

AGENDA SESSION  
August 12, 2020 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Pemrick called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Eric Connolly, Philip C. Barrett, Jonathon Schopf, Richard Lucia, Preston Allen, Jean Raymond, Michael Smith, Daniel Pemrick, Arthur Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Darren O’Connor, Theodore Kusnierz, Benny Zlotnick, Willard H. Peck, Sandra Winney, Thomas N. Wood, III, Tara N. Gaston, Matthew Veitch, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler, John Lant – 19. ABSENT - Alan Grattidge, Thomas Richardson – 2.

On a motion by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Smith the minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Pemrick asked for a motion to accept the agenda for the July 21, 2020 Board meeting as presented and approved by the Law and Finance Committee prior to this meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Kinowski and seconded by Mr. Zlotnick. Unanimous.

Mr. Kusnierz – Thank you Mr. Chairman. At this time, although I tried garnish support from the Law & Finance Committee to make the independent report made available to the public and it lost on a 4 to 3 vote. At this time, **I would like to once again offer the motion to make the confidential report of the investigation regarding increased compensation for physically present workers and action by COVID-19 Oversight Group that has been prepared by E. Stewart Jones, Hacker and Murphy released to the public.**

Mr. Pemrick asked for a second.

**Ms. Gaston said she would second that motion.**

Mr. Pemrick said moved and seconded. Discussion. Before discussion, I would like to turn to County Attorney and ask if we can do that business at this meeting.

Mr. Dorsey said no, this should be the subject of a special meeting of the Board or just added to the Law & Finance, I mean, Board’s agenda for Tuesday. One or the other but there was no special meeting called for that purpose today. This is a board resolution and there is no notice provided for that. So either call a special meeting between now and Tuesday or just add it to the agenda for Tuesday.

(Many supervisors speaking.) Mr. Pemrick said just a minute please. Mr. Kusnierz go ahead.

Mr. Kusnierz said Mr. Chairman this is a fully, publically scheduled meeting of this Legislative Board. We have the ability to take action at any time when it’s been properly noticed and a quorum is present. Do we have, has this been noticed to the public? That is a question for the County Attorney.

Mr. Dorsey said the Agenda Session has been properly noticed.

Mr. Kusnierz said ok, as such, this is a governing body that may take action at its pleasure. He made a motion and you are incorrect. You have been incorrect in some of your opinions to this Board. And I disagree with your comment. There is a resolution on the table and I expect action on it.

Ms. Gaston said point of information, under what authority is this action not allowed. Where in the rules or where in the County law, does it say we cannot do that?

Mr. Dorsey said the Rules of the Board allow resolutions to be offered from the floor at a Board meeting, at the regular monthly meeting, under miscellaneous business. This is not a regular Board meeting.

Ms. Gaston asked where does it not authorize business to be conducted at an Agenda Session. Given the agenda says any other business, so presumably.

Mr. Dorsey said he was talking about a regular Board meeting. This is an Agenda meeting, that sets the agenda for next Tuesday. There has been no proper notification of a special meeting for this purpose. You can certainly add it to Tuesday's agenda or you can have a special meeting anytime between now and then to do it.

Mr. Kusnierz said Mr. Chairman.

Ms. Gaston asked Mr. Kusnierz to hang on a second and added she understood what Mr. Dorsey was saying but she did not understand where it says this is not allowed. In our agenda, which I agree is not properly noticed, because we do not provide agendas in a timely manner, however, given the practice of our Board it says any other business.

Mr. Dorsey said it was more a case of it not being authorized then it being prohibited. It's authorized for a regular meeting. There is nothing about it being authorized for Agenda meetings.

Mr. Kusnierz said Mr. Chairman, if the Board is unwilling to vote on this then he would read the document in its entirety into the record.

Mr. Connolly said is there any past precedent of the Board introducing a resolution at an Agenda meeting?

Mr. Pemrick said he would have to defer to the County Attorney but he is shaking his head no and certainly not in his recollection.

