

## AGENDA

January 11, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Grattidge called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Matt Veitch, seconded by John Collyer, the minutes of the December 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

Vice Chairman Grattidge acknowledged Mrs. Daly. Mrs. Daly updated the Supervisors on the Job Fair. She said there have been numerous calls and e-mails and thanked everyone for their help getting the word out and for help with the logistics. There was a sign up seat for Supervisors to see who would be available to be at the event.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Patricia Southworth, Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Anita Daly, Richard Lucia, Mary Ann Johnson, Jean Raymond, George J. Hargrave, Richard Rowland, Arthur M. Wright, Mindy Wormuth, Paul Sausville, Thomas Richardson, Daniel Lewza, Preston L. Jenkins, Jr., Willard H. Peck, John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Matthew E. Veitch, Joanne Dittes Yepsen, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler, Arthur J. Johnson 23. ABSENT – 0.

Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator reviewed the following items:

“There will be one item under Economic Development to authorize the Chairman to enter into agreements with the State to accept a grant from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Under Buildings, there will be four resolutions. The first item is a reappropriation of expenses and revenues related to various projects at the County Airport. The second item is authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Adirondack Soaring. The third item is authorization for the Chairman to enter into a five year lease with Roohan Realty for office space for Supreme Court Chambers and the final item under Buildings and Grounds will be authorization for the Chairman to enter into agreements necessary for the subdivision of a tax parcel in the Town of Corinth that currently houses the County’s radio tower and the Spruce Mountain Fire Tower.

Under Public Health there will be two resolutions. One is going to be for a five year lease agreement with 6N Systems to provide clinical and financial software for Maplewood Manor. The second item is to accept an additional \$16,423 in State aid from the DOH.

Under Public Safety there are six items. The first item will be acceptance of a grant from the State to offset the cost of prosecuting Domestic Violence cases in the District Attorney’s office. The next item is a reappropriation of expenses and revenues relative to the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program. The third item is authorization to enter into an agreement with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept additional State aid for costs related to monitoring defendants with Ignition Interlock devices installed in their vehicles. The fourth item is a reappropriation of \$41,800 in expenses and revenues that was placed in last year’s budget from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund. The fifth item is the reappropriation of a Companion Animal Grant balance that came under a Homeland Security Grant from the State. And the final item under Public Safety will be the reappropriation of Homeland Security money for the Emergency Services Department.

Under Public Works, there are three resolutions. The first one will be a reappropriation of \$3,317,280 in expenses and revenues for engineering and construction costs related to various road and bridge projects covered under the Capital Plan. The second item is authorization the Chairman to enter into a supplemental agreement to accept \$3,319,000 in funding for the construction and inspection services relative to the Stewarts Dam Bridge. And the final is for an authorization for a contract with Gerhardt, LLC to provide consulting services as well as to solicit proposals for public-private partnership for the Saratoga County Landfill.

Under E & A, we have three resolutions. The first one is three tender offers in the Towns of Clifton Park, Day and Edinburg. The second item is a housekeeping item to authorize the County Auditor to approve

tax corrections and refunds less than \$2,500. And the final item will be an authorization for a credit to a tax bill in the Town of Moreau.

Under Law & Finance, we have five resolutions. The first two are from the Sewer Commission. One is with Northern Engineering for a contract to conduct emissions monitoring from the incinerator stack at the main facility. The second one is an agreement with the Industrial Furnace Company of Rochester for the repair and improvements to the Sewer District's incinerator at a cost of \$3,077,200 which will also require a budget amendment. The third item will be to accept a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant in the County Clerk's office, authorize the part time positions to conduct that work and amend the budget in relation there to. The fourth item will be an authorization for the County Treasurer to make express payments to Blue Shield of Northeastern NY in advance of audit by the County Auditor and the Personnel Department contingent upon a pre-audit being done by Benetech, Inc. who is the County's benefit management consultant."

Vice Chairman Grattidge said there will be one more item for the Board Meeting and that will be to adopt Rule No. 15 as moved forward by Law and Finance.

Mr. Lawler asked about an escalation clause for the Glider Club Lease and said such clause should be included in the resolution. Mr. Hellwig said it would be included in the resolution. Mr. Rowland said an escalation clause based on the Consumer Index is included in the written lease agreement. Mr. Lawler asked about the area that is to be leased and if consideration was given to the length of the lease for this area and if there would be future use of it. Mr. Rowland said this is exactly same area and time span that the other glider club leases, FAA has been consulted and it has been determined that this is not land that would be developed.

On a motion by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Rowland the agenda was unanimously adopted as recited by the County Administrator.

On a motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Raymond, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Hargrave, Clerk of the Board

REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
AT 4:00 P.M., E.S.T.

Board called to order by Chairman Wood.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Patricia Southworth, Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Anita Daly, Richard Lucia, Mary Ann Johnson, Jean Raymond, George J. Hargrave, Richard Rowland, Arthur M. Wright, Mindy Wormuth, Daniel Lewza, Preston L. Jenkins, Jr., Willard H. Peck, John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Matthew E. Veitch, Joanne Dittes Yepsen, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler, Arthur J. Johnson – 21. ABSENT – Paul Sausville, Thomas Richardson, 2.

The invocation was given by Patti Southworth, Chaplain.

On a motion by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 meetings were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Letter from Stephen Dorsey, Saratoga County Attorney, appointing the following Assistant County Attorney's, 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2012: Hugh Burke, First Assistant, Karen D'Andrea, Robert Wilcox, Mary Beth Hynes, and George Conway.

Received and filed.

Letter from John Ciulla, Saratoga County Public Defender, appointing the following Assistant Public Defender's, 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2012: Oscar Schreiber, First Assistant, Andrew Blumenberg, John DeLong, Joseph Hammer, Diane Serbalik Turo and Van Swisohn.

Received and filed.

Resolution from Chautauqua County Urging the passage of Senate Bill S.5889B and Assembly Bill A8644 that would implement a multi-year state takeover of the local share of Medicaid.

Referred to Supervisor Sausville and County Administrator.

Letter from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation approving the County's application for snowmobile trail development in the amount of \$55,810.

Received and filed.

Letter from New York State Homes & Community Renewal transmitting the Community Development Block Grant agreement.

Received and filed.

REPORTS:

Annual Report of the Saratoga County Corporate Compliance Committee

Received and filed.

2011 Annual Report for the Veterans Service Agency

Received and filed.

## REPORT NO. 1

## Equalization and Assessment Committee 2011 Annual Report

The Equalization and Assessment Committee carried out its task of supervising assessment and tax collection policies with an objective of maintaining and promoting the equity of the tax collection and auction process for all county residents.

During this past year, the Committee oversaw the activities of two property auctions held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>. The auctions contained a total of 100 parcels, of which 20 were removed prior to the sale and 40 were removed by payment of taxes owed in the cumulative amount of \$298,069. A total of 40 parcels were presented for auction, with 25 of these actually being sold. According to the County Treasurer's Office, the sales resulted in a net profit of \$203,971. The County completed its foreclosure of 2009 delinquent taxes on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and took title to 91 parcels on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Those parcels not redeemed or pulled from the auction list will be offered for sale at auction in March 2012.

In the fall, the committee had a unique opportunity to work with the Planning Department and the Trails Committee to further develop the county trail system. Supervisor Art Johnson of Wilton requested that a parcel in his town be pulled from the September 20<sup>th</sup> auction due to the previous owner's willingness to pay delinquent taxes owed, plus penalties and interest, and grant the county a 15-foot wide trail easement along the northern and westerly boundaries of the parcel. The county owns a 190-acre parcel of reforested land adjacent to this property and maintains trails on that parcel that connect to a larger trail system maintained by the Town of Wilton and the Wilton Wildlife Preserve. The proposed trail easement would connect with these existing trails. Following review in September by the Trails Committee, this committee in November approved a resolution to accept a tender offer in the amount of \$14,937.24, subject to the reservation of the trail easement.

