the gas-to-energy building has to be replaced. He researched the cost of moving the heat exchanger outside of the building, but said the numbers came in too high. Hammond received an engineering estimate of \$340,000 to purchase a new heat exchanger and move it to the outside of the building.

We will purchase a new box at \$75,000 and it will cost another \$30,000 to install. The life span of this unit is about seven (7) years and that is the age of the current heat exchanger. This goes off the exhaust and is capable of producing steam. “We will run this by the committee when we get all the numbers.”

### **Plastic to oil update –**

The committee decided that the Draft RFP would be issued on September 30, 2015. Sometime during the last week in October there will be a pre-proposal conference and the solid waste and recycling committee will be invited. November 30 will be the deadline for receipt of written comments on the Draft RFP. The issuance of the final RFP will be January 5, 2016. The deadline for receipt of proposals will be in March of 2016.

Jillian Blake distributed draft copies of the RFP for the conversion of non-recyclable plastics to oil products. She said, "We left it fairly open. The bidders would have to show they meet all standards. She indicated that numbers were needed on the plastic collected from the pilot project.

The committee agreed that the RFP should be sent out as soon as possible. Distribution includes public notices, the state register, the County's official newspapers, direct mail and e-mail along with a press release that the County is looking at conversion of non-recyclable plastics to oil products.

Chairman Goldstein suggested the RFP be sent to the America Chemistry Council.

B. Buchan suggested the RFP be distributed to Madison County's neighboring counties. "We need feed stock."

Director Zecca noted that all of the directors from Region 7 will be present at the Governors "Capital for A Day" on Sept. 30. "That would be a good opportunity to hand out draft RFP."

**Motion** by S. Henderson to approve the draft RFP for the conversion of non-recyclable plastics to oil products and the immediate distribution of the RFP as discussed in committee seconded by J. Rafté and unanimously approved.

B. Buchan's major concern is to make sure we (Madison County) has enough feed stock.

S. Henderson mentioned that the neighboring counties might want to know what is in it for them: will they get cheaper fuel.

### **Pill collection --**

S. Driscoll reported that 655 pounds of pills were sent to the incinerator in Fulton. One hundred and sixty four pounds of pills were collected at the September 26, 2015 event and 495.03 pounds were from the kiosks at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

The shredding event took in 3,960 pounds of paper.

### **2016 proposed hauler contract --**

B. Buchan updated the hauler contract for the first time in 10 years. He reported that some of the information in this document was incorporated from county attorney.

He put in the \$25 differential for the commercial haulers tipping fee increase and the use of credit card payments. If a commercial hauler has a contract and agrees to bring in recyclables to the ARC MRF in Madison County the cost is \$72. There are two hold harmless provisions in the contract.

Legal fees are recoverable only if (the commercial hauler) has a contract. We have created a financial incentive.

Insurance: This was put in place for the local law and is in place today when contractors come on to county property to do anything. "What is the impact on the hauler community to meet insurance requirements?"

B. Buchan said, I can't imagine there are people running around without an insurance umbrella. A \$5 million umbrella is a pretty significant cost.

Chairman Goldstein did not think it was that significant.

B. Buchan suggested the insurance umbrella be added to the commercial hauler contract. Chairman Goldstein agreed saying we (the Buyea Rd. Landfill) have had several serious incidents at landfill. "The basic coverage is \$1 million – two million."

Similar concern for workers comp – statutory limits follow statute – if they have coverage it shields the county.

Page 7 item 20 – regulation for goods and services – "This is for health care workers - I would expect haulers would have problems complying with this," said Bill.

Director Zecca said we need to get this clarified.

D. Ball thought the entire section on health care should be taken out of the commercial hauler contract. Chairman Goldstein agreed.

M. Scimone reported back to the committee that the Corporate Compliance clause only applies to medical professionals and can be taken out of the Commercial Hauler contract.

Page 10 has to be approved by full board and should be distributed to the haulers before January.

### **Request for out of state travel**

**Motion** by D. Ball approving out of state travel in late October for James Zecca to Jacksonville, FL to visit JUM Global to view and research the company's plastic to oil facility and not to exceed \$1,000.00 seconded by J. Rafta and approved.

### **Visit from Governor's staff--**

Director Zecca reported on the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Governor's staff being billed as "Capital for A Day."

Zecca said we will be meeting with the governor's commissioners. They are meeting with folks all around Central New York and will report back to the governor on what they have seen. Some of the sites to be visited are: Morrisville State College – the Canal Town Museum – all seasons Ingredients – the

Caskets Factory – DeRuyter (NY Rising) and the County Landfill on Buyea Rd. We plan to focus on plastics to oil with the commissioner.

### **Illegal Dumping –**

The committee had a brief discussion about illegal dumping. D. Ball noted that the committee went through a similar discussion with the open burning issue. An example: pesticide containers should not be burned nor should they be buried.

D. Ball said getting stricter rules on illegal dumping should be a lot easier today than years ago. “If you drive around the county you will see illegal dumping all over the place.”

“We (committee) want Bill Buchan to draft something that would make Madison County more restrictive than the state when it comes to illegal dumping,” said D. Ball. “Being a farmer today you have to be a good steward of the land.”

### **Next Meeting –**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste and Recycling meeting will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in the Supervisors Conference Room on the second floor of the County Office Bldg. in Wampsville.

### **Adjourn Meeting –**

**Motion** to adjourn the Solid Waste and Recycling meeting as there was no further business to discuss seconded by J. Rafte.

# Administration and Oversight Committee Meeting

*Minutes October 22, 2015*

- PRESENT:** Chairman Scott Henderson  
Vice Chairman James Rafte  
Supervisor William Zupan  
Supervisor Paul Walrod
- OTHERS:** Purchasing Agent Nicole Schafer-Farino
- ABSENT:** Supervisor Roger Bradstreet

Committee Chairman Scott Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings of August 20, 2015 and September 17, 2015 were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor William Zupan and second of Vice Chairman James Rafte.