Ms. Gaston said is he shaking his head no or is he shaking his head that he does not have an answer at this time. She asked for a verbal response.

Mr. Dorsey said he had never seen a resolution introduced at the Agenda meeting that was not properly noticed as a special meeting at the conclusion of an Agenda meeting.

Mr. O'Connor said Mr. Chairman I have a question. If we can't vote on this, is there anything preventing this Board from taking a roll call to get a consensus of the member of this Board whether this should be released. And if it is the consensus that it should be released then anyone can just give it out. Can we do that at least if we can't do a binding vote and pass a resolution?

Mr. Pemrick said I don't know the answer.

Mr. Dorsey asked Mr. O'Connor to repeat the question.

Mr. O'Connor said we go around the room; we take a consensus of the members Board, whether this report in its entirety should be released. And if it the consensus of the Board on a weighted vote that it be released now un-redacted, since we all have it, it can just be released. It doesn't have to be a resolution, it seems to him.

Ms. Gaston said she didn't see how that distinction is any different but her question remains she hasn't heard why this is prohibited. And if it is not prohibited she would like to know under what authority we are interpreting the Rules to prohibit us from doing so.

Mr. Pemrick said he thinks what our Attorney said was that it's not a question of it being prohibited; it's not authorized to do at an Agenda meeting.

Ms. Gaston said under our Rules and under County Law, are we not allowed to engage in behavior that is not specifically authorized for us as a governing body at the Board of Supervisors. I'm not attempting to be obtuse, I'm trying to get an actual legal opinion on what we can do or not. This seems like a very serious concern if we cannot engage in business as a governing body unless we do so under perimeters that are not in our rules. Perhaps our rules in the County Law need to change.

Mr. Pemrick said this is serious business and we are talking five days. We can sit here and argue until cows come about releasing it today or taking a vote and waiting to do it next Tuesday. I'm puzzled by the angst, concern, we share everyone's feelings about the length of time that this has gone on. And that fact that it should be disclosed to the public, we have issue with that. We are now trying to follow proper procedure here and doing it at the appropriate time. In addition, it would give other Supervisors that are not here today the opportunity to be here.

Mr. Lawler said Mr. Chairman, a few comments. I agree with Supervisor O'Connor. I don't see any reason why we couldn't take a non-binding, consensus of the Board resolution. I want to move forward and get this over with. The agreement can be made why wait until Tuesday but if the report isn't going to change why not wait until Tuesday but if the report isn't going to change why wait until Tuesday. He didn't see much difference in that. Every Supervisor has a copy of this report. Every Supervisor here could turn around and hand the report to Wendy Liberatore tomorrow or later tonight. It's not like it hasn't been done; cause it has. So there is nothing stopping anyone here giving this report out. If we want to have a vote on it and appear as though we somewhat in control or at least considering the questions before us, I'm fine with having a non-binding vote. We are talking about trying to move forward. Between today and Tuesday there will be nothing but an unrelenting assault and argument about why didn't we do it sooner, why did we wait until Tuesday. People can have strong opinions about it. This report is going to be released no later than Tuesday. And rather than fight about it about releasing it on Wednesday or on Tuesday, personally I would rather take the non-binding vote. Frankly there is nothing stopping anyone from walking out of the meeting, driving to the Times Union and putting it on Wendy Liberatore's desk. The argument is over nothing here. Let's just take the vote.

Mr. Schopf said for the first time in six months, he agrees with everything Supervisor Lawler just said.

Mr. Lawler said then he must have said something wrong.

Mr. Peck said he does not want to change and open up the Agenda meetings to a free for all session that we now without notice to other Supervisors that aren't here, he would rather do a non-binding vote to release. He doesn't want to start a precedent that hasn't been done in the time he has been here where we start doing business on Agenda Day unless we notify the public that we are having duly operating business. He thinks it puts Supervisors such as Tom Richardson who isn't here and others without notice that we are having a meeting. Just do as you said and have a non-binding vote but don't start making motions, passage and actions on Agenda Day.

Ms. Gaston asked for clarification on what that would be.

