

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015  
1:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called showing all members present except Mrs. Babbitt Henry (Springwater) and Mr. Cosimano (West Sparta).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ossian Supervisor Dwight Knapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of 6/10/15 Regular Meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. There is a retirement celebration for Nita Hawkins on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm at the Riviera Theater, 4 Center Street, Geneseo.
2. There is a retirement celebration for Joe Pukos on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm at the Government Center Room 205.

**ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2015-204      APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #6B-JUNE 24, 2015**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approves the Abstract of Claims #6B dated June 24, 2015 in the total amount of \$1,456,623.45.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*Department of Health*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-205      AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT(S) FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: COUNTIES OF THE FINGER LAKES**

Mr. Yendell announced that the following resolution was not presented at a Human Services Committee meeting; however, those Committee members present have signed the resolutions.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract(s) for the Livingston County Department of Department of Health, according to the term(s) designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Counties of the Finger Lakes: Monroe, Livingston, Steuben, Yates, Schuyler, Chemung, Ontario, Wayne and Seneca</b>	7/1/15 – 6/30/20	\$0.00

Respective Addresses

For: Public Health Emergency Response Mutual Aid

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Human Services Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

*County Administrator/Budget Officer*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-206      AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,**

**HEALTH**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested transfers per the Budget Transfer Request Forms on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-207 AMENDING 2015 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET – CENTRAL SERVICES, HEALTH, HIGHWAY**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the 2015 Central Services budget be amended as follows:

Account	Dept.	Code	Description	Amount
Increase Revenue	A1610	2680	Insurance Recovery	\$60,500.80
Increase Appropriation	A1610	4110	Building Repair Expenses	\$60,500.80

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2015 Department of Health budget be amended as follows:

Account	Dept.	Code	Description	Amount
Increase Revenue	A4112	4489	Other Federal Health	\$38,000.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>
Increase Appropriation	A4112	1000	Personal Services	\$2,993.00
		2050	Office Equipment	\$500.00
		2200	DP Equipment	\$12,600.00
		4020	Training	\$600.00
		4060	Office Supplies	\$800.00
		4080	Professional Services	\$12,000.00
		4100	Postage	\$300.00
		4200	Print/Ads	\$2,633.00
		4340	Travel	500.00
		4440	Medical Supplies	\$4,000.00
		8100	FICA	\$229.00
		8200	Retirement	464.00
		8300	Health Insurance	\$336.00
		8400	Workers Compensation	\$45.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2015 Highway Department budget be amended as follows:

Account	Dept.	Code	Description	Amount
Increase Revenue	D0914	0000	Assigned Fund Balance	\$54,584.30
Increase Appropriation	D5111	9000	Interfund Transfer	\$54,584.30

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-208 DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY – SHERIFF**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston owns surplus personal property that is no longer necessary for public use, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the following item(s) as surplus property to be disposed of as determined by the County Administrator:

(Sheriff)

Quantity	Item	Model	Serial /VIN
1	2009 Chevrolet	Tahoe	1GNFK03019R245325

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-209 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 DEMERS TYPE II MERCEDES SPRINTER AMBULANCE FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM NORTH EASTERN RESCUE VEHICLES, INC.**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the following contract, which is hereby accepted through the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract #102811, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

ContractorAmount**North Eastern Rescue Vehicles, Inc.**

\$91,600.00

10 Dwight Park Drive

Syracuse, New York 13209

For: 2015 Demers – Type II Mercedes Sprinter Ambulance

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-210 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT STIPULATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Settlement Stipulation with the New York State Department of Health, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

*Personnel*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-211 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-203**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2015-203 appointed Scott L. Hobson to the position of Director of Real Property Tax Service I; and