## **Resolutions:**

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution waiving the rules for resolutions on a motion of Zupan and second of Walrod.

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution fixing time and date to organize the Board for the year 2016 on a motion of Rafte and second of Zupan

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution fixing time for holding meetings during 2016 on a motion of Zupan and second of Rafte.

The Committee unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to modify an agreement with Auctions International for the sale of County surplus on a motion of Rafte and second of Zupan.

## **Purchasing:**

Purchasing Agent Nicole Schafer-Farino stated that she has been provided a list of candidates by Personnel for her OAIL position that she is reviewing. Several construction projects are underway and more will begin in 2016 along with numerous big RFPs.

Additional space is needed for with the new hire. The Atrium space can be used in the short term; however meeting space will be lost. With moves that are underway in the County Office Building, it is hopeful that another space may open up. Nicole would like a space that where vendors can feel comfortable coming in and a designated bid opening space. Henderson recommended reaching out to Supervisor Ron Bono and Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Loveless to look at options.

Henderson would like Nicole to start quantifying savings as things get under control with the addition of her new office assistant.

**Next Meeting:** October 22, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

**Motion to Adjourn:** The Committee adjourned at 3:23 p.m. on the motion of Supervisor William Zupan and second of Supervisor Paul Walrod.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine Coe for Chairman Scott Henderson and approved on November 17, 2015.*

# Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2015*

PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Degear  
Vice Chairman Lewis Carinci  
Supervisor Richard Bargabos  
Supervisor David Jones

ALSO: Chairman of the Board John Becker  
Madison Legal Defense Bureau President Gerald H. Taylor  
Public Defenders Director Paul Hadley  
E911 Director Paul Hartnett  
District Attorney William Gabor  
Sheriff Allen Riley  
Undersheriff John Ball  
Emergency Management Director Ted Halpin

ABSENT: Supervisor John Salka

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Daniel Degear at 8:45 a.m. in the Supervisors large conference room.

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Jones and second of Vice Chairman Carinci.

## **Madison County Legal Defense Bureau:**

### Public Defenders Proposed 2016 Budget

Gerald Taylor, Esq. from the Law Firm of Taylor & Miller, LLP and President of the Madison Legal Defense Bureau, provided the Committee with their budget proposal for 2016. They are seeking an increase of \$61,158 to cover a deficit of \$13,158 plus \$48,000 toward medical insurance for 4 public defenders and 4 staff.

Taylor stated that the 2016 proposed budget includes a 3% salary increase for all staff, a \$10,000 salary increase for one public defender, and changing a part-time clerical position to full-time. Hadley stated that while the Public Defender's Office has been successful in acquiring grant funding with the assistance of First Assistant County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, one of their grants will expire May 31, 2016, reducing their grant funding by \$30,000 from 2015. Lack of medical insurance benefits has personally affected one of their staff, and they would like to make medical benefits available to their full-time employees, similar to County employees. Currently, only the Public Defenders' Director receives medical benefits. While the Public Defenders' Office staff are not county employees, they are under contract with the County because it is mandated. Penal law prosecutions are handled by Public Defenders to save the County money; going back to an assigned council plan would cost considerably more.

Bargabos questioned whether cost sharing with the employees was part of their plan. Hadley stated that he would like to parallel what the County employees contribute to their medical plan. Degear questioned the 3% salary increase when County employees are not getting that much. Hadley stated that his

office has traditionally taken no increase when the County employees have received one.

Bargabos stated that he would support contributing 50% of the requested \$48,000 toward the Public Defenders' Office medical insurance plan.

On a motion of Bargabos and second of Degear, the Committee unanimously supported a 50% contribution to the Public Defenders' Office medical insurance plan at \$24,000 along with an additional \$13,158 to cover their deficit for a 2016 County budget increase of \$37,158.

A revised contract will need to go before the full Board for approval and then to the Budget Officer.

### **E911/Communications:**

Director Hartnett presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

#### **Establishing a Policy Review and Advisory Committee for E-911/Emergency Communications**

Discussion: Degear stated that bringing together County, Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire representatives under one umbrella for long and short term planning is overdue. It will be a good forum to discuss and resolve issues.

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Bargabos and second of Carinci.

#### **Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to Plan for Next Generation 911 in New York State and Create a New York State 911 Department that Supports County Public Safety Answering Points and Enhances Local Emergency Dispatch Services**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Jones and second of Carinci.

### Texting 911

Harnett reported that Texting 911 is ready to go live and will allow call takers at Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) with web-based connectivity or TTY connectivity to communicate with reporting parties who are texting 911. Once it is live, a press release will go out and it will be posted on the County website.

### Reverse 911/NYAlert

Degear stated that Reverse 911 was discussed at the September 25<sup>th</sup> CNY Interoperable Communications Consortium meeting. Reverse 911 is for landlines and NYAlert is for cell phones. Although there are less landlines, cell phone coverage can also be an issue; therefore, we should not rely on one method to get emergency alerts out to the public. Hartnett will discuss with the Emergency Management Director and research the cost of implementing Reverse 911 for the next committee meeting.

### **District Attorney:**

District Attorney William Gabor presented the following resolution:

#### **Authorizing Modification of 2015 County Budget – Autopsy Expense**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Bargabos and second of Jones.

### Department Update

Gabor provided the Committee with an update on two pending murder cases.

While the Probation Department has very thorough presentence investigation reports, Gabor would like to develop a short form to speed up the process and reduce housing costs. The County Administrator and Probation Director will be advised of the request to discuss and look at options.