Saratoga County, together with Albany, Rensselaer, Warren and Washington Counties, continued legal action this year opposing the efforts of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD) to bill the counties for its operating costs. The case is currently in appeal following an adverse ruling by the New York State Supreme Court on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If the counties lose this case, Saratoga County's share of the assessment would be approximately \$1.5 million per year, plus the unpaid assessments due since HRBRRD adopted its current apportionment methodology in 2010. In December, the Appellate Division denied a motion made by the NYS Attorney General to compel the counties to make a partial payment to HRBRRD in the amount of \$7,706,759 during the pendency of the appeal, given the District's dire financial circumstances. Saratoga County's share of that amount based on its 28.5% assessment would have been \$2,196,426. The Court also denied HRBRRD's motion to expedite the time for arguing and determining the appeal. In addition to this litigation, Saratoga County continues to work with our federal and state officials for a legislative solution.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow supervisors on the Equalization and Assessment Committee for their support and insight over the past year. In addition, the committee would also like to recognize the contributions made by County Attorney Steve Dorsey, Real Property Director Joanne Bosley, County Treasurer Sam Pitcherelle, Deputy County Treasurer Cindy Baker and County Auditor Brian O'Connor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Raymond, Chair  
George Hargrave  
Ed Kinowski  
Jack Lawler  
Dick Lucia  
Patti Southworth  
Frank Thompson

## REPORT NO. 2

## Legislative and Research Committee 2011 Year-End Report

The 2011 Legislative and Research committee took on many tasks relating to New York State Legislative issues. As per our usual process, we developed a legislative agenda early in the year, and then met with our leaders in Albany to advocate for our County residents relating to those issues. As the year progressed, some larger issues emerged, which will have far-reaching effects on our County and its taxpayers, potentially for years to come. What follows is a summary of our activities by month:

#### February 2011

▪ The committee's first act of the year was outlining and discussing Saratoga County's 2011 Legislative Program, which consisted of the following ten items:

1. Urging Governor Cuomo and the NYS Legislature to authorize the reinstatement of VLT revenues for Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County.
2. Supporting the New York State Association of Counties "9 for 90" Anti-Mandate Campaign.
3. Supporting the New York State Association of Counties initiative to create a Sales Tax Joint Revenue Center.
4. Supporting an amendment to Civil Service Law 159-c to exclude employees who do not work year round or work seasonally, have the ability to take the time during the time in which they are not working during the rest of the year (shift workers) to take advantage of a paid leave of absence for up to 4 hours for breast or prostate cancer screening.
5. Supporting various health care reform initiatives including the permanent reinstatement of the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (IGT) and the restructuring of the funding mechanisms for mandated Medicaid services.
6. Urging Governor Cuomo and the members of the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) to consult with Counties regarding the State takeover of local Medicaid administrative responsibilities.
7. Opposing any effort by the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District (HRBRRD) to assess fees or charges against Saratoga County or other governments to cover the revenue shortfall in their operating budget caused by the federal court ruling.
8. Opposing any New York State imposed Property Tax Cap without providing an equal or greater amount of mandate relief to offset the lost revenues.
9. Opposing the creation of any new Indian Casino Gambling in New York State.
10. Requesting a more equitable share of the New York State Public Safety Surcharge to support statewide interoperable public safety communications.

▪ In light of past cuts in state funding for farmland protection – and in recognition of the importance of agriculture to Saratoga County's economy – the committee also approved a resolution urging the governor and state legislature to support New York State farmers, the state's agricultural economy and the protection of valuable farmland by supporting \$22 million in funding for the Farmland Protection Program and \$222 million for the Environmental Protection Fund for the purpose of conservation efforts.

#### March 2011

▪ John Penzer and Peter Whitten of Shelters of Saratoga visited the committee in March to discuss the organization's programs and provide an update on its ongoing efforts to obtain state and federal funding. In recognition of the organization's valuable and much needed services to individuals in Saratoga County who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, the committee approved a resolution expressing its strong support for Shelters of Saratoga's efforts to retain state and federal funding for its Rural Preservation Program and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

- On March 25<sup>th</sup> a number of supervisors, joined by Chairman Wood and members of the county administration, traveled to the State Capitol to discuss our 2011 Legislative Program with Senators Hugh Farley and Roy McDonald and Assemblymen Jim Tedisco and Bob Reilly. Our state representatives discussed the partial restoration of VLT revenues, which they negotiated into the 2011-12 State Budget and said they hope to continue into next year.

#### April 2011

- At its April meeting, the committee considered an invitation to join the Adirondack Partnership, a coalition of local governments, non-profit organizations and other institutions that share a common goal of enhancing the communities, the economic development and the environment of the Adirondack Park. The impetus for the group grew out of an in-depth demographic report on the condition of the Adirondacks that spelled out the region's serious economic needs. The Towns of Day, Edinburg and Hadley had already joined and in recognition of Saratoga County's support of its goals, the committee approved a resolution to join the Adirondack Partnership. The committee further expressed its strong support for the Partnership's \$190,000 Smart Growth application for state grant assistance and authorized a letter of support to be sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

- The second issue addressed in April was the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor Commission (MVHCC), which was created in 1995 by the state legislature to promote historical tourism along the Mohawk River Valley but which had since suffered due to a lack of financial support from the state, incurring monetary liabilities without any ongoing revenue capabilities. Due to the perceived financial risk in remaining involved with the Commission, Fulton County had previously withdrawn its membership. The committee approved a resolution to withdraw Saratoga County's membership and urged the governor and state legislature to decommission the organization due to its inability to fulfill its mission.

#### October 2011

- In October, the committee passed a resolution supporting important state legislation co-sponsored by Senator Roy McDonald designed to provide mandate relief for counties in the form of an eight-year state takeover of county Medicaid costs. The bill (S.5889-B/A.8644) would freeze at 2011 levels the counties' Medicaid contributions beginning January 1, 2012, and gradually decrease those contributions to zero over a period of eight years. The bill proposes to finance the state takeover through cost-saving reforms instituted by the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) and opportunities created by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Saratoga County's Medicaid costs typically exceed 47% of its property tax levy.

- The committee's final official act of 2011 was the establishment of a subcommittee to study the possibility of introducing a local law to combat the introduction of aquatic invasive species into Saratoga County's waterways. Warren County passed a local law this year in the aftermath of an Asian clam infestation in Lake George, which damaged the lake's natural ecosystem. The subcommittee will continue its investigation moving forward into 2012.

In conclusion, the issues of lessening State funding, as well as continued unfunded mandates, should be a high priority for our County going forward. State Medicaid reform must be a major part of future legislative agendas. In addition, the Legislative & Research Committee, as described in our rules, has the duty to look at our own County operations and focus on how we can function more efficiently. Looking at our departments, and how departments relate to each other, is something that should have renewed focus. With our yearly budget issues, focusing on these tasks will be beneficial to the County government operations for the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Veitch, Chairman  
Arthur Wright, Vice-Chairman  
Mindy Wormuth  
Arthur Johnson  
Jean Raymond  
Richard Rowland

Joanne Yepsen

### REPORT NO. 3

#### Public Health Committee 2011 Annual Report

As in prior years, the greatest challenge this year for the Public Health Committee was the deteriorating financial position of Maplewood Manor. While we remain proud of the facility's workforce, its administration and its reputation for excellent care, inadequate Medicaid reimbursements from the state have driven the projected General Fund subsidy needed to balance Maplewood's operating budget to nearly \$10 million per year. In addition to corrective actions taken this year by this committee to improve the facility's financial position, including increasing the private pay rate in November from \$260 to \$307 (plus the 7.2% cash assessment), the Public Health Committee is committed in 2012 to examining all available alternative funding options that will both protect Maplewood's residents and provide financial relief to county taxpayers who have been underwriting the facility's recurring losses. Since 2004, the General Fund subsidy has ranged from \$3 million to \$6.5 million, excluding years in which the nursing home received an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) payment.

In March, this Committee approved a resolution to move \$5.2 million out of the County's fund balance to address an unanticipated shortfall at the nursing home during the 2010 budget year. This shortfall was the result of a number of factors including: a beginning fund balance that was \$1.3 million less than anticipated; lower than budgeted reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, partially due to the state's failure to implement rebasing as enacted in the 2009-10 State Budget; a \$577,000 recoupment of departmental income by the state Office of the Medicaid Inspector General due to a dispute with the state regarding reimbursement for Maplewood's co-gen plant; and higher than anticipated contractual expenses, salaries and fringe benefits, including more than \$583,000 in required payments to the state pension fund.