Ms. Winney asked what happens to the Law & Finance vote? Where does that go?

Mr. Pemrick said that was a Committee vote.

Mr. Tollisen said that he wanted to state for the record that in Executive Session, he believed that just about everyone in the room said that the report should be released un-redacted. Just about everyone. Then we talked about whether to do it in Law & Finance or whether it would be brought up at Agenda. It was agreed that he would bring it up at Agenda. Supervisor Kusnierz brought it up. He isn't sure what the play is here but he thinks everyone agreed it should come up today and he wants the vote on it. The taxpayers deserve this report, un-redacted. They've waited long enough. The good people of Saratoga County that work for us deserve an apology. We need to figure out what it is that is owed, a summary of all the people that are owed, and move forward; and, be done with this issue.

Mr. Pemrick said most of us here don't agree with that. What we are stumbling on now is the following of proper procedure.

Mr. Tollisen said he would remember this at the next Law & Finance meeting.

Mr. Kusnierz said through proper procedures, in the Law & Finance Committee he offered a resolution. It was seconded. It was defeated. That leaves every Supervisor here with the next option to bring it up at the Agenda Session. We have the legal ability to do it. And quite frankly, he is going to be very blunt, there's obstruction going on here on the part of the County Attorney giving advice that is trying to protect staff of this County. He is absolutely appalled by that. No legal basis has been provided to him or any other supervisor that have asked for it today, where the authority rests in not being able to bring that to a vote in Agenda Session. He just heard it mentioned we want to do this when a meeting is properly advertised. It was. This is a full Board meeting. You can take action whether it's an Agenda Session or a full Board meeting. It's basic legislative procedure. He asked for the County Attorney, in his spare time, that he follow up on that and provide a decision with supporting documentation so the Board doesn't have this issue again.

Ms. Gaston asked what a non-binding vote. What are we non-bindingly voting on? Are we saying, yes it's fine to release it or yes I don't but we are not voting on it so that any individual supervisor can release it? She said that is a distinction without a difference.

Mr. O'Connor said it's just as Supervisor Lawler was saying. He pointed out, quite correctly, that any member in this room, can give this report to Wendy Liberatore tonight. So an informal consensus would just allow any supervisor to do that. Most supervisor including him would never do that unless there was a consensus of the Board to allow that to happen. He doesn't believe it has to be a formal resolution. This will just be consensus of the Board.

Ms. Gaston said personal respect of her colleagues has been what's prevented her from releasing it despite the fact she has been yelled at by many of her constituents wanting to find out more.

Mr. Dorsey said he was looking at this as being in form of a resolution. If you just want to do it as a motion, that's fine. But it should be specified that you are waiving the attorney client privilege that comes with it. That is a specific recommendation of the Jones, Hacker, Murphy firm that you waive the attorney client privilege when releasing the report. He heard a motion to release the report. It should be specific that that's what you're doing. Treat it as a motion and an order of business. It won't be a resolution of the Board.

Ms. Gaston said if Supervisor Kusnierz amends his motion to just say you move that we vote to release the report and waiving the attorney client privilege but doesn't use the word resolution that can be done in an Agenda Session?

Mr. Dorsey said he took it to be that there was a resolution offered on the floor.

Ms. Gaston asked Mr. Kusnierz if he meant it to be a resolution.

Mr. Kusnierz said he did because he has that authority.

Ms. Gaston asked him if he wanted to use the word resolution.

Mr. Kusnierz said there is a resolution on the table so if we are not going to vote on it he would like to go down through the list of his colleagues and ask for their opinion.

Mr. Kusnierz then started.

Supervisor Connolly – He is in favor of releasing it without redaction immediately.

Supervisor Barrett – In favor of releasing without any redactions whatsoever. He wholeheartedly agree with Supervisor Kusnierz that this business and vote can and should be taken at any meeting where there is a quorum of the Board of Supervisors in a meeting that was properly published and noticed.