As the Government Operations Committee (GOC) did not support the Gabor's request to increase Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari's salary by recognizing his years of experience rather than his time in title at the County, Gabor recommended another option to get Mascari the increase in salary he deserves. The County Coroner position was not included in the management salary study and has not received a raise in six years; therefore, Gabor requests increasing the Coroner salary from \$24,000 to \$30,000, and he would distribute the increase of \$6,000 to Mascari. The Committee recommended that Gabor present this option to the GOC next week.

**Sheriff's Office:**

Sheriff Riley thanked Emergency Management Director Ted Halpin for his help with the recent water main break and his assistance in getting bottled water for the jail and County employees.

Sheriff Riley and Undersheriff Ball presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing Chairman to Enter into Agreement – Cleaning Pros –MDT**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Jones and second of Carinci.

**Authorizing Chairman to Enter into Agreement – Explosive Detection Canine**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Bargabos.

**Authorizing Modification of 2015 County Budget – CFRT**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Bargabos.

**Authorizing Modification of 2015 County Budget – MDT**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Bargabos and second of Jones.

**Authorizing Modification of 2015 County Budget – SCAAP**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Bargabos and second of Carinci.

**Approving extended lease with Kenwood Community Properties and internet service for the Sheriff substation**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

Riley stated that four corrections officers have been hired; six more are needed to cover their current vacancies.

Bargabos praised the Sheriff's Office for their response to the Eaton plane crash that killed two Colgate University students. Degear stated that a letter was received from one of the student's parents expressing their appreciation for Undersheriff John Ball and Sergeant Julie Netzband compassion and support. Degear thanked them for their exemplary service and for going above and beyond the call of duty to comfort the families in the wake of this horrific tragedy. Sheriff Riley is very proud of their response and efforts.

**Emergency Management:**

Director Ted Halpin presented the following resolution to the Committee:

**Authorizing the modification of 2015 adopted County budget**

Discussion: Hartnett stated that a committee meeting will be held next week to solidify the numbers and options for the fire training facility. Research is being done to ensure it is the safety and best facility we can get with the funding available. Annual costs and future needs are also being considered. A recommendation will be brought back to this Committee. The Committee agreed that they want it done right, perhaps in stages with a long term plan. The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

#### Governor's Citizen and Elected Officials Programs

Halpin stated that both the Governor's Citizen Preparedness Program held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and the Emergency Management Tier III Training held on October 6<sup>th</sup> had good turnouts and went well. Walmart donated 150 smoke alarms that will be made available to fire department and citizens that need them. Walmart was recognized at the forums and a thank you letter will be sent.

#### State Assessment

The State will be conducting a County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA) on October 29<sup>th</sup> and provide a report on their findings. No issues are anticipated.

#### Staff

Mike Sodel will be filling the Emergency Management Planner full-time position in early November. A Fire Coordinator exam was held and an interview committee will be assembled.

#### EMS Study RFP

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Study Request for Proposals is due on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Other Committee Business:**

County Attorney John Campanie informed the Committee of a request for a County Attorneys' Association of the State of New York (CAASNY) letter of support for Assembly Bill A06202-A re: State funding for Indigent Legal Services. While Campanie is in favor of a letter of support for the funding, this particular bill is being analyzed to ensure it is the right bill to support. Campanie will keep this Committee informed to make sure there is no objection to him voting as a CAASNY board member in regards to a letter of support.

#### **Preferred Agenda:**

The Committee unanimously approved wrapping all resolutions into a Criminal Justice Preferred Agenda for the November 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting on a motion of Bargabos and second of Carinci.

#### **Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m. on the motion of Jones and second of Carinci.

#### **Next Meeting Date:**

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in the Supervisors' Large Conference Room

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe on behalf of Chairman Daniel S. Degear and approved on November 19, 2015.*

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2015 – 10:30 A.M.- Supervisors’ Large Conference Room

Supervisor	Present	Absent	Late	Time In
Salka		X		
Jones	X			
Moses	X			
Rafte	X			
Shwartz		X		

**PRESENT:**

Committee:, Dave Jones, Cliff Moses, and James Rafte

Absent: . **John Salka** and Eve Ann Shwartz

Supervisors: John Becker, Dan Degear

Additional Present: Ellen Bowe, Christine Coe, John Campanie, Cindy Edick, Jen Farwell, Scott Flaherty, Jeanie Gleisner, Jamie Hart Kowalczk, Paul O’Mara, Marcia Rafte, Tom Reichel, Mark Scimone, John Wagner, and Gwen Williamson

Meeting called to order at 10:34 A.M. by Moses.

A-1: The September Planning Committee minutes were unanimously approved on a **MOTION** by Rafte and seconded by Jones. 10:34 A.M. 3/0/0

A-2: Cindy Edick presented the Sales Tax update. The County is slightly ahead of last year’s numbers by 1.4%. Cindy noted that many counties are showing decreases and we are fortunate to be where we are.

A-3: Cindy Edick presented the Tax Sale report. The auction was held and 35 parcels were sold. A couple of parcels netted significantly over the delinquent tax amount which helped to bring the final numbers up. Overall, it was a very good auction for the County with only a few small parcels that did not sell.

A-4: Tom Reichel presented the Career Center update. He introduced Ellen Bowe as a new employee of the Career Center. Tom shared three documents. The first is the Career Usage Report which shows the unemployment rate dropped to 5% during the August period. Tom announced that the Upstate Cerebral Palsy agency will no longer be leasing space at the Career Center. The second document is the report on statewide unemployment rates by county. The third document is a copy of a “warn notice” letter from Oneida Savings Bank indicating that separations and lay-offs will occur during the 14-day period of December 11-December 24, 2015. There is no indication of how many Madison County individuals will be affected.

A-5: Jen Farwell presented the AED update. Jen introduced herself as having been on the job for approximately four weeks. She highlighted three projects: Annie’s Project is a program primarily targeted for women, related to business development for new or expanding businesses; The Farm Institution Program focuses on promoting local foods and would be a nice lead-in to a Farm-to-School Program; and lastly she mentioned that AED is trying to assist in the beginning permit process for a local industrial hemp farmer.