In April, Maplewood Administrator Diane Brown reported the impact of the adopted 2011-12 State Budget, which after years of false starts finally implemented rebasing at 2002 levels beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. At the same time, however, the state increased the cash assessment on nursing homes by 1.1% beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> (bringing Maplewood's cash assessment to 7.2%) and announced that a new regional rebasing methodology would be implemented by 2012, the impact of which remains to be seen. The state also announced that it would eliminate hospital bed hold privileges effective January 1, 2012 unless nursing homes enroll 50% or more of their eligible residents in Medicaid managed care plans.

From May through September, the committee revamped Maplewood Manor's Collection Policies and Procedures in an effort to both limit the occurrence of and improve the county's ability to collect bad debts. The policy had last been revised in 2002. The committee approved a resolution in September implementing the following changes:

- Potential residents must have in place prior to admission a Power of Attorney who resides in New York State;
- The Maplewood Manor application was revised to require more detailed financial information;
- A Medicaid application with required financial documentation must be assembled and submitted to Medicaid prior to admission;
- Residents' income must be directed to Maplewood prior to admission, with the County Treasurer charged with making any refunds to which a spouse living outside Maplewood might be entitled;
- Maplewood will begin collecting late fees on delinquent payments owed by residents who are classified as private pay; and
- The procedures in place for beginning legal action to collect delinquent payments, in consultation with the County Attorney, County Administrator and Chair of the Public Health Committee, were expedited.

September also brought some good news for Maplewood Manor, with confirmation from the state that the facility would once again be eligible to receive additional funding under the Federal Medicaid Assistance Program (FMAP). The Board of Supervisors appropriated \$4.8 million from fund balance into the Department of Social Services budget. That sum was then paid out to the state, generating a \$9.6 million

IGT payment back to Maplewood Manor, thereby eliminating the need for any additional 2011 General Fund subsidy beyond the \$4.8 million incurred during this transaction.

Elsewhere, our Public Health Nursing Service (PHNS) continued to deliver a multitude of services to thousands of adults and children residing in Saratoga County. The department provided or contracted for clinical services, lead screening, treatment for rabies, immunizations for communicable diseases, tuberculosis treatment, nutrition training programs, occupational therapy, speech therapy and physical therapy while maintaining the medical portion of the county's Physically Handicapped Children's program and coordinating services under the Early Intervention Program, which treats eligible infants and toddlers who are developmentally delayed or disabled.

In May, the committee was pleased to welcome Karen Levison as the new Director of Public Health. Karen had previously served in a similar capacity with Essex and Hamilton Counties. In addition to managing the department's day-to-day operations, Karen is charged with guiding its transition to a full service health department that will handle restaurant inspections and environmental health. This transition is triggered by the county's population growth and mandated under state law.

As in other years, the committee approved resolutions accepting a number of grants that will be used to further the mission of PHNS, including an Early Intervention ARRA Grant (\$23,019), a Medical Reserve Corp. Capacity Building Award (\$5,000), Emergency Preparedness Grants (\$234,684 and \$191,010) and a NYSDOH Lead Grant (\$33,225). In August, Public Health updated its Policies and Procedures with respect to high risk medications policy, patient specific parameters, risk for developing pressure ulcers, depression screening, multi-factor fault risk assessment, standardized maternal health visit, human exposure to potentially rabid animals and Accutrend Plus testing. In December, the committee approved a resolution updating Public Health's agency fees for the first time since 2008. By adopting these increased rates, PHNS will be better able to meet the increased costs of providing its services and establish charges high enough to maximize federal and Medicaid funding.

In Mental Health, Director Hans Lehr presented the Mental Health Department's annual report in May, which reflected among other things the closure of the Clifton Park satellite office, relocation of Friendship House to Geyser Crest, clinic restructuring and a new five-year professional lease agreement with Saratoga Hospital, which has provided psychiatric coverage while allowing the department to eliminate costly full-time positions from its budget.

In June, following the recommendations of the Technology Committee, this committee approved a resolution to contract with Netsmart to provide a hosted platform for the department's billing, bringing that system into compliance with federal HIPAA standards. Maplewood Manor uses a similar hosted platform for its billing. In August, again in consultation with the Technology Committee, this committee approved a third such hosted platform for Public Health's billing system with Procura. These three hosted platforms will better allow our departments to keep up with federal and state regulatory changes without having to purchase, maintain and update costly in-house equipment. These arrangements will also save on staff time otherwise spent maintaining old servers and allow the county to house important medical data on safe, secure servers located off-site.

Additional items for the Mental Health Department included the acceptance in August of additional State Aid for programs administered on the County's behalf by Saratoga Bridges, Community Work and Independence Inc., the Franklin Community Center and Transitional Services Association Inc. In November, Director Hans Lehr announced that Saratoga County is one of thirteen counties chosen by the NYS Department of Health to participate in phase one of a pilot program to establish Health Homes, a network of organizations providing care to the Medicaid population. The program will begin in January 2012 and its goal is to increase the federal government's share of Medicaid costs in New York State.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow supervisors on the Public Health Committee and the staff who maintained quality health care services over the past year. I especially thank Maplewood Manor Administrator Diane Brown and Accountant Sandy Fisher, Director of Mental Health Hans Lehr, Director of Public Health Karen Levison and Director of Patient Services Lori Stiles, who stepped up earlier this year by serving as Acting Director of Public Health/Patient Services through May. For their assistance

with Maplewood Manor's amended Collection Policies and Procedures, I thank Bob Wilcox of the County Attorney's Office, Department of Social Services Director Bob Christopher and his staff. For their analysis and guidance with respect to Maplewood's financial position, I thank County Treasurer Sam Pitcherelle and Director of Finance George Martin.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mo Wright, Chairman  
Anita Daly  
Ed Kinowski  
Dick Lucia  
Jean Raymond  
Tom Richardson  
Patti Southworth

#### REPORT NO. 4

#### Veterans Committee 2011 Year Report

2011 WAS A VERY EXCITING AND PRODUCTIVE FOR THE VETERANS COMMITTEE. We had several "firsts" for Saratoga County, new programs and updated programs that provided our veterans with many new and updated benefits.

Our year started out with County Clerk Kathy Marchione presenting a new initiative called the "Return the Favor" program. The intent of the program is to offer discounts to veterans and their families from the many different businesses that signed up to participate in the program. The program has been, and continues to be, a great success with our veterans. Over 2,000 ID cards have been issued and more than 230 businesses have signed on to participate. Veterans Director Andy Davis has handled over 1873 veterans requests for obtaining a copy of their DD214 record which is required to obtain an ID card to participate in the program. Many compliments have been received from veterans on the benefit of this program to them.

One of the "firsts" for Saratoga County veterans and the County was the recognition and the honoring of our "first" living veteran, the "first" African-American veteran, Tuskagee Airman Clarence Dart at the Wesley Nursing home. Several of our political representatives presented special commendations to Mr. Dart while the standing-room only crowd applauded and praised him for his outstanding service to his country. WWII residents of Wesley were also there to show their support for him.

Our veterans' concert was held at SPAC on 9/7 with a good crowd in attendance to enjoy the presentation by the U.S. Coast Guard band. Due to budget cut-backs in 2012, the concert will not be held in 2012.

We spent several months involved in the discussion and development of a Local Law that would limit the times and distances that protestors would be allowed to congregate with the intent to disrupt military funerals. The passage of this Local Law is a big win for the families and friends of veterans whose loved ones lost their lives in the defense of their country. The dignity and the respect that they so deserve will now prevail.

Chairman Johnson served as the Master of Ceremonies at the annual Yellow Ribbon Day ceremony on 4/9 at the Wilton Elks Club.