WHEREAS, the appointment term was not specified; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Scott L. Hobson of 260 Battenfeld Road, Red Hook, New York, 12571 is hereby appointed to the position of Director of Real Property Tax Services I to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Pukos at an annual salary of \$68,000.00, effective June 28, 2015 and terminating September 30, 2019.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-212 APPOINTING FINANCE SUPERVISOR FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION – TRACY MANN**

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the 2015 Department Head Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

**Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation**

Appoint Tracy Mann, 38 Mill Street, Nunda, NY 14517 to the position of full-time Finance Supervisor effective June 29, 2015, at an annual salary of \$48,000.00.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

June 24, 2015

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes - 1,889; Noes - 0; Absent – Babbitt Henry, 79; Cosimano, 41 Total 120; Adopted.

Chairman Gott recognized and congratulated Mary Guldenschuh on her appointment made at the March 11, 2015 Board of Supervisor meeting to the Workforce Development Deputy Director effective June 28, 2015.

**OTHER BUSINESS****1. RECOGNITION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES DIRECTOR JOE PUKOS**

County Administrator Ian Coyle Comments:

*As a fitting start to the annual Employee Recognition ceremony, it is my honor and pleasure to recognize and commemorate a retiring Department Head.*

*Joe Pukos, County Director of Real Property Tax Services and Pumpkin Grower extraordinaire is retiring this month after 33 years of dedicated service to Livingston County government.*

*To put Joe's service tenure in perspective – the biggest County/Real Property challenge at the start of his career – dealing with the mandate-friendly, hostile-to-counties Governor Cuomo. Oddly enough, Joe leaves with the exact same challenge.*

*Through Joe's years of service – a couple of hallmarks – dedication to the profession by working all local governments and assessors and dealing professionally and in a courteous manner with sometimes inquisitive taxpayers.*

*On the Federal level there are proverbial constants of death and taxes.*

*On the county real property level with Joe, you also had constants: 1) Joe in a short sleeve dress shirt, and 2) Joe exercising his duties with a quiet, unassuming, professional style of no nonsense management – no nonsense management of a vitally important county function. Think about Joe's power and responsibility – you mess up the tax levy? We don't get paid. Nobody gets paid. And to think Joe never tried to leverage that God-like power with demands for anything more than honest days' work and an honest days' pay.*

*Joe, you always balanced citizen needs with county resources – and you led a great staff team of customer-service oriented professionals. With you at the helm, the Real Property office continued to be a real source of pride in Livingston County – for that we thank you. Joe, if you could come on up we would like to recognize you.*

The audience presented a standing ovation.

County Administrator Coyle presented retirement gifts to Joe Pukos.

*In appreciation of your service the Board would like to present you with this clock for your 33 years of service. I would also like to present you with this pumpkin, signifying his "other work". He is very into that, and is actually world renown for his pumpkin growing. Normally, you put candy in these, but I gave you your 2015 tax bill.*

Joe Pukos comments:

*I'm so thankful for all of the time that I have been able to spend with Real Property office over that last 33 years. I consider it the opportunity of a lifetime. Thank you so much Ian, Chairman Gott and the entire Board of Supervisors for showing faith in me over years and recognizing me today.*

*Thank you to all of the department heads for your help and support over the years. You are such a wonderful and knowledgeable group of professionals. It's been an honor and pleasure working with all of you. Thanks to the town assessors who I've worked so closely with over the years.*

*A very special thank you to my office, Sandy, Bev and Bill. The four of us in the Real Property office have worked side by side for many years. Together we have 180 years of county employment and experience. That may be a record. That experience goes a long way towards being able to answer just about any question that could be thrown our way.*

*I'd like to wish my successor, Scott Hobson, all the best. I think he's out looking for an apartment today. We've chatted briefly, but it doesn't take long to find out what he is all about. He's smart, experienced and honest and I know that, with him at the helm and leading the charge, the Real Property office will do very well. Everyone keeps...*

*Let me just thank my wife, Terry. She got out of school early today. She's the one I send out to get those short sleeve shirts year round. Apparently they don't sell very many in the winter time, but she tracks them down.*