Supervisor Schopf – He agrees the report should be released immediately in full, waive any attorney client privilege with its release and he agrees the Board has the legal authority to vote on it today.

Supervisor Allen – He said he guesses he agrees with releases it as long as there is no other legal actions that will be taken against us for doing do. Union, attorneys or otherwise.

Supervisor Smith – He agrees with the release.

Supervisor Wright – He wholeheartedly agrees. He figures someone already has it so what difference does it make.

Supervisor Tollisen – He believes he has been clear and supports the full release report.

Supervisor O'Connor – He agrees the entire report should be released without redaction and the attorney client privilege should be waived.

Supervisor Zlotnick – He agrees the report should be released. He is a little confused as to whether this is for today or next Tuesday.

Supervisor Kusnierz said he is asking whether it should be released immediately.

Supervisor Zlotnick – Immediately, he says no.

Supervisor Peck – He would wait the five days and release it at the Board meeting. He would allow the outside Goldberg Segalla to evaluate any issue as well. In general, it should go to the public, it will. He doesn't have issue with the five day retrieval since it has been going on since March 15<sup>th</sup>. He thinks in general people understand and are focused on school and reopening that; and, public health. This is an issue, we knew there were mistakes made. We are going to correct them and move on. He's not sure of the angst here today but he would vote no on the release today. He would do it at a normally scheduled Board meeting or at a notified one if there could be one tomorrow. But, more importantly, he would want advice from County's outside council regarding any opportunity for exposure he would like to take all the steps first, fill obligations and then do that.

Supervisor Winney – She votes no. She votes to wait until next week. As it's been said, there needs to be more information, more data and she's surprised she hasn't seen it in the Times Union yet. Other reports and information from the County have been in there. Of course no one gave it to them. She knows this has to come out but she thinks there needs to be more data.

Supervisor Wood – He supports the full release of the document and complete openness here. If given a preference he would prefer that it be released in five days. Today or five days from now isn't going to make a difference. The report is the report. We aren't hiding anything. Some mistakes were made. We need to fix some things. Let's get to the task of righting some wrongs.

Supervisor Gaston – On behalf of her constituents who have been requesting accountability from the County since March 15<sup>th</sup> she thinks the full report with all legal conclusions should be released, waiving attorney client privilege to those items. She also disagrees that the Board does not have the legal authority to vote on this at this time and she would second a request that the Board get a legal opinion on that. She thinks that is germane to the business that we do as a County government.

Supervisor Veitch – He would vote to release the report un-redacted and waive the attorney client privilege. He agrees with his colleagues that he thinks the Board has a right to vote on pretty much anything they want. They are there as a quorum and we have that right.

Supervisor Kinowski – He would vote no because he thinks the Board would be making another mistake. He thinks this Board has worked for decades and the many month and years he has been on this Board how things move forward in unison. For the most part we do it. His concern would be for the constituents and the County’s employees. How they are treated, how they are not treated, quite frankly, he has many questions. He jokingly sent a text to Chairman Allen said there should be a special meeting starting in the morning and last all day serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. He thinks that’s how long it would take. He thinks the Board should wait the four or five days to give the staff time to review the report for additional labor issues and concerns.

Supervisor Lawler – He does vote to release the report. He thinks putting it off until Tuesday creates greater argument and division among this Board. We have more than enough of that right now. Whether it is released today, or Tuesday it’s not going to change the content of the report. It’ not going to change the outcome of the report. He doesn’t know if the Board has the authority to take a vote today. He would defer any answer on that question until the County Attorney, whose integrity he respects, he doesn’t believe the County Attorney gives incorrect or false legal advice as you have said that he does, Supervisor Kusnierz, to try to protect the administration. He applauds the County Attorney for not taking personal exception to that. He thinks it is important to say that the County Attorney does have integrity and gives the Board advice that he feels is appropriate and legal. He wants to assure our Clerk, Pam Wright, that despite Supervisor Kusnierz’s outstanding roll call ability that he is displaying here today, as far as he is concerned her job here is secure. He wanted to make that clear.