Veterans Assistance Night was held in October at the City Center in Saratoga Springs. Director Andy Davis made changes to the event this year by having 2 events in one night. There was a 2-hour benefit and job fair with an on-site benefits briefing, health care enrollment and e-benefits and e-enrollment by the VA personnel. Classes were separated into age-groups – less than 55 years old and more than 55 years old so that they got the information most applicable to them. The 2<sup>nd</sup>. Event was a recognition ceremony honoring the Korean War veterans. Approximately 45 veterans were scheduled to receive their commendations from state leaders and the Korean War Service medal from Chairman Wood. An unexpected presentation of the evening was the "first" key to Saratoga County presented by Chairman Wood to a most deserving Korean War veteran, Gene Corsale.

Throughout the year, Director Andy Davis made several presentations to the veterans committee for their awareness and/or approval on changes and additions to his office to improve benefits for veterans but at the same time decreasing costs to the County. Some of these were:

1. The Van Service that the County provides to ambulatory veterans to Albany Veterans Medical Center in Albany will no longer be making pick-ups at personal residences but they will be picked up at the established pick-up points throughout the County. This will save on fuel costs, time and allow him to expand on the benefits that can be made available.
2. Saratoga County piggy-backed with Schoharie County on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. this year. We were able to send 6 WWII veterans to Washington where they visited the WWII Memorial, the White House, the changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and the Iwo Jima memorial. Their responses to this visit were “over-whelming”, “appreciative”, “very emotional” and everyone was happy to have had the chance to go. Director Davis has made arrangements whereby Saratoga County will now start its own chapter to piggyback on the NYS Honor Flight organization and more Saratoga County veterans will have the opportunity to take part in this program including the Korean War and Viet Nam veterans.
3. Dir. Davis has started a group called the Saratoga Veterans Resource Initiative consisting of himself, NYS Division of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Aging, Probation Department and anyone who is interested in assisting in the welfare of our veterans.
4. Dir. Davis has already obtained a vendor to sponsor a 5K race in 2012 with all proceeds going to build up the established Saratoga County Veterans Trust & Agency Fund.

We closed out our year with the establishment of the Saratoga County Veterans Trust Fund. We feel this is one of the best things that could be done to assist our veterans especially at this time when so many are returning home from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Supervisor Daly of Clifton Park made a request to the committee that a fund be established whereby anyone could make a donation to be used in assisting veterans or their families. After much thought and working with Dir. Davis and Attorney Steve Dorsey, we finalized the document and its necessary attachments in time to have it presented to the full Board where it was passed in December 2011. A Saratoga veteran or a Saratoga Veterans organization requesting funds must first make out an application, submit it to the Director Of Veterans where it is then reviewed for completeness. Completed applications are then sent on to the Veterans committee for their action. To make this program successful, donations must be received so information about the fund has been distributed to funeral homes, legal firms, Veterans organizations and County and Town websites. We appreciate any help that our Board of Supervisors, our employees, the media and the public can give this program by spreading the word to the many people you come in contact with in your daily lives. We thank Supervisor Daly, Director Davis, Attorney Dorsey and all others that helped us make this a successful addition to the many benefit programs that we offer our veterans. Further information on the program can be obtained from Dir. Andy Davis’ office,

In closing, we have many people to thank for assisting us in the completion of the many beneficial accomplishments we were able to complete this year. First I would like to thank the dedicated committee members that I had to work with, Vice-Chairman Mo Wright, Attorney Steve Dorsey, the Administrative staff of Ryan Moore and Spencer Hellwig, County Clerk Kathy Marchione and her FAVOR program staff, Board Clerk Pam Hargrave and Chris Sansom, the Board of Supervisors and most certainly Director Andy Davis and his staff. We thank our Veterans who have defended our country to protect us so that we do not have to do that ourselves.

Sincerely,  
Chairman, Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson  
Vice-Chairman, Supervisor Mo Wright  
Member, Supervisor Dick Lucia  
Member, Supervisor Joanne Yepsen  
Member, Supervisor Phil Barrett  
Member, Supervisor John Collyer  
Member, Supervisor Frank Thompson

## 2011 Personnel Committee Annual Report

The Personnel Committee had a successful year in 2011. All members of the committee worked diligently to adapt to changes to the County's Health Insurance plans and Self Insurance plans. The committee members are sincerely thanked for the service to the committee and to the County. Highlights of the monthly meetings included:

- Held Public Hearing on Reorganizations that will add to the county's successful operation and efficiency. Three Department Heads were appointed and saved the County funding due to retirements and changes to compensation.
  - Katherine Shrome, Director of Purchasing (savings: \$47,000)
  - Hans Lehr, Director of Community Mental Health Services (savings: \$30,000)
  - Lisa Scaccia, Training and Employment Director (savings: \$26,000)
- Committee approved Compensation plan changes resulting in a total savings of \$8776. Departments that were effected: Purchasing, Treasurer's Office, Mental Health and the Sewer District.
- Approved contract with Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. to act as the County's third party administrator for the Saratoga County Self Insurance program. The Personnel department eliminated a Specialist and an Account Clerk representing a savings of approximately \$172,000.
- Approved and supported the Saratoga County Wellness committee on the Step Up to the Challenge. There were 110 employees who participated, 55 groups. The winner took approximately 2 million steps.
- Renewed Cool Insurance contract although rise to premium. Rise to premium was based on two major claims, one at the sewer plant and another over a collapse of a storage facility. The County renewed Insurance Policy for the period of 5/08/2011 and 5/08/2012 at a cost of \$626,000 to approve a fourth part time van driver for the Veteran's Agency and to amend the compensation plan. Only three positions may be filled at any given time.
- Approved a resolution to hire consultants Marshall & Sterling at a cost not to exceed \$22,500. The consultant will be responsible for reviewing existing policies that the County currently has in place and conduct an evaluation of the agents and brokers to then make a determination of who to assign the insurance market to.
- Approval of the Employee Identification program and process to administrator identification badges to all County employees
- Created temporary positions for the Department of Social Services in the food stamp department due to volume increase. Positions were created temporarily through December 31, 2011.
- Discussions took place for renewing BlueShield contract but having an alternate funding arrangement. The committee discussed going to an Administrative Service Only model, where the County engages Benetech to handle the administrative tasks (e.g. billing, claims handling, claims payment, qualification, etc.) for the County. Discussions were held on the County's self-insured role which means that they are financially responsible for any claim payments to their employees.
- Discussions took place in regards to the current policy on evaluations for management staff. The discussion is ongoing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Johnson, Chairman

Mrs. Raymond announced that the March auction is going to be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and said that Supervisors will be receiving the list shortly.

Mrs. Daly reported on the Job Fair and the overwhelming response by the public. She thanked Chairman Wood, all the Supervisors and County Staff that assisted with the Fair.

Chairman Wood thanked Mrs. Daly for her hard work and noted the Job Fair would not have been possible without her.

Chairman Wood noted that at the Organizational Meeting the Rules of the Board were adopted with the exception of Rule 15. He said alternative versions were discussed and referred to Law and Finance who ultimately made a recommendation which was e-mailed to all Supervisors as well as being placed in their mailbox. On a motion by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Rowland, Rule No. 15 as amended was adopted by a unanimous vote.

On a motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Hargrave Resolutions 15 through 37 with the exception of Resolution 18 were adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 15 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Daly, A. Johnson, Kinowski, Lawler, Peck, Richardson and Sausville

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (OPRHP) TO ACCEPT A \$350,000 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE GRANT AND AMENDING THE COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO**

WHEREAS, a Legislative Initiative Grant in the amount of \$350,000 is available from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for use by the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership to purchase real property associated with the Village of Schuylerville Revolutionary War Site from the Town of Saratoga, and to renovate said property into a Visitors Center; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of OPRHP's grant require that the county accept said grant funds on behalf of the Historic Saratoga Washington on the Hudson Partnership, and disburse said funds accordingly; and

WHEREAS, authorization is necessary to accept these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the acceptance of a Legislative Initiative Grant in the amount of \$350,000 on behalf of the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership for the purchase of real property from the Town of Saratoga and the construction of a Revolutionary War Site Visitors Center thereon; with the form and content of such agreements and documents being subject to the approval of the County Attorney and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS:

Appropriations:	
Increase Acct.: #1-90-900-8989 Other Home and Community	\$350,000
Revenues:	
Increase Acct.: #1-90-2770 Unclassified Revenue	\$350,000

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 16 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Rowland, Barrett, Hargrave, Jenkins, Lewza, Lucia and Wright

**AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE UNSPENT FUNDS RELATING TO SARATOGA COUNTY AIRPORT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, unexpended 2011 funds for multi-year projects in the amount of \$202,814 for easement acquisition, off-site obstruction removal, the design of both airport taxiway lighting and the

reconstruction of the aircraft apron, and the drafting of Airport rules and regulations, need to be reappropriated to the 2012 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.:	#1-50-513-7091 Land Acquisition	\$198,767
Increase Acct.:	#1-50-513-7092 Infrastructure	<u>\$ 4,047</u>
		\$202,814

Revenues:

Increase Acct.:	#1-50-3592 State Aid	\$ 4,852
Increase Acct.:	#1-50-4592 Federal Aid	\$184,376
Increase Acct.:	#1-0599.M Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 13,586</u>
		\$202,814

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: The County share of these project costs is \$13,586.

