

**REGULAR SESSION  
FIRST DAY**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007**

The Chairman called the Board to order, the roll was called and the following Representatives were found to be present:

Relic, Powers, Feldstein, Henderson, Fournier, Durkin, Iversen, Lindberg, McCarty, Schwerd, Stayton, Rothenberger, Laguna, Hodne.

Under Privilege of the Floor, Diane Elliott, the Executive Director of the Foothills Performing Arts Center, said that 9,960 people came through the door at the Foothills Performing Arts Center in 2006. This was a great accomplishment. Mrs. Elliott thanked the County Board for providing seed money to make this possible. She also gave an update of the shows and events planned for 2007.

Representative Durkin introduced the students from Milford's Participation in Government class.

Ariana Dudek, foster child, said that she is being punished by DSS by their not allowing her to get her learner's permit so she can learn to drive. She asked how she can learn to be independent if she cannot drive. Ms. Dudek said that there are conflicts within the foster care system.

Joanne Scanlon, Ariana Dudek's foster mother, said that not allowing foster children to learn how to drive is a serious issue. It would be better to teach them how to drive while they are still under supervision, then to make them wait until they are 21 years of age.

Ben Dixon, Vice Chairman of the County Planning Board, stated that there has been a vacancy on the County Planning Board since January. He explained the process for filling vacancies on the County Planning Board. On March 1st the County Planning Board voted to recommend Jeff House for appointment. However, on March 5th the Chairman of the County Board appointed Philip Durkin to the vacant slot. During the process Philip Durkin had been in contact with the Chairman of the County Board about the appointment. Mr. Dixon said that he believes that the Chairman of the County Board was not given all of the facts before his decision for appointment was made.

Dan Stannard, Worcester, stated that the county does not need the position of Budget Officer or an outside Budget Advisor. He said that the Treasurer and the County Board just need to do the job they are getting paid to do. Mr. Stannard also said that by voting to require permits for replacing windows and doors, the County Representatives are taking people's rights away. He expects elected officials to make it easier for the people and not harder. Finally, Mr. Stannard said that the county's solid waste program is turning the back roads into a dump. People cannot afford to pay to get rid of their garbage and are dumping it along the roads. He would like to see a disposal fee included on items, such as televisions and refrigerators, when they are purchased so that people can get rid of them for free.

The following communications were read and ordered filed:

Donald L. Lindberg, Chairman of the Board – Letter appointing Philip Durkin to the Otsego County Planning Board.

The reports of the Standing Committees were given and ordered filed.

Representative Relic moved to dispense with the reading of all the resolutions. Seconded, Iversen. Total: 6,167: Ayes: 6,167. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 108-2007**

#### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC FOR FULL SERVICE DIGITIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**HODNE, POWERS, SCHWERD, DURKIN**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Elections requires poll book printing services and support and maintenance services related to signature digitization and full document imaging; and

WHEREAS, NTS Data Services, LLC has expressed a willingness to provide such services to the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the County, in evaluating prospective suppliers of systems and services, has selected NTS Data Services, LLC as best suited for its requirements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC, 1342 Military Road, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, to provide poll book printing services, software maintenance and support related to signature digitization and full document imaging for the County Board of Elections, for a period of three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009, at a total cost of \$38,534.70, at a yearly rate of \$12,844.90; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract shall contain such other terms and provisions as are in the best interest of the County of Otsego; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for the above expense are included in the Board of Elections Budget (1450) at line 4800 Other.

Seconded, Feldstein. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 109-2007**

#### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES AND MATERIALS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

**MCCARTY, HENDERSON, HODNE**

RESOLVED, that this Board of Representatives hereby authorizes extension agreements with the following contractors, extending the 2005 agreements for another one (1) year period under the same terms and conditions for the following services and materials for County Highway Department:

1. Centerline & Edgeline Painting on County Highways  
M&S Striping, Inc.  
73 Industrial Park Blvd.  
Elmira, New York 14901-1723
2. Shortcrete & Concrete Bridge Deck Sealing  
Town & County Bridge & Rail  
P.O. Box 16395  
Albany, New York 12212
3. Cold In-Place Recycling Asphalt Base Stabilization  
Bell & Flynn, Inc.  
69 Bunker Hill Avenue  
Stratham, New Hampshire 03885

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board is hereby authorized to execute extension agreements with the above contractors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for these expenditures are included in the 2007 Highway Department Budget under D5110.4500, D5112.2020, D5112.2040, D5112.2041, D5112.2074, D5112.2109, D5112.2115, D5112.2092, D5112.2093, D5112.2096, D5112.2107, D5112.2108, D5112.2104, and D5112.4800.