*Everyone has been asking me what my retirement plans and I keep saying, "I don't know, I don't have any plans". Well, I've finally came up with it, and I've decided to head west. I did not tell my wife yet! No too far west, my pumpkin patch is about 100 feet west of the house. I plan to be there but I probably won't have my cell phone with me. Here is my staff, Sandy, Bev and Bill. They make my job and will make Scott's job very easy. Thank you very much.*

## **2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY – HONORING EMPLOYEES WITH 10 AND 25 YEARS OF FULL-TIME SERVICE**

### **Chairman Eric Gott**

*The next portion of our board today is an opportunity for us to recognize our employees that have served both 10 years and 25 years with Livingston County. We say this every year, but this is one of the most special days that the Board of Supervisors celebrates. We do a great job celebrating the youth in this community, the seniors in this community, and most of all, we appreciate the ability to recognize our employees.*

*On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to welcome the employees, and their families and friends that are here to be recognized today.*

*At this point, I'm going to turn it over to Ian Coyle, our County Administrator, and we will begin the program. Thank you all for being here.*

### **County Administrator Ian Coyle**

*Before we begin, I want to say thank you to Michele, Melissa, the Central Services staff and the Sheriff Jail staff for their work in putting the layout and this program together. Thank you for that.*

*As the Chairman said, we always say this is the most important meeting of the year; and why do we say that?*

*Because we celebrate our people, and in doing so, our services, that these people provide every day. That's why we exist at the county government, to provide service, and how we provide the service is through the hard work and dedication of our workforce. Today, we recognize some for their longevity.*

*The 31 people listed in today's program represent ten (10) different departments and number four-hundred ninety (490) years of combined service.*

*Nineteen (19) of these people started to work for the county in 1989. Their fill-up for the drive to work cost them 97 cents/gallon. The cost for a Super Bowl ad that year was \$675,000.*

*Twelve (12) people recognized here today started their careers with the County in 2004. Gas was up to \$2.10/gallon. And a Super Bowl ad a cool \$2.4 MM for a 30 second spot.*

*It's also worth noting that both in 1989 and in 2004, yours truly had a full head of hair.*

*Let's take a look at the governmental landscape as we reflect on the service of these recognized individuals. Unfortunately, we have mass corruption in our state capital and so-called public servants running scared of possible indictment. We have a Congress lacking in progress. Is it any surprise that a recent Siena poll found that local government is far more trusted and respected than our state and federal government counterparts? According to the poll, conducted just this past February, New Yorkers trust & rate a job done by local governments as better than that done by the state or federal government. And a majority of voters say local governments beat the state on understanding needs, managing tax dollars, and big surprise here, getting things done. Why is that? In great part because of the work done by local government staff like those being recognized today.*

*What is Employee Recognition?*

- *It's a time to reflect on the service tenure of our dedicated employees.*
- *It's an opportunity to take some time out of our busy schedules to express some appreciation for the "doers" in county government, not just Karen. I'm sure she's here somewhere.*

*You all make county government work. We have department representation today from the County Historian, Public Health, Sheriff's Office, Probation, Public Works, DSS, Highway, County Clerk, Office for the Aging and the CNR. A solid number, yet not even half of our departments. There was a story on a government statistic website the other day, about a former Governor bragging about the 10,000 entries in his personal rolodex. My first thought was, who uses a rolodex anymore? And my second thought turned to today's meeting. I asked myself – if citizen interactions, constituent requests and problem-solving experiences were entries in a service rolodex for these honorees, how many times 10,000 would that number be? 31 people – 490 years of service, think about that? That's really important. That's really a telling stat.*

*Each year at this meeting, I always reflect on the sheer expanse and diversity of services in the honoree field, and I am reminded again how fortunate we are, to be able to provide such programs and services.*