RESOLUTION 17 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Rowland, Barrett, Hargrave, Jenkins, Lewza, Lucia and Wright

**AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH ADIRONDACK SOARING GROUP, INC. FOR A HANGAR AND TIE DOWN AREA AT THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Soaring Group, Inc. has operated its glider club for years at the Saratoga County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Soaring Group, Inc. wishes to lease space for tying down its members' gliders and to construct a hangar in which to store its tow plane and gliders; and

WHEREAS, the proposed leased premises must be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); and

WHEREAS, our Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends leasing a 45,000 square foot area at the County Airport to Adirondack Soaring for a term commencing on the later date of February 1, 2012 or three days after the date the FAA issues its written approval of the leased premises, and terminating on December 31, 2027, with an option to renew for an additional term of five years upon mutual agreement of the County and Adirondack Soaring; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §352(5) authorizes the County to lease its airport property for a term greater than five years provided this Board of Supervisors first holds a public hearing on such proposed lease; and

WHEREAS, notice of that public hearing was duly published in the official County newspapers as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled public hearing was held on January 11, 2012 at 4:50 p.m. and all persons appearing or desiring to be heard were heard by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the rent for this lease shall be \$3,017.33 per year, or pro-rated portion thereof, from the commencement date of this lease, subject to annual increases in the amount of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the year ending June 30 of the previous year, not to exceed 5% in any one year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Adirondack Soaring Group, Inc. for a tie down area and hangar and associated uses at the Saratoga County Airport, with the terms of said lease to include the following:

- 1) The term of the lease shall commence on the later date of February 1, 2012, or 3 days after the FAA issues its written approval of the leased premises, and shall terminate on December 31, 2027; and
- 2) The lease shall be subject to renewal for an additional period of five years upon the mutual agreement of the County and Adirondack Soaring; and
- 3) Rent for the year 2012 shall be in the amount of \$3,017.33, or pro-rated portion thereof from the commencement date of the lease, subject to annual increases in the amount of the percentage

change in the Consumer Price Index for the year ending June 30 of the previous year, not to exceed 5% in any one year;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of such lease shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: The annual increase will be based on the Consumer Price Index not to exceed 5%.

Ms. Yepsen asked if all ten Counties in the district have to provide and pay for office space for State Supreme Court Judges. She asked why this is the County's responsibility and not the State are. Mr. Hellwig responded that it is the County's obligation to provide Chamber space and that the other Counties have to pay for and provide space as well. He also indicated that the County's Buildings and Grounds Department will be working on an alternative at the complex. On a motion by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Lawler, Resolution No. 18 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

#### RESOLUTION 18 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Rowland, Barrett, Hargrave, Jenkins, Lewza, Lucia and Wright

#### AUTHORIZING A FIVE YEAR LEASE WITH J. THOMAS ROOHAN FOR SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga lacks sufficient office space to accommodate the office space needs of both its newly elected Supreme Court Justices; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County to lease chambers for one of the new Supreme Court Justices; and

WHEREAS, J. Thomas Roohan has offered to lease suitable space in the City of Saratoga Springs; and

WHEREAS, our Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends acceptance of this offer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute a lease agreement with J. Thomas Roohan for the provision of approximately 1666 square feet of space in his building in the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, for a period of five (5) years to commence on the date of occupancy, at a rental of \$3,100.00 per month, inclusive of real property taxes, utilities and cleaning services, and subject to an annual increase not to exceed 3% of the prior year's rent; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said lease agreement shall provide that the County of Saratoga shall have the right to terminate the lease agreement, subject to its provision of prior notice of at least six months before such termination.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Funds have been included in the 2012 budget.

#### RESOLUTION 19 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Rowland, Barrett, Hargrave, Jenkins, Lewza, Lucia and Wright

#### AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE ANY APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR AND EFFECT THE SUBDIVISION OF TAX PARCEL #85.-1-24 IN THE TOWN OF CORINTH (SPRUCE MOUNTAIN)

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga is the owner of an 8.29 acre parcel on the top of Spruce Mountain in the Town of Corinth bearing Tax Parcel #85.-1-24; and

WHEREAS, said parcel previously contained certain County emergency communications facilities which have been removed from the site as part of the reorganization and construction of the County's emergency communications system; and

WHEREAS, said parcel also contains the Spruce Mountain Fire Tower, which is owned by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Spruce Mountain Fire Tower is in need of significant rehabilitation and repair, and has been closed to the public due to safety and liability concerns; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN and the Friends of the Spruce Mountain Firetower are interested in rehabilitating the Fire Tower, constructing a trail through a portion of Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 to the Tower, and opening the Tower to public use; and

WHEREAS, our Trails Committee has proposed subdividing Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 and selling the portion of the subdivided parcel containing the Fire Tower to the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision of Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 will require the approval of both the Town of Corinth and the Adirondack Park Agency; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has expressed its strong support of the Trails Committee's proposal; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subdivided parcel containing the Fire Tower to the State of New York would restore said parcel to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the rehabilitation of the Fire Tower and the construction of a trail leading thereto would have a positive economic impact on the local economy through the generation of additional tourism to the top of Spruce Mountain and the Town of Corinth; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subdivided parcel containing the Fire Tower to the State of New York would significantly reduce or eliminate the County's liability resulting from having the Tower located on County lands; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has recommended that the County subdivide Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 and sell the portion containing the Spruce Mountain Fire Tower to the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses the concept of subdividing the real property owned by the County of Saratoga at the top of Spruce Mountain, bearing Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 in the Town of Corinth, for the purpose of selling a portion of said parcel containing the Spruce Mountain Fire Tower to the State of New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board execute any applications or documents necessary to apply to the Adirondack Park Agency and the Town of Corinth for subdivision approval of Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 in the Town of Corinth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board execute any and all documents needed to effect, complete, file and record any approved subdivision of Tax Parcel #85.-1-24 in the Town of Corinth.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

## RESOLUTION 20 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Wright, Grattidge, Kinowski, Raymond, Southworth, Veitch and Yepsen

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH 6N SYSTEMS, INC. TO PROVIDE CLINICAL AND FINANCIAL SOFTWARE FOR MAPLEWOOD MANOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 203-06, the County entered into a five year agreement with 6N Systems, Inc. to provide clinical and financial software designed to increase record keeping efficiency at Maplewood Manor; and

WHEREAS, said five year agreement expired on November 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, our Director of Maplewood Manor and the Public Health Committee have recommended that the County's agreement with 6N Systems, Inc. for the provision of clinical and financial software at Maplewood Manor be renewed for an additional term of five years commencing on December 1, 2011 and terminating on December 1, 2016, provided that the County has the authority to terminate the contract in the event the County should no longer own and operate Maplewood Manor, at a cost not to exceed

\$30,414.60 in the first year, and \$30,331.50 per year, or pro-rated portion thereof, for the remainder of the contract term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute a renewal agreement with 6N Systems, Inc. of Clifton Park, New York, to provide clinical and financial software for Maplewood Manor for a term of five years commencing December 1, 2011, upon the condition that the agreement authorizes the County to terminate the agreement in the event the County should no longer own and operate Maplewood Manor, at a cost not to exceed \$30,414.60 for the first year of the contract term, and \$30,331.50 per year, or pro rated portion thereof, for the remainder of the contract term, the form and content of such agreement being subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 21 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Wright, Grattidge, Kinowski, Raymond, Southworth, Veitch and Yepsen