A-6: Scott Flaherty presented the Tourism update. Scott reported that the Star Report indicated a decrease of 11% in the Greater Syracuse region, however, only two Madison County properties were included in that report (Days Inn and Super 8) and that the report covered August only. He said that the analytics are up 18% and the travel requests have doubled. The 2016 travel guides are now in progress and the new website will be launched in December. There will be a new logo and tag line in the spring. The plan is to narrow it down to two finalists and get the community involved in determining the final winner.

A-7: Jamie Hart Kowalczk introduced John Wagner from the NY Farm Bureau to discuss information and answer questions regarding the “Friend of the Court” Brief supporting a Coalition of Agricultural and Home Building Organizations’ (including American Farm Bureau Federation) Petition for Certiorari in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Lawsuit. Wagner said that the Farm Bureau is having this same discussion with 8 counties. The concern is that if upheld, the EPA would be given a “super-zoning authority”, which he proposes should remain regulated by local entities and not the government. John Campanie reported that he reviewed the information in a limited way and found it to be very technical. He indicated that he could speak to opposing the EPA bureaucracy from a

“philosophical” stand point, but he is not the “practical” authority on the topic. Wagner is asking the counties in NYS to sign on to the petition against the TMDL and he noted that those who do will be asked for a minimal financial amount for support. He also said that arguments need to be filed by December 7 but will need to be submitted sooner. John Becker asked how (and if) this issue was different from the Waters of the US issue. Wagner said that it is different, and he believes that the Waters of the US program is at a standstill with an injunction issued. Becker noted that the Waters of the US affects farms much more than the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Discussion ensued. John Campanie requested a sample resolution from Wagner.

John Becker made a **MOTION** and Jones seconded to give the American Farm Bureau \$500.00 in order to be added to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL petition, and specified that the Farm Bureau needs to mention Madison County as a strategic partner. (There was a short discussion regarding where the \$500 would be taken from and it was determined that this can be addressed after the meeting, but would probably come from contingency fund). The **MOTION** passed at 10:57 A.M. 4/0/0, (including Becker).

Campanie and Degear suggested calling the Northeast Caucus for NACO. Wagner will ask the attorney from American Farm Bureau to help explain the issue and to make them aware, informed and potentially involved.

A-8: Jeanie Gleisner presented an overview of the NYSEDA Cleaner Greener Communities Phase II Planning Grant Project. She provided a handout explaining the project and noted that Madison County is a partner on this grant. She highlighted the vision, specific elements, goals, recommendations and land use policies. She discussed the indicators that will be used by NYSEDA to measure this data over the next 10-20 years to see how the program has affected the region.

A-9: The Committee approved a resolution authorizing extending the contract with Madison County Tourism, Inc. through December 31, 2016 on a **MOTION** by Rafte and seconded by Jones. 11:11 A.M 3/0/0.

A-10: There are no resolutions for preferred agenda.

A-11: New Business.

Paul O'Mara said AED is excited and pleased to have Jen Farwell on staff. Paul announced that Ron Bunce submitted his resignation and discussion is ongoing regarding if the two counties will continue to share whoever replaces Ron. Paul noted that Ron did a good job for the county and leaves us in good shape. When asked about the Head Start program by Moses, Paul responded that he believes the program will stay but will be run by a different agency.

Jamie offered kudos to Sarah Krisch of Planning for working on and submitting for the Local Foods – Local Places grant on behalf of the Village of Morrisville. The grant recipient selection is in the final stages and we are hoping to be chosen.

Jamie announced that the Solarize Program's last day to enroll is October 31, 2015. There are 21 people signed up to date. Jamie also noted that the upcoming First Wednesday event will be held at The Zen Den in Hamilton.

A-12: The next scheduled Planning Committee meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Large Conference room.

A-13: The meeting was adjourned on a **MOTION** by Rafte and seconded by Jones. 11:19 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson

Sign in Sheet

Planning, Eco. Dev., Environ. & Intergov. Affairs	
Date of Meeting:	10-22-15 2015
John Salka	
Cliff Moses	<i>Cliff Moses</i>
Jim Rafte	<i>Jim Rafte</i>
Eve Ann Shwartz	
Dave Jones	<i>Dave Jones</i>

Others Present:

NAME AND AFFILIATION

- Jeanie Gleason, CNY RPDB*
- JOHN WAGNER, New York Farm Bureau*
- Scott R. MCT*
- Jamie Hart*
- Jenny Foxwell, Ag Economic Development*
- Ellen Rowe*
- Tom Rensch*
- John M. Becker*
- Wesley Gear*
- Carol M. M...*
- St. John Campus (to Farm Bureau present)*
- Christine Coe*
- Gwen Williamson*

*Marcia Rafte*

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 26, 2015  
Supervisors Large Conference Room

### **Committee Members Present**

Alexander Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge  
Lewis Carinci, Vice Chairman, City of Oneida  
James Goldstein, Town of Lebanon  
Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox  
Paul Walrod, Town of Georgetown

### **Others Present**

Mark Scimone, County Administrator  
Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Social Services  
Donald Smith, Director, Veterans Agency  
Joanne Eddy, Director, Youth Bureau  
Teisha Cook, Director, Mental Health (via conference call)  
Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health  
Christine Coe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Alex Stepanski called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

### **Approve Minutes**

The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed the September 28, 2015 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Carinci, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

### **Veterans Agency**

Director Donald Smith provided a report of the Veterans' Service Agency's activities and statistics for October 2015. Changes are coming in the Veterans' Choice Act regarding VA funding and there is discussion about shutting down some facilities. In regards to the June 2015 resolution that designated Madison County a Purple Heart County, Smith has identified a sign maker that will provide 50 signs, posts and bases for approximately \$3,000, under the original estimate. Smith will seek assistance from other veteran's programs to cover the cost or put it in his 2016 budget.