Supervisor Kusnierz said to his colleague’s comment, most recent comment regarding integrity and action by the County Attorney, he’d like the public to take a look at the report and make up their own mind.

Supervisor Lant – he said he agrees with Supervisor Kusnierz’s motion and votes yes, release. It.

Supervisor Kusnierz said he knows there are Supervisors on the phone but he’s not sure who they are.

Supervisor Lucia and Supervisor Raymond are on the phone.

Supervisor Raymond – she said she absolutely agrees the report should be released, as it should come from the Board not from someone who hands it off five minutes after the meeting ends. She tends to think it shouldn’t be done today but she also thinks if we wanted to do it today we could stay another hour and just amend the Rules of the Board in whatever way is necessary. She thinks the County Attorney is correct in his opinion but the Board has more weighted vote then the County Attorney and we could amend the rules and make it ok so it kind of doesn’t matter. It’s going to be released and it should come from the Board and not slipped under someone’s door in the next 24 hours at the Times Union or the Saratogian. It is what it is. The taxpayers paid for this report. We represent the taxpayers. They are entitled to see it. They are going to see it no matter what. She has no problem with them seeing it. The only thing she would say beyond this is that obviously the report pointed out some flaw in our process and she thinks its important going forward that we look at how the process works so that we are more involved and the communication is better. And, having said that, she doesn’t fault the staff, because the Board has been perfectly content for as long as she has been here to let them do the work and not particularly get involved. She thinks it’s time for the Board to be move involved in what’s going on and much more aware of what’s going on.

Supervisor Lucia – He said he thinks the Board should wait until Tuesday. He said the audio was breaking up for a while so he wasn’t sure if the motion was on the floor or off but he would have been a no to the motion. He agrees it’s probably going to make the paper before the meeting is over.

Supervisor Pemrick – He agrees with Mr. Peck said. He thinks it should wait until next Tuesday and give us the opportunity to refer to legal counsel and get document regarding salaries and monies owed so we can be more clear on the actual mistakes regarding salaries in that motion.

Supervisor Kusnierz said what he has heard here today and the conclusion he will draw is that the majority of this Board is supportive of releasing this document immediately, to the public, un-redacted and he heard it mentioned a couple of times about the concern of the press receiving a copy. He thinks there is a disconnect there. We work for the public. This is not for the press. This is for the public that we represent in our roles here as Supervisors so he doesn't care about the press. This is for the residents of Saratoga County. Thank you.

Mr. Zlotnick said he understood they have a responsibility to our constituents and he's not really concerned about the newspapers, but when he got the envelope last week, the word across the top of it was confidential.

Mr. Pemrick said that was correct.

Mr. O'Connor said he has one question if he didn't mind. He thinks it is clear a vast majority of the Board would like to release it today un-redacted. Can this come from the County instead of Supervisors? He thinks that would be better.

**Mr. Kusnierz said if he may. He would be willing to make a motion that we release the attorney client privilege of the document at this meeting today. Mr. O'Connor seconded.**

Mr. Pemrick said that was just done informally.

Ms. Gaston said we can't informally waive attorney client privilege.

Mr. Kusnierz said he just heard the County Attorney before he began, looking for clarification what his motion actually was and wanted to know if it was a resolution or just looking to release attorney client privilege. He thinks the County Attorney said the Board can do. He asked if he was accurate with that.

Mr. Dorsey said yes, if there is a second to the motion to amend then there can be a roll call vote.

Mr. Kusnierz said there was a second.

Mr. Pemrick asked what Mr. Kusnierz's motion was. Mr. Dorsey said there is an amended motion before the Board now.

Mr. Kusnierz said he amends his motion to specifically state that the report, if he needs to repeat his motion for a third time he would be happy to do so. If you are ok with it as is, he will not. But to lift the Attorney Client nature of the report.

Mr. Pemrick asked for discussion.

Mr. Kinowski asked who would be releasing the report.