AUTHORIZING CHAIR TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL STATE AID FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE IMMUNIZATION, RABIES, CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AND AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET

WHEREAS, our Public Health Nursing Service administers various public health programs which include the Immunization, Rabies, Children with Special Health Care Needs and Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for cost of living increases is available in the amount of \$16,423 from the New York State Department of Health for these Programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept additional State Aid in the amount of \$16,423 to assist in the administration of the Immunization, Rabies, Children with Special Health Care Needs, and Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

PUBLIC HEALTH

Appropriations:

Increase Acct. #1-40-404-8590 Miscellaneous Office Exp	\$ 2,420.12
Increase Acct. #1-40-413-8590 Miscellaneous Office Exp	\$ 8,175.97
Increase Acct. #1-40-406-8590 Miscellaneous Office Exp	\$ 2,444.82
Increase Acct. #1-40-411-8590 Miscellaneous Office Exp	<u>\$ 2,063.25</u>
	\$15,104.16

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #1-40-3410 State Aid Rabies	\$ 2,420.12
Increase Acct.: #1-40-4411 Immunization Program Fed A	\$ 8,175.97
Increase Acct.: #1-40-4483.CSHCH Grant	\$ 2,063.25
Increase Acct.: #1-40-4407 Lead Screening Fed Aid	<u>\$ 2,444.82</u>
	\$15,104.16

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% Federal and State Aid.

RESOLUTION 22 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Peck, Jenkins, Lawler, Lucia, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS)

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of \$40,780 is available from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of assisting the District Attorney's Office in providing services for domestic violence prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this Violence Against Women Grant requires our approval; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and/or the County Administrator execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services grant in the amount of \$40,780 to assist the District Attorney's Office in prosecuting domestic violence cases.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 23 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Peck, Jenkins, Lawler, Lucia, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth

AMENDING THE 2012 COUNTY BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE \$15,514 IN EXPENSES AND REVENUES TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES PROGRAM (STSJP)

WHEREAS, Resolution 119-11 authorized acceptance of a Supervision and Treatment Services for Juvenile Program (STSJP) grant in the amount of \$66,294 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services directed to reduce juvenile detention usage and encourage alternatives to detention and placement; and

WHEREAS, unexpended 2011 funds from such grant in the amount of \$15,514 for electronic monitoring services provided by KMG Monitoring Services and for the provision of intensive family-based programming by Berkshire Farms Center and Services for Youth, Inc. to reduce and prevent juvenile detention need to be reappropriated to the 2012 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #1-31-000-7734 Delinquency Prevention \$15,514

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #1-0599.M Appropriated Fund Balance \$15,514

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Funding for this program was received in 2011 and will be appropriated from fund balance.

RESOLUTION 24 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Peck, Jenkins, Lawler, Lucia, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO ACCEPT STATE AID FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATED TO THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE MONITORING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, funds are available from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for reimbursement of expenses related to the monitoring of court ordered participants in the ignition interlock device program; and

WHEREAS, a State Aid grant in an amount not to exceed \$46,781 is available from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of assisting the Probation Department with the cost of supervising and monitoring defendants using the ignition interlock device; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this grant requires our approval; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and/or the County Administrator execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services grant in an

amount not to exceed \$46,781 to assist the Probation Department in supervising and monitoring its defendants using ignition interlock devices.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 25 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Peck, Jenkins, Lawler, Lucia, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth

AMENDING THE 2012 COUNTY BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE \$41,800 IN EXPENSES AND REVENUES FOR DOCTOR’S FEES, TECHNICIAN FEES, ANIMAL SUPPLIES, AND BUILDING MATERIALS THAT WERE FUNDED THROUGH THE ANIMAL SHELTER TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, Resolution 145-07 of this Board established the Animal Shelter Trust Fund to receive from donors as gifts for the benefit and use of the Saratoga County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions 21-11 and 72-11 authorized disbursements from the Animal Shelter Trust Fund for the purchase of certain equipment, supplies and veterinary services for the Animal Shelter, and amended the 2011 County Budget accordingly; and

WHEREAS, unexpended 2011 funds from said disbursements need to be reappropriated to the 2012 County Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8343 Doctor’s Fees	\$10,000
Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8340 Gen. Med. Services	\$25,000
Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8332 Animal Supplies	\$ 6,205
Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8221 Building Materials	\$ 595

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #1-0599.M Appropriated Fund Balance	\$41,800
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: This Trust Fund Revenue balance will be taken from fund balance.

RESOLUTION 26 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Peck, Jenkins, Lawler, Lucia, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth

AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE UNSPENT FUNDS FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY COMPANION ANIMAL SHELTER GRANT

WHEREAS, Resolution 209-09 authorized acceptance of a Companion Animal Shelter Grant from US Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-11 reappropriated unexpended funds from said grant to the 2011 budget; and

WHEREAS, unexpended 2011 funds from such grant in the amount of \$23,842, authorized to purchase supplies, medicines, cages, leashes, veterinary services and training, among other things, need to be reappropriated to the 2012 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-7080 Other Equip	\$11,100.00
Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8150 Training	\$ 7,000.00
Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8190 Other Prof. Services	\$ 5,500.00
Increase Acct.: #1-35-000-8200 Dept. Supplies	<u>\$ 242.00</u>
	\$23,842.00

Revenues

Increase Acct.: #1-35-3306 Homeland Security \$23,842.00

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 27 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Peck, Jenkins, Lawler, Lucia, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth

AMENDING THE 2012 COUNTY BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE \$330,579 IN EXPENSES AND REVENUES UNDER EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, unexpended funds from such grant in the amount of \$330,579, authorized for the purchase of homeland security equipment, supplies, materials and services, need to be reappropriated to the 2012 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #1-36-363-7080 Other Equipment	\$236,284
Increase Acct.: #1-36-363-8200 Dept. Supplies	\$ 5,185
Increase Acct.: #1-36-363-8150 Training Services	\$ 62,110
Increase Acct.: #1-36-363-8519 Personal Safety Supplies	\$ 27,000

Revenues

Increase Acct.: #1-36-3306 Homeland Security \$330,579

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact. 100% State Aid.

RESOLUTION 28 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Wormuth, Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, A. Johnson, Peck and Southworth

AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET TO REAPPROPRIATE UNSPENT FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, unexpended 2011 funds in the amount of \$3,317,280 authorized for our Department of Public Works for engineering, construction and/or reconstruction of the Stewarts Dam Bridge in the Town of Hadley, the Northline Road Bridge in the Town of Malta, the Central Avenue Bridge in the City of Mechanicville, the County Route 42 (Dix Road) Bridge in the Town of Saratoga, the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge in the Town of Hadley, the County Route 63 (Malta Avenue) Bridge in the Town of Malta, and County Route 24 (Spier Falls Road) over Stoney Creek; for the preparation of a local solid waste management plan; and for construction of a new cold storage building at the County Farm Complex in the Town of Milton, need to be reappropriated to the 2012 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 Saratoga County Budget is amended as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #2-50-510-7502 Contracted Highway Services	\$2,723,000
Increase Acct.: #2-50-510-8130 Architects/Engineers	\$ 455,455
Increase Acct.: #2-50-515-8130 Architects/Engineers	\$ 8,825
Increase Acct.: #3-50-000-8221 Building Material	\$ 130,000
	<u>\$3,317,280</u>

Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #2-50-3590 State Aid	\$ 328,414
Increase Acct.: #2-50-4590 Federal Aid	\$2,461,374

Increase Acct.:	#2-0599.M Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 397,492
Increase Acct.:	#3-0599.M Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 130,000</u>
		\$3,317,280

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: The local share of these projects is \$527,492.