Seconded, Laguna. Roll call. Total: 6,167: Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 110-2007**

#### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

#### **FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

WHEREAS, Otsego County contracts with Hartford Life Insurance Company to administer a Deferred Compensation Plan for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such plan is to provide employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis, and thereby provide for their retirement; and

WHEREAS, these contracts are due to expire on February 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Section 9003.5(b) of the Rules & Regulations of the New York State Deferred Compensation Board allows for an additional one-year extension from the expiration date of the contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to extend contracts with Hartford Life Insurance Company for a period of one year from the expiration date of February 28, 2007 for reasons which include but are not limited to, the preservation of the stability of the Plan's administration, to have additional time to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, and to prepare for the solicitation and evaluation of competitive proposals in accordance with Section 9003.3 of the Rules & Regulations of the New York State Deferred Compensation Board;

NOW, upon recommendation of the Administration Committee of this body, also acting as the County's Deferred Compensation Committee, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Representatives hereby authorizes the extension, for a one-year period from expiration date, the Deferred Compensation Plan Administration contracts with Hartford Life Insurance Company in conjunction with Investors Bank & Trust Company, as trustee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts(s) that may be necessary for this extension to take place.

Seconded, Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 111-2007**

#### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DELAWARE AND OTSEGO COUNTIES FOR ONE CASE MANAGER TO SERVICE THE ADULT DRUG COURT**

#### **ROTHENBERGER, LAGUNA, MCCARTY**

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded Flexible Funding for Family Services funds (FFFS); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to support the County Adult Drug Court by providing funding for one case manager to work with Drug Court participants to avoid an interruption of services; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Otsego and Delaware Counties can provide the case management services needed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to contract with Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties for the services of one case manager for the Adult Drug Court for the period February 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and that the cost of the agreement will not exceed \$60,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract shall contain such other terms and conditions as are

in the best interest of the County of Otsego; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this contract are included in the 2007 Social Services Budget and consists of 100% Federal funds.

Seconded, Henderson and Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 112-2007**

**RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**FOURNIER, FELDSTEIN, STAYTON, POWERS**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board of Representatives be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all agreements through the New York State Office of Homeland Security that may be necessary to receive 2006 Federal Homeland Security Grant Funds of \$27,800, to be administered through the Otsego County Office of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement(s) shall contain such terms and conditions as are in the best interest of the County of Otsego.

Seconded, Relic and Laguna. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 113-2007**

**RESOLUTION – CREATING POSITION AT OTSEGO MANOR (FULL-TIME ACTIVITIES AIDE)**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

RESOLVED, that the following position be and hereby is created at Otsego Manor, effective April 8, 2007:

One (1) full-time position of Activities Aide,  
Grade 03E, \$10.0896 - \$11.7781 per hour (\$0.3377)

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this position is included in the 2007 Infirmary - Enterprise Budget (6020) at line 1000 Personal Service with 40% state and 50% federal reimbursement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the County Treasurer and to the Personnel Officer.

Seconded, Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 114-2007**

**RESOLUTION - ABOLISHING POSITIONS AT OTSEGO MANOR  
(PART-TIME ACTIVITIES AIDES)**

**LAGUNA, ROTHENBERGER, FOURNIER**

RESOLVED, that the following positions at Otsego Manor are abolished, effective April 8, 2007:

Two (2) part-time positions of  
Activities Aide, Grade 0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Otsego County Personnel Officer and to the County Treasurer.

Seconded, Stayton and Durkin. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

Representative Feldstein moved to withdraw **Resolution No. 115-2007 – Creating Position in County Treasurer’s Department (Employee Benefits Administrator)** and **Resolution No. 116-2007 – Abolishing Position in County Treasurer’s Department (Account Clerk Typist)**. The resolutions were withdrawn.

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-2007**

**RESOLUTION – TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS (2006 AND 2007)**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

WHEREAS, it appears that it will require funds to complete the years 2006 and 2007 in certain items of the Otsego County Budget; and

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances in other items of the 2006 and 2007 budgets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfers be and the same are hereby authorized, and the 2006 and 2007 budgets are hereby amended accordingly, pursuant to Section 363 of the County Law:

**2006 TRANSFERS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNICATIONS**

Transfer from Public