Mr. Kusnierz said he was not an attorney but there were plenty in the room and we have one up here representing the County. However, the attorney client privilege nature exists between the attorney and the client, us the Board of Supervisors. So when we as Supervisors allow his to be lifted, it is available with no ramifications to anybody who wants to see it.

Mr. Kinowski said he gets that; but, Supervisor O'Connor suggested that the staff release it. He asked Mr. O'Connor if that is what he indicated.

Mr. O'Connor said he thinks it is better coming from them.

Mr. Kinowski said he wholeheartedly agrees with Mr. O'Connor and that's why he asked. County Administration would be releasing.

Mr. O'Connor said yes, that's how he interpreted the motion. Release the report manually and therefore waiving the attorney client privilege.

**On a motion by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Ms. Gaston, as amended by Mr. Kusnierz and seconded by Mr. O'Connor making the confidential report of the investigation regarding increased compensation for physically present workers and action by COVID-19 Oversight Group that has been prepared by E. Stewart Jones, Hacker and Murphy; release the attorney client privilege of the document; and, release this document to the public today was approved by the following vote:**

**AYES: Philip C. Barrett, Jonathon Schopf, Preston Allen, Jean Raymond, Michael Smith, Arthur M. Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Darren O'Connor, Willard H. Peck, Theodore Kusnierz, Thomas N. Wood, III, Tara Gaston, Matthew E. Veitch, John Lawler, John Lant.**

**NOES: Richard Lucia, Daniel Pemrick, Benny Zlotnick, Sandra Winney, Edward D. Kinowski.**

**ABSENT: Eric Connolly, Alan Grattidge, Thomas Richardson.**

Mr. Barrett said at the last meeting he and some others had some issues on the fictional internal report that was done. He wanted some changes to that and asked where that stood/where does that process go.

Mr. Lawler said they aren't making any changes.

Mr. Barrett said so there are no process of making any changes with that.

Mr. Lawler said Mr. Barrett had expressed his disagreement. You are free to write your own report.

(Supervisors speaking at the same time.)

Mr. Barrett said maybe he would ask for/conduct a second opinion.

Mr. Lawler said if you want to conduct a second opinion that your choice. We did an investigation. We wrote a report. We issued the report. If you feel that the report somehow doesn't do what should be done. Feel free to write your own report.

Mr. Barrett said, for the record, to even mention the internal report in the same breathe, as the external investigation that was done is ridiculous. So he wanted to say for the record, that was pointed out today at some point. He thinks he was recently called after they questioned some of the things in the internal report, some were called paranoid by Supervisor Lawler. Is that correct?

Mr. Lawler said and rightfully so.

Mr. Barrett said paranoid, conspiracy. It seems as though what was labeled as paranoia was actually well placed concern. And he thinks that has been demonstrated with the external investigation. So you can call him whatever he wants, he doesn't care but,

Mr. Lawler said he hadn't called him anything.

Mr. Barrett said he had called him paranoid.

Mr. Pemrick said alright gentlemen, let's get to the business.

Mr. Barrett said he is in good company so if there is no process to consider any changes to that internal report then especially after reading the external investigation the only place for the internal report is in the garbage or the fictional section of the library but those are the only places that should be.

Mr. Pemrick called for a motion to adjourn.

Supervisor Lawler, said No, no Mr. Chairman, he's sorry. That's not going to work. There will not be a motion to adjourn right now. He thinks he is entitled to respond that absurd diatribe from Mr. Barrett. He said he hadn't interrupted Mr. Barrett and he expected the same courtesy. That report represented many months of hard work. We took the word of three highly respected, at least by most of the supervisors, as to what happened. We took the word of Chairman Allen. We took the word of Vice Chairman Pemrick. We took the word of Supervisor Wood as to what happened during that time. He personally respects those three people and he believes them. The external report, other than the labor law issue, and we took no effort to review labor law nor were they qualified to do so, they agreed minutes should be kept. We agreed that the exempt employees and the management confidential employees that their pay was taken back. 90% of what the external report wrote, we agreed with and was in the internal report. The external report does not say the internal report was wrong. It does not say that.