RESOLUTION 29 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Wormuth, Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, A. Johnson, Peck and Southworth

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement of CR7 (Stewarts Bridge) over Sacandaga Reservoir, Saratoga County, P.I.N. 1756.40 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Preliminary Engineering and Construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Saratoga to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering and Construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$166,000.00 (One hundred sixty-six thousand dollars and no cents) has already been appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project pursuant to Resolution 47-06; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the additional sum of \$3,319,000.00 (Three Million three hundred nineteen thousand dollars and no cents) is hereby appropriated from the County's Highway Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Saratoga County be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the County of Saratoga with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Funding has been included in the 2012 budget.

RESOLUTION 30 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Wormuth, Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, A. Johnson, Peck and Southworth

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GERHARDT, LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES AND THE PREPARATION OF AN RFP FOR A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SARATOGA COUNTY LANDFILL AND AMENDING THE COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO**

WHEREAS, current budgeting challenges necessitate that the County explore all available options to increase County revenues and reduce County expenses; and

WHEREAS, one potential revenue source being explored is the opening or sale of the Saratoga County Landfill; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 122-11, the County retained the services of Barton & Loguidice, P.C. to provide professional engineering services relative to the preparation of Saratoga County’s Local Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, P.C. presented our Public Works Committee with five potential options for the future of the Saratoga County Landfill; and

WHEREAS, our Public Works Committee has decided to evaluate those options calling for the privatization of the County Landfill in some form; and

WHEREAS, Gerhardt, LLC of New Hartford, New York, has submitted a proposal for the provision of professional consulting services relative to the preparation of a Request for Proposals for companies interested in the lease, purchase or other long term arrangement with the County Landfill, the evaluation of all proposals received in response to the RFP, and the recommendation of a contract award; and

WHEREAS, our Public Works Committee and our Commissioner of Public Works recommend that Gerhardt, LLC be retained to provide the aforesaid professional consulting services at a cost not to exceed \$24,425; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2012 County Budget is necessary to make these funds available; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with Gerhardt, LLC of New Hartford, New York, for professional consulting services for the preparation of a Request For Proposals for companies interested in the lease, purchase or other long term arrangement with the County Landfill, the evaluation of all proposals received in response to the RFP and the recommendation of a contract award, at a cost not to exceed \$24,425, with the form and content of such agreement being subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

Transfer:

FROM: 1-14-999-9000 Unallocated Amount	\$24,425
TO: 1-90-920-9902 Transfer to Highway Fund	\$24,425

PUBLIC WORKS:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #2-50-515-8130 Architects/Engineers	\$24,425
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Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #2-50-5031 Transfer from General Fund	\$24,425
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: This contract will reduce contingency to \$448,992.

RESOLUTION 31 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Grattidge, Daly, Rowland, Sausville, Veitch, Wormuth and Wright

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN ENGINEERING, INC. FOR INCINERATOR EMISSIONS MONITORING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, environmental laws and regulations require continual monitoring of emissions by the incinerator at the Saratoga County Sewer District Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited for emissions monitoring services and Northern Engineering, Inc. was the lowest proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer District Commission and Sewer District 's Executive Director recommend the acceptance of Northern Engineering, Inc.'s proposal for these services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement with Northern Engineering, Inc. of South Windsor, Connecticut for incinerator emission monitoring services at the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 Treatment Plant for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2012, with an option to renew for one additional year, at the sum of \$8,250.00 per year for basic monitoring services, and for any additional services required for compliance at the quoted charges set forth in its proposal dated December 23, 2011, and for any services not contained in its proposal at time and material charges, with the total annual contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$15,000.00 per year, the form and content thereof being subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 32 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Grattidge, Daly, Rowland, Sausville, Veitch, Wormuth and Wright

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL FURNACE COMPANY FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER DISTRICT'S SLUDGE INCINERATOR AT A COST OF \$3,077,200 AND AMENDING THE COUNTY BUDGET IN RELATION THERETO

WHEREAS, the sludge incinerator at the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant is in need of significant repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District Commission has solicited and entertained competitive proposals for the construction of the proposed repairs and improvements to the Sewer District's sludge incinerator; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer District Commission and the Sewer District's Executive Director have recommended that a contract for such services be awarded to Industrial Furnace Company of Rochester, New York, the lowest bidder on the contract; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2012 County budget is needed to transfer \$3,077,200 from the Sewer District's Fund Balance to pay for these repairs and improvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute an agreement with Industrial Furnace Company of Rochester, New York, for the construction of repairs and improvements to the sludge incinerator at Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1's Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of \$3,077,200, with the form and content of such agreement being subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

SEWER DISTRICT #1:

Appropriations:

Increase Acct.: #7-81-813-7095 Capital Equipment	\$3,077,200
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Revenues:

Increase Acct.: #7-0599.M Appropriated Fund Balance	\$3,077,200
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: This budget amendment will reduce the Sewer District's \$10,872,650 Fund Balance by the contract amount.

RESOLUTION 33 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Grattidge, Daly, Rowland, Sausville, Veitch, Wormuth and Wright

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT AND AMENDING THE 2012 COUNTY COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Resolution Resolutions 156-91, 113-93, 172-97, 114-98, 168-98, 141-99, 24-00, 138-00, 143-01, 129-02, 135-04, 157-05, 169-06, 170-06, 173-07, 174-07, 174-08, 152-09 and 197-10 authorized acceptance of state grants to improve records management for Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, a new Local Government Records Management Improvement Grant has been awarded by the New York States Archives for 2012; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors accepts the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant for the year 2012 in the amount of \$71,689.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Compensation Schedule for 2012 be amended as follows:

UNDER COUNTY CLERK:

CREATE (9) positions Clerks, Part-time effective (1/20/12 – 12/31/12) and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2012 County Budget is amended as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS:

Increase Acct. #1-19-000-6696P, Clerks, Part-time	\$49,331
Increase Acct. #1-19-000-6930, Social Security	\$ 3,944
Increase Acct. #1-19-000-8190, Professional Services	\$18,414

REVENUES:

Increase Acct. #1-19-3089, State Aid for Records Management	\$71,689
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact. 100% State aid.

Mr. Lawler asked if a claim is paid in error, we won't know that because the audit is going to take place after that, how the money is going to be refunded. He asked if it was going to be returned in check for or if it would be held against the next set of claims. Mr. Kalinkewicz said it would either be netted out in the next weekly set of claims or it will be edited out of the monthly administrative bill. Mr. Lawler asked about the eligibility audit for the whole file. Mr. Kalinkewicz said that should be completed by summer time.

**RESOLUTION 34 - 12**

Introduced by Supervisors Grattidge, Daly, Rowland, Sausville, Veitch, Wormuth and Wright

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO MAKE EXPRESS PAYMENTS TO BLUE SHIELD OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK IN ADVANCE OF AUDIT BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT CONTINGENT UPON PRE-AUDIT REVIEW BY BENETECH, INC.**

WHEREAS, as a result of changes planned in 2012 for the processing of health care claims submitted by County employees and retirees, the County retained Benetech, Inc., pursuant to Resolution 208-11, to provide health insurance administrative and consultant services in areas to include benefits administrations, claims auditing and dependent eligibility verification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 207-11 this Board authorized the renewal of the County's health insurance contract with Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, Inc. (Blue Shield) for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the renewal agreement negotiated by the County and Benetech, Inc. with Blue Shield calls for the County and Benetech, Inc. to assume certain claims processing and administrative functions previously performed by Blue Shield, at a significant cost savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, under the new contract negotiated with Blue Shield, the County Treasurer will need to make express payments to Blue Shield of health insurance claims submitted by Blue Shield, in advance of the audit of such claims by the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, County Law Section 369(2) requires that all claims submitted to a county for payment must be audited prior to payment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law Section 369(5), a Board of Supervisors may by resolution authorize the payment of express charges in advance of the audit of such claims, and thereby except such express charges from the prior audit requirement of County Law Section 369(2); and

WHEREAS, Benetech, Inc. will be conducting a pre-audit of all claims submitted for payment by Blue Shield to the County, and the County Auditor and Personnel Department will be conducting a post-audit of all claims paid by the County Treasurer to Blue Shield, under the new health insurance claims processing system called for by the County's contracts with Benetech, Inc. and Blue Shield; and