The WAVEM Corp Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday November 11, 2015 at 11:00 am at the War Veterans Memorial Plaza in Wampsville. Lt. Col. Hans Poole, Flight Commander of the 108th Attack Squadron, Hancock Field Syracuse, will be the guest speaker. Three area elementary students reading their Veteran essays and Victor Ramirez will sing the National Anthem. There will be a reception at the Madison Bistro immediately following the ceremony.

### **Youth Bureau**

Director Joanne Eddy provided an update on the Sexually Exploited Youth/Human Trafficking Education and Prevention Initiative. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Madison County Youth Bureau, in collaboration with Catholic Charities of Oneida/Madison Counties, held the first in a series of professional development trainings as part of a 'Look Beneath the Surface' campaign to help raise awareness about human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of youth. Seventy-seven attended the free training including law enforcement officers, health and human service providers, medical professionals, social workers and educators. A second training in the series will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and will address 'Online Child Exploitation'.

Twelve high school students are attending the October 29<sup>th</sup> Finance Way and Means Committee meeting and the November 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Session as part of the Local Government Intern Program's fall session. They will briefly interview the supervisors following the meeting. This program helps the students gain insight into how county government and departments work through course content, discussion and job shadowing. Starting in 2016, Cornell Cooperative Extension will no longer be partnering with the Youth Bureau on this program. Issues being addressed are the inconsistency of credits given and transportation. At MVCC, the LGI Program may be eligible for dual credits and Eddy is submitting the curriculum materials and meeting with the Dean to discuss. If accepted, students could receive three credits toward a college associates degree with bussing provided.

### **Social Services**

Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

**Authorizing the Chairman to renew an agreement with Community Action Program, Inc.**

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to renew an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth**

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to renew an agreement with Dr. Scott Petosa of K.A.G. Consulting**

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to renew an agreement with Dr. Jennifer C. Genovese**

A motion was made by Carinci to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

Fitzgerald provided the expenditures and caseload report for September 2015. With total expenditures at 75%, they are well with their budgeted expense overall with some programs well under budget and a few over. As for caseloads, Safety Net continues to be fairly high compared to other programs that have gone down.

Fitzgerald reported that his department is eliminating seven positions, refilling two positions at current grades, creating a part-time HEAP position, and creating a welfare employment representative position to adhere to new rules. The overall cost savings will be between \$57,000 – \$58,000.

Supervisor Pinard questioned what we are doing to get people off of welfare. Fitzgerald offered to walk the Board of Supervisors through DSS' processes. It is more than a county or state issue; it is a national and cultural issue. He believed the majority of those on welfare and food stamps want to work to get off of welfare; however, there are always those clients that are the exceptions to the rule.

### **Mental Health**

Director Teisha Cook informed the Committee that CCSI (Coordinated Care Services, Inc.) will be starting the process of taking over and revamping Mental Health's financial operations before Karolyn Sayles leaves. CCSI will act as the fiscal officer for the department and prepare reports in 2016.

Cook reported that she is very happy with Mental Health's contracted workers; they have been working very hard.

## **Public Health**

Director Eric Faisst presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

### **Budget Modification (Public Health Vehicles)**

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Carinci and carried unanimously.

### **Authorizing attendance at an out-of-state conference**

A motion was made by Goldstein to approve the resolution, seconded by Carinci and carried unanimously.

### **Calling for Dominion to utilize best-available technologies a the proposed Sheds Natural Gas Compressor Station**

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

### **Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with Galson Laboratories**

A motion was made by Pinard to approve the resolution, seconded by Walrod and carried unanimously.

## **Preferred Agenda**

A motion was made by Supervisor Carinci to include all resolutions in the Committee's Preferred Agenda for the November 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, with the exception of the Sheds Natural Gas Compressor Station resolution, Pinard seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

## **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Chairman Alex Stepanski to enter into executive session to discuss advice of counsel, Vice Chairman Carinci seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pinard to exit executive session; Vice Chairman Carinci seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stepanski at 11:58 a.m., seconded by Carinci and carried.

**Next meeting:** Monday, November 23, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the supervisors' large conference room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski and approved on November 23, 2015.*

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Monday, October 26, 2015**  
**Large Conference Room, Public Health Building**

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Endres, President (excused)  
Margaret S. Argentine, Vice President  
Sam Barr, DMD  
Wendy Cary, City of Oneida  
Rachel Elder, MD, Physician Representative  
Jennifer Meyers, MD, Physician Representative  
Ofrona Reid, MD, Physician Representative  
Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Eric Faisst, Director of Public Health  
Cheryl Geiler, Director of Community Health (excused)  
Kelly Golley, Director of Administrative Services (excused)  
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Needs  
Geoffrey Snyder, Director of Environmental Health  
Connie Coulthart, Assistant Director of Administrative Services  
R. Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Consultant  
Tammy Alcott, Fit Kids Fit Future  
Josh Lewis, Fit Kids Fit Future  
Anne Carruthers, Confidential Secretary

The meeting began with a presentation by the guests from Fit Kids Fit Future, who were invited to present information about their pilot program beginning at Waterville schools.

**Fit Kids Fit Future**

- Successful approach to kids' fitness (grades 7-12)
  - Making fitness levels attainable and fun
  - Involving progress steps to final goals, motivating students
- Involving teachers in program as well
- Will forward data results to Board
- Plan to publish article in the *Health Educators Journal*
- WKTV did a favorable piece on them on October 15, 2015 (attached is the link: [http://www.wktv.com/news/Local\\_developers\\_hope\\_to\\_take\\_Fit\\_Kids\\_Fit\\_Future\\_nationwide.html](http://www.wktv.com/news/Local_developers_hope_to_take_Fit_Kids_Fit_Future_nationwide.html))
- Asking the BOH to pass the program information along to contacts in schools and ultimately endorse it
- Suggested they set up a meeting with school superintendents

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order. The Board reviewed the September meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Alex Stepanski, seconded by Sam Barr, and approved by all.