*Today's honoree list is full of great public servants. And what has this individual work product done to benefit the collective county and county government? Let's take a look at a sampling of recent happenings – we are one of the healthiest counties ranked in New York State; we have departments and divisions that have achieved accreditation; we have the best bond ratings in the State of New York for similarly sized counties; we have a full public nursing home; we have stable union/management relationships and fair and equitable collective bargaining agreements and we were recently recognized as being one of America's Best Communities, one of only a handful of counties on the nationwide list. Do not think for a second that these awards and acknowledgements are due to the work of a few. They are due to the sweat equity of many.*

*Governments operate and run on the skills, expertise, and efforts of employees. Governments also fail if the same skills, expertise levels and efforts are insufficient or substandard. These notations I just referenced are just a sampling of the collective effort of over 1,000 employees working successfully and sufficiently towards the common goal of a responsive, effective government in Livingston County.*

*So, what we are recognizing today? 1) Dedicated public servants 2) Employees committed to the "greater good" And at the end of the day, 3) Top notch services*

*I want to say, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and everyone in this room, thank you. Thank you all for your sacrifices and your commitment to Livingston County government. You all deserve a round of applause.*

*I am now going to turn it over to Michele Rees. If we could have all of the Department Heads for those Departments that have employees being recognized form a receiving line to my left we will begin the program.*

The audience presented a standing ovation.

**Clerk of the Board Michele Rees**

Good afternoon and welcome. We are now going to begin the ceremony. When I call your name, please come up the right side of the room to receive your gift, pause for a picture with the County Administrator, Chairman and Vice Chair and then proceed through the department head receiving line. Thank you.

The County Administrator, Chairman Gott and Vice Chairman LeFeber recognized the following employees for their years of service:

**DEPARTMENT HEAD 10 YEAR AWARD**

Amie Alden

**10 YEAR AWARDS**

**County Clerk** – A. Marie Scollon, Margaret Thomas

**Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation** – Phyllis A. DeCramer, Elaine Garwood, Laura Losey, Rebecca Routly, Jennifer Watkins, Neil Wormuth, \*Danielle Wright

**Department of Health** – Barbara Hanna-Brown

**Department of Social Services** – Susan Jansch, Gretchen Micheaux, Sandra Sanderson, Ann M. Templeton

**Highway** – Kim DuBois

**Office for the Aging** – Deb Gage

**Probation** – \*Douglas Czyryca, Jason G. Varno

**25 YEAR AWARDS**

**Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation** – Melanie Follett, Annie Schwenzer, \*Wendy Smith

**Department of Social Services** – \*Jane Bourgoine, Tracy Thompson

**Highway Department** – William F. Henry, \*Dean Bourgoine

**Public Works** – Matthew T. Gascon, Judith Travis

**Sheriff** – \*Bradley Shellenbarger, \*Matthew Templeton, Leon B. Worden

\* Honoree unable to attend

A total of 31 recipients were recognized. Individual photographs were taken of all employees recognized.

The Clerk of the Board announced that there will be group photos done after the Board meeting adjourns and turned the program over to Vice Chairman LeFeber to present some closing remarks.

**Vice Chairman David LeFeber**

*I would like to thank Michele, Melissa and Ian for all of their great work in putting this ceremony and recognition together. Often times throughout the course of the year, my fellow supervisors and I get feedback from residents talking about Livingston County and what a great county this is. Often times we get talking about the services and that these services are well done. They are well done because of employees. They are stakeholders in our communities. They are very excited and interested in their jobs and the service to our residents. I think all that you do 24/7 is great and is really appreciated by the Board of Supervisors and our residents. I hope that you all take a few minutes out of your day and join us in the lobby here for some refreshments and give the Board of Supervisors and the Department Heads a chance to thank you for all that you do and continue to do. Thank you and congratulations.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Pangrazio and seconded by Mr. Mahus to adjourn until Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Carried.

The Board adjourned at 2:05 p.m.