WHEREAS, this Board deems it appropriate to authorize the County Treasurer to make express payments to Blue Shield of health insurance claims submitted by Blue Shield provided such claims have been pre-audited by Benetech, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted it by County Law Section 369(5), this Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to make express payments to Blue Shield Northeastern New York, Inc. of health insurance claims submitted by Blue Shield in advance of their audit by the County Auditor and Personnel Department upon the condition that such claims have undergone a pre-audit review by Benetech, Inc.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 35 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Raymond, Collyer, Hargrave, Jenkins, M. Johnson, Lewza and Sausville

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TAX-ACQUIRED LANDS

WHEREAS, unpaid taxes resulted in the County's acquisition of certain lands in various towns; and

WHEREAS, certain former owners or their heir have requested the pre-auction conveyance of one of the said parcels in consideration of the payment of an amount equal to the unpaid taxes, penalties, interests and charges; and

WHEREAS, our Equalization and Assessment Committee recommends approval of these requests; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors convey by quitclaim deed to the following parties or their designees, the lands set opposite their names, upon payment of the indicated amount, which includes penalties, interest and charges,

CONVEY TO:	YEAR	TOWN	S/B/L	AMOUNT
C. Michele Williams (Heir of Catherine Frank) 1234 Route 146 Clifton Park, New York 12065	2009, 2010 & 2011	Clifton Park	270.-2-28	\$22,727.75
Gilberto L. Gutierrez, Aladino Ulloa, Blanca Orellana, Alberto Fortoul, Isabel S. Charbonneau, Nora Segovia and Pedro Vizcaino (Designees of Ronald Hertzell) 18 Bergentine Avenue Union City, NJ 07087	2009, 2010 & 2011	Day	44.-1-6.1	\$3,417.63
Douglas B. Ferguson 363 Tennantville Road Edinburg, NY 12134	2009	Edinburg	40.-1-44.2	\$1,452.44

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: These amounts include all appropriate penalties and interest.

RESOLUTION 36 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Raymond, Collyer, Hargrave, Jenkins, M. Johnson, Lewza and Sausville

**AUTHORIZING COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE TAX REFUNDS AND CORRECTIONS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500**

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §554 and §556 authorize delegation to the County Auditor of legislative duties relative to the correction and refund of certain taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, upon the joint recommendations of the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency and the County Treasurer, the County Auditor is authorized pursuant to §556 of the Real Property Tax Law to approve for payment tax bill refunds in amounts not to exceed \$2,500, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is authorized pursuant to §554 of the Real Property Tax Law to approve corrections of errors on tax rolls in amounts not to exceed \$2,500, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Auditor shall report to the Equalization and Assessment Committee all refunds and corrections made pursuant to the authority delegated by this Resolution.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

RESOLUTION 37 - 12

Introduced by Supervisors Raymond, Collyer, Hargrave, Jenkins, M. Johnson, Lewza and Sausville

**CORRECTING 2011 TAX BILL AND AUTHORIZING A CREDIT**

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §554 provides for the correction of errors on the tax rolls, and Real Property Tax Law §556 authorizes the provision of a credit against outstanding taxes or special district charges on a corrected tax bill; and

WHEREAS the 2011 tax bill for Tax Parcel 62.-1-12.2 in the Town of Moreau included erroneous sewer charges by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 on said parcel; and

WHEREAS, the owner of said parcel, the Saratoga County Water Authority, is billed directly by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 on a monthly basis for sewer use charges, and said sewer charges should not therefore have been placed on the tax bill for said parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Water Authority has timely submitted proof of such error in the 2011 tax bill for said parcel; and

WHEREAS, our Director of Real Property Tax Services recommends that the error be corrected and a credit be authorized for such erroneous sewer charges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the application of the following property owner for correction of the 2011 tax rolls be approved, and the 2011 tax rolls are hereby corrected as follows:

<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>S/B/L</u>	<u>CORR. TAX</u>
Saratoga County Water Authority	Moreau	62.-1-12.2	0

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to apply a credit for erroneous sewer charges in the amount of \$12,584.67 for Tax Parcel #62.-1-12.2 to the outstanding 2011 tax bill of the property owner, the Saratoga County Water Authority.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

Mr. Grattidge said it has come to his attention as well as some of the other Supervisors' that the FSA Office that is located in the County Building on East High Street has been put on a list for closure. He said this is going to have quite an impact on the County and said there will be a Public Hearing on February 7<sup>th</sup> and offered Resolution No. 38 for consideration. On a motion by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by

Mrs. Southworth Resolution No. 38 was adopted by a unanimous vote. Mr. Peck spoke in support of the FSA and explained what the FSA does and how it is important it is to the County. He asked that the Resolution be sent to the FSA Agency in Syracuse, Senator Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Gibson as well as the US Department of Agriculture. Mr. Jenkins offered his support of this Resolution as well.

#### RESOLUTION 38 - 12

Introduced by Supervisor Grattidge

#### URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOT TO CLOSE THE SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that administer direct payment, disaster payment, conservation payment, emergency program and farm loan programs directly to farmers at the county level throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the FSA maintains a local office in Saratoga County's Office Building #5 at 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, New York; and

WHEREAS, in addition to administering various natural disaster, conservation, facility loan and core price support programs, the Saratoga County FSA serves as local coordinator for agricultural producers for natural disaster emergency reporting and assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County office of the FSA has disbursed funds into the local agricultural community in the amounts of \$712,345 in 2011 and \$824,200 in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County FSA also oversees the making and repayment of annual commodity loans in the approximate sum of \$325,000 each year; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County FSA, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service, the Saratoga County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Natural Resource Conservation Service Office are all located in Saratoga County's Office Building #5, thereby providing a convenient one-stop service location for 645 local farmers, producers and agricultural landowners; and

WHEREAS, the USDA has proposed closing and consolidating 131 county FSA offices in 32 states in the interests of streamlining operations, promoting efficiencies, and reducing expenses; and

WHEREAS, in New York State, the USDA has proposed closing county FSA offices in Saratoga, Albany, Sullivan and Yates counties; and

WHEREAS, in the case of Saratoga County's FSA office, the USDA has proposed closing the office and consolidating it with the Washington-Warren County FSA office in Greenwich, New York; and

WHEREAS, the USDA has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 1:30 pm. in the Auditorium Room of Building #5, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, to receive public comment on its proposed plan to close and consolidate the Saratoga County FSA Office; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the proposed closure and consolidation of the Saratoga County FSA office would result in both an inconvenience and a reduction in service to Saratoga County agricultural producers by requiring trips to two office locations to receive USDA services; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this Board advise the USDA of its strong opposition to the USDA's proposed closure of the FSA's Saratoga County Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors hereby strongly opposes the USDA's proposed closure and consolidation of the Saratoga County Office of the Farm Services Agency, and urges the USDA allow the Saratoga County FSA office to remain on-site with the Saratoga County Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Saratoga County Soil and Water Conservation District, the National Resource Conservation Service Office and the Saratoga County Planning Department as a convenient one stop location for agricultural producers seeking federal, state and county agricultural services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors forward a copy of this Resolution to the United States Department of Agriculture, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Chris Gibson and FSA Syracuse.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

Ms. Yepsen said that the Governor had put out his proposed budget and pointed out that this included a three year phase out of Medicaid as well as pension reforms. She said there is no change in the VLT funding distribution which is a positive impact on Saratoga Springs as well as the County.

Mr. Lawler said he gives accolades to the Governor for the VLT funds but did not see any mention of a three year phase out of Medicaid. He said he is deeply disappointed by the budget as there is not the promised mandate relief so desperately needed in the County's in New York State. He said he does not see any improvement in the State's treatment of the County's over the next several years. He pointed out that there is nothing in the Governor's budget that doesn't change the fact that 120%, which is every tax dollar the County collects plus 20% will once again go the State for Unfunded Mandates. Mr. Lawler pointed out the County can't afford to keep paying the State's expenses. He said there was a cap put on the County as to how much revenue can be collected and he wishes the State would put a cap on how much the State could take away from the Counties. He said the people of the State of New York have been failed by their State Government.

Chairman Wood announced the following appointments:

Youth Advisory Board

Ty Stacey, Town of Greenfield (term expires 12/31/2013)

On a motion by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the meeting unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Hargrave, Clerk