## **Record of Claims**

The record of claims was distributed for review and approval: After discussion, motion to approve the record of claims was made by Wendy Cary, seconded by Rachel Elder, and approved by all.

## **New Business**

### **Determine Location for November's Meeting**

The Board of Health agreed on Morrisville for the next meeting. Topics of possible discussion included the loss of a grocery store, water issues and STD's. Arrangements will be made to secure a meeting area, either at the town hall, college or library. Invitations will be issued to town officials, college staff and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

## **Strategic Items:**

### **Healthy Weight Update:**

Morrisville's loss of a grocery store

- Madison County Planning Department has taken lead on this
- EPA technical assistance grant applied for
  - Received notification that they made the first cut of 50 applicants. EPA will select 25 from the remaining 50.

Farm to School

- Provided a letter of support from MCDOH
- BOH inquired if the project involved day care programs. Staff will follow up.

### **CDC Grant:**

New Environmental Health Specialist position approved

- Currently being advertised
- Duties
  - Community outreach
  - Technical guidance
  - Water protection/Wwll sampling
  - Expanding GIS mapping/identifying source contaminants

## **Reports:**

Division reports were submitted prior to the meeting for review.

### **County Report:**

Nothing to report.

### **Director's Report:**

- Preparing ADA report
- Preparing compliance risk assessment
- Georgetown gas compressor
  - Environmental assessment issued by FERC on Shed site, indicating no significant environmental or health impacts
  - Work should begin by early spring
  - Monitoring began 10/26
  - 18 households are taking part in study
  - Cornell concurrently doing animal/livestock survey
  - Data sharing documents completed for SUNY Albany and Thimble Creek

- MCRHC
  - Broadband committee meetings taking place
    - Currently inventorying local assets and information
    - Developing RFI with focus on rural residential areas
- EEE
  - Student intern from Upstate/Syracuse CNYMPH program
    - She will prepare paper evaluating five options for a regional approach to mosquito control. Five options include:
      - Keep current activities, expand outreach and education
      - Develop service sharing agreement between four counties
      - Establish Mosquito Control Commission, as described in NYS Public Health Law
      - Establish a pest abatement district
      - NYSDOH Regional Officer carries out mosquito control activities

City of Oneida Report:  
Nothing to report.

Medical Director Report

- Weekly DSRC meetings have begun
- Started flu vaccinations
- QA meetings to begin on 10/29

Other:

Lyme disease

- Environmental department staff attended training
- Vaccine availability unlikely at this time

EI/Pre-K Update:

- Hippotherapy discussed at recent symposium
  - A type of equine therapy

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sam Barr, seconded by Wendy Cary, and approved by all. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 23, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.**, in **Morrisville, NY**, at a location to be determined.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Carruthers*

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**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**October 29, 2015**

**Minutes**

Present: D. Degear, R. Bono, J. Reinhardt and E. Shwartz

Also Present: R. Aylward, C. Edick, D. Hansen, J. Penfield, S. Prievo, T. Wayland-Smith and E. Zehr

Absent: C. Moses

D. Degear called the meeting to order at 10.49 a.m.

**I. MINUTES** – Minutes from October 1, 2015 - Motion by R. Bono to approve the minutes from the above dated committee meeting. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

**II. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Retiree Recognition - Motion by E. Shwartz to approve the resolution. Second by R. Bono. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Authorizing Attendance at an Out of State Conference - PH - Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement - Teamsters - Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with L.G. Boucher - Motion by E. Shwartz to approve the resolution. Second by J Reinhardt. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Authorizing the Renewal of an Agreement – Section 125 - Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Authorizing the Renewal of an Agreement - MVP - Motion by E. Shwartz to approve the resolution. Second by J. Reinhardt. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Authorizing the Renewal of an Agreement - Dental - Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

- H. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement and Modifying the 2015 Adopted Budget – Personnel Software - Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by J. Reinhardt. The motion was unanimously approved.
- I. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement – Usherwood - Motion by E. Shwartz to approve the resolution. Second by R. Bono. The motion was unanimously approved.
- J. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement – Inverse Consulting – Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by J. Reinhardt. The motion was unanimously approved.
- K. Amending the Wage Rates and Fringe Benefits for Non-Represented Employees in Blue Collar Unit Job Titles Policy and Procedure - Motion by R. Bono to approve the resolution. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **III. OTHER**

#### **A. Management Salaries**

The committee discussed potential age increases for 2016 for Management Confidential Employees and elected officials. The committee recommends the same wage increase as the White Collar bargaining unit will receive for 2016, a 2% increase to salary and a one-time \$500 lump sum payment.

#### **B. Personnel File Policy and Procedures**

E. Zehr suggested slight adjustment to the policy pertaining to removal of reference to FMLA documentation as this language is no longer relevant to the policy. The committee agreed to the changes.

#### **C. Pre-Placement Physical Examination Policy and Procedures**

E. Zehr recommended the removal of procedural language that is no longer relevant to this policy. The committee agreed with the proposed changes.

#### **D. Application for Tuition Reimbursement – Management**

E. Zehr recommended a modification to the Tuition Reimbursement policy for management employees. E. Zehr recommended limiting the amount of courses an employee can be approved for reimbursement for each semester at 2 with a maximum of 6 courses annually. E. Shwartz made a motion to approve the changes to the policy. Second by R. Bono. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **E. Health Insurance – Prescription Drugs**

The committee discussed a change to the prescription plan that is included with the newly adopted PPO plan. The change mandates individuals to obtain maintenance drugs through the mail order program after 3 fills at a physical pharmacy. C. Moses (by phone) expressed concerns for local businesses and sales tax revenue by taking business out of the County by mandating the mail order program. The committee requested J. Penfield from ONE group to reach out to Proact and request they reach out to Madison County pharmacies to give the pharmacies an option to price match the mail order program prescription drug prices in an attempt to be able to continue using them for maintenance drugs without having to mandate the mail order program. J. Penfield will report back to the committee with her findings.