Mr. Barrett asked how Mr. Lawler knows the attorneys looked at it.

Mr. Lawler said he knows they looked at it.

Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Lawler how he knew that and asked if he was working on both investigations.

Mr. Lawler said he had sent a copy of the report as a matter of courtesy.

Mr. Barrett said he doesn't know what the attorney's scope was because even though they asked many times, that wasn't given. Was it in his scope to review the internal investigation?

Mr. Lawler said he asked for it.

(Both supervisors were speaking at the same time.)

Mr. Lawler said again you are not letting me finish my remarks but I'll try to answer your questions. He asked for a copy of the report. In order to be cooperative with the external investigation he sent him a copy of the report. If he had not sent him a copy of the report, you would be sitting here saying that I had refused to give the external investigators copies of documents they wanted. And that's the problem. No matter what happens here people find fault with it. And it's believed that that fault is driven by some plot that there are some that are against others. That the administration is secretly conspiring with people. And that's nonsense. And that is paranoia. You're free to conduct your own internal investigation. God knows you have enough people to help you. Feel free to do it.

(Supervisors speaking at the same time.)

Ms. Gaston said Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Pemrick said we are not making any progress here. Nothing good is being accomplished and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Pemrick acknowledged Mr. Smith for making the motion. Mr. Kinowski seconded.

Ms. Gaston was speaking at the same time stating point of privilege. She had requested to speak several times. She asked for it to be on the record that the Chairman is refusing to recognize a legally elected supervisor.

Mr. Pemrick said all in favor of adjourning.

(Many Supervisors speaking at the same time.)

Mr. Pemrick said he didn't know if anyone could call for a voice vote and announced the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright  
Clerk of the Board

## PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract with Rejha Group LLC to provide transportation services for preschool children with special needs.

Authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreement(s) with Greater Adirondack Home Aides Queensbury NY and NEC Care, Inc. Gansevoort NY for In-Home Respite Care at an hourly rate of \$24.00 beginning September 1, 2020 through December 3, 2020.

Authorizing the Chairman to accept funds from the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) COVID—19 program funded under the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations and amending the budget in relation thereto.

Authorizing a contract renewal with Northeast Dining and Lodging d/b/a Golden Corral to provide meals for the Home Delivered Meal Program and the Congregate Meal Program at a cost of \$7.88 per meal for the term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

Authorizing an agreement with Health Research, Inc. to accept a New York State Department of Health Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant.

### HUMAN RESOURCES & INSURANCE

Authorizing a temporary increase in the rate of pay for Cathleen Medick, Director of Patient Services, to \$60.5427/ hour until such time a Public Health Commissioner is hired.

Authorizing an amendment to the 2020 Compensation Schedule to reclassify (1) Records Management Clerk to (1) Civil Clerk in the Sheriff's Department.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Authorizing the acceptance of an Emergency Management Performance Grant from FEMA on behalf of the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$48,009.

### REAL PROPERTY TAX

Temporary amendment to Resolution 166 of 1996 Establishing Auction and Conveyance Policies for County Lands.

### VETERANS

Resolution supporting the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act.

### RACING & GAMING

Resolution supporting the Saratoga Casino re-opening plan and urging the Governor to allow the Casino to reopen.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Authorizing the chair to enter into the necessary agreements to apply for, accept and administer a New York State snowmobile grant-in-aid program grant.

Amending the Zim Smith Trail Capital Account to indicate proper grant funding awarded from NYS Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Setting a Public Hearing for Agricultural District #1 8 year review per Ag. and Markets Law 25-AA section 303a.

#### CHAIRMAN'S ITEM

Appointing a commissioner of the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District.

#### LAW & FINANCE

Authorize the acceptance of a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in amount of \$1,100 and amend the budget in relation thereto.

Setting a public hearing on September 9, 2020 at 4:25 pm for the purpose of considering the proposed increase in the maximum estimated cost of the Regional Biosolids Digester Facility to be constructed by Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 in cooperation with the Albany County Water Purification District.