**IV. MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by R. Bono to enter executive session. Second by J. Reinhardt. The motion was unanimously approved.

A. Personnel Matters

B. Negotiations

C. Litigation

Motion by R. Bono to exit executive session. Second by E. Shwartz. The motion was unanimously approved.

**V. NEXT MEETING:** Next Committee Meeting: TBD

Motion by R. Bono to adjourn. Second by D. Degear .

PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2015 – Atrium Conference Room

Supervisor	Present	Absent	Late	Time In
Salka		X		
Bradstreet		X		
Jones	X			
Shwartz	X			
Walrod	X			

**PRESENT:**

Committee: Dave Jones, Eve Ann Shwartz and Paul Walrod.

Absent: **John Salka**, Roger Bradstreet

County Staff: Scott Ingmire and, Gwen Williamson

Additional Present: Bill Buchan, and Jan Myers and Keith Yeager from Blue Rock Energy.

Press:

Meeting called to order at 1:40 P.M. by Shwartz.

A-1: The Committee unanimously approved the September 17, 2015 meeting minutes on a **MOTION** by Walrod and seconded by Jones. 1:41 P.M. 3/0/0

A-2a: Scott Ingmire and Jan Myers spoke regarding the 2MW Lincoln Solar Project. RER is going through the necessary motions with National Grid. There is a question about the exact defined load zone as there is differing information as to whether the array would be considered load zone C or load zone E. The map shows it in E however, the billing says it is in C. RER is working on it. Ingmire noted that the goal is to begin construction in the spring of 2016.

A3a: There was extensive discussion regarding the EON Munnsville Wind Farm opportunity. Jan Myers said that after careful analysis and number crunching, she believes that the current PPA rate is much too high. Buchan noted that when you look at the cost to purchase the power, and add the expenses of the overall process of preparing it for sale, then the selling price would have to be high enough to eliminate the majority of risk to the County, which would make the price too high to get anyone to buy it. Jan said that based on the numbers that are being presented to the County, there is potential (based on historic data) of a yearly estimated loss of \$300,000.00 or more. Jan recommended submitting a counter offer. Buchan noted that we have asked for a better offer many times, and although they have reshaped and refigured the structure, they have never really lowered the overall price. Buchan recommends we figure out what the deal is that we would consider acceptable and approach them with that offer.

Discussion ensued as to what price would be practical to eliminate risk to the County and still end up with a saleable product. Keith explained the way the market works and how the ESCO portion plays into the calculations. The discussion kept coming back to how to eliminate the risk. Shwartz said the County needs to have a way to determine what the overall costs of pursuing and running this project would be in order to figure out what the bottom line price should be. The Committee discussed the estimated costs of moving the energy, marketing, advertising, and administrative costs for contract management and accounting. There could be up to \$300,000.00 per year or more in just the previously mentioned expenses. The goal of the County in this project is to build the tax base by being able to offer affordable energy, thereby encouraging economic growth... not to just be the middle man. There has to be enough of an incentive via reduction of energy costs to the consumer for any of these goals to be feasibly reached.

Walrod made a **MOTION** and Jones seconded to table the resolution (A-4) regarding authorizing Madison County to enter into a PPA with Munnsville Wind Farm based on the currently proposed purchase price. **MOTION** carried: 2:38 P.M. 3/0/0

There was discussion about how to lower the risk to the County by structuring a variable price or an indexed price based on market value which would in turn translate to a variable rate for the customers. This sliding scale could be based on a basic formula similar to: purchase price = market value minus \$5, add expenses and ultimately still come up with a consumer price less than market. (This is an example of the type of formula as the exact numbers still need to be analyzed).

Jones made a MOTION and Walrod seconded that the negotiating team attempt to renegotiate with EON for a price based on developing a contract structure that would minimize risk by using indexed pricing and variable customer rates, OR, negotiating a price significantly lower than the current offer, which would have to be low enough to eliminate obvious risk to the County. MOTION carried at 2:59 P.M. 3/0/0

A3b: Bill Buchan reported that the joint utilities response to the pending petition asking for relief on the 2MW cap came back discouraging. It said that the relief would be illegal and they cannot change the law by "interpretation". Buchan said that it doesn't look like we will get a favorable decision and therefore can't count on the relief we are asking for, however, there are a number of other aspects to the petition which remain alive and viable.

A2b: Schwartz asked for an update on the 10MW solar project. Jan noted that the same load zone issue as the Lincoln Project plays into this one. Viable sites are still being sought for NYSEG (load zone E) and National Grid (load zones E and C) territories. Land near three-phase power is required. Time is of the essence. There are a couple sites being considered but there is much to take into consideration. Buchan suggested that we "cast a wider net". Colgate University was mentioned as having quantities of land. Walrod offered information on a possible site in Georgetown. There was discussion of what the lease amount per acre might be for interested landowners and Jan indicated that it varies on acreage but could be up to \$200 or more per year. Ingmire asked what the specific load is and Jan said approximately 8 MW total. Jan will send an email to committee members showing what we need regarding load. Schwartz suggested sending an email out to all the supervisors requesting help in locating possible sites.

A-8: Walrod made a MOTION and Jones seconded for adjournment. MOTION carried unanimously. 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson



# Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Special Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 9, 2015*

PRESENT: Chairman Daniel S. Degear  
Vice Chairman Lewis Carinci  
Supervisor Richard Bargabos  
Supervisor David Jones  
Supervisor John Salka

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Daniel S. Degear at 12:30 p.m. in the Supervisors large conference room.

## **Resolutions:**

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. for an integrated electronic pistol permit management system and modifying the 2015 County budget**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

**Approving amendments to lease between the County and Kenwood Community Properties**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Jones and second of Carinci.

## **Other Committee Business:**

### Public Defenders Proposed 2016 Budget – discussion:

The Public Defenders' Office provided the Committee with their budget proposal for 2016 at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and they were seeking an increase of \$61,158 to cover a deficit of \$13,158 plus \$48,000 toward medical insurance for 4 public defenders and 4 staff. On a motion of Carinci and second of Bargabos, the Committee unanimously supported modifying the 2016 tentative County budget to include a 50% contribution to the Public Defenders' Office medical insurance plan at \$24,000 along with an additional \$13,000 to cover their deficit for a budget increase of \$37,000. A resolution will go before the Board at the November 17<sup>th</sup> evening Annual Session.

## **Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 12:36 p.m. on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

## **Next Meeting Date:**

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in the Supervisors' Large Conference Room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe on behalf of Chairman Daniel S. Degear and approved on November 19, 2015.*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

*SPECIAL MEETING*

Monday, November 9, 2015

Supervisors Large Conference Room

**Committee Members Present**

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge

Lewis Carinci, Vice Chairman, City of Oneida

James Goldstein, Town of Lebanon

Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox

Paul Walrod, Town of Georgetown

**Others Present:**

Eric Faisst, Director, Public Health

William Buchan, Esq., Buchan & Sutter, P.C.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Alex Stepanski called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

**Resolutions**

The following Department of Health resolutions were presented to the Committee:

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project (SWPA-EHP)**

A motion was made by Carinci to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

**Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement with University of Albany**

A motion was made by Carinci to approve the resolution, seconded by Goldstein and carried unanimously.

**Other Committee Business**

William Buchan, from Buchan & Sutter, P.C., provided an update to the Committee on the Consumer Services of Madison County contract termination. Director Teisha Cook spoke with the NYS Office of Mental Health on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and they supported the County's actions to terminate the contract to protect the County's position. The State's biggest concern is the continuity of care, and they are very supportive of the PROS Program. Buchan spoke with Andy Ali, Chairman of the Community Services Board (CSB), on how to move forward. Requests for Proposals will be targeted toward the end of the year for the various programs. If Consumer Services submits a proposal, it will be shared with this Committee and the CSB. The proposal would need a well-defined scope of work with fundamental changes in financial management and communication with the County. Consumer Services has retained Attorney Mike St. Leger, and an auditor is assisting them with their financial procedures and processes. Buchan will continue to stay involved and keep this Committee informed.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carinci at 12:25 p.m., seconded by Goldstein and carried.

**Next meeting:** Monday, November 23, 2015 at 10:30 p.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski and approved on November 23, 2015.*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

*SPECIAL MEETING*

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Supervisors Large Conference Room

**Committee Members Present**

Lewis Carinci, Vice Chairman, City of Oneida

James Goldstein, Town of Lebanon

Joseph John Pinard, Town of Lenox

Paul Walrod, Town of Georgetown

**Absent:**

Alex Stepanski, Chairman, Town of Stockbridge

**Call Meeting to Order**

Vice Chairman Lew Carinci called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. indicating that there was a quorum for the Health and Human Services Committee.

**Resolutions**

The following Veterans Agency resolution was presented to the Committee:

**Authorizing modification of the 2015 adopted County budget**

Discussion: Carinci stated that this budget modification would take money out of contingency to ensure funding for indigent veteran's burials for the remainder of the year and for the purchase of Purple Heart County signs as discussed at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Walrod to approve the resolution, seconded by Pinard and carried unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pinard at 9:33 a.m., seconded by Walrod and carried.

**Next meeting:** Monday, November 23, 2015 at 10:30 p.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe for Chairman Alexander R. Stepanski and approved on November 23, 2015.*

# Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015*

PRESENT: Chairman Daniel S. Degear  
Vice Chairman Lewis Carinci  
Supervisor David Jones

ALSO: Emergency Management Director Ted Halpin  
E-911 Communications Director Paul Hartnett

ABSENT: Supervisor Richard Bargabos  
Supervisor John Salka

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Daniel S. Degear at 10:21 a.m. in the Supervisors large conference room.

## **Resolutions:**

### **Authorizing the Chairman to enter an agreement (Fitch and Associates)**

Discussion: Degear stated that Fitch and Associates is a national company and was the better and less expensive option of the two proposals.

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

### **Creating a temporary County Fire Coordinator position in the Office of Emergency Management**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Jones and second of Carinci.

### **Authorizing the modification of the 2015 adopted County budget (UPS System)**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

### **Authorizing the modification of the 2015 adopted County budget (State Aid – Indigent Legal Services)**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

### **Authorizing modification of the 2016 tentative County budget (Public Defender Service – Option B)**

Discussion: Degear stated that the Treasurer's Office provide three options modify the 2016 tentative County budget to include a 50% contribution to the Public Defenders' Office medical insurance plan at \$24,000 along with an additional \$13,000 to cover their deficit for a budget increase of \$37,000. Option A increases the tax levy from 1.952% to 2.056%, option B increases the use of the fund balance, and option C decreases the 2016 contingent fund.

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution to increase the use of the fund balance by \$37,000 (option B) on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

**Authorizing the modification of the 2015 adopted County (State Aid – Emergency Management)**

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Carinci.

**Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 10:32 a.m. on the motion of Carinci and second of Jones.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in the Supervisors' Large Conference Room.

*Respectfully submitted by Christine J. Coe on behalf of Chairman Daniel S. Degear and approved on November 19, 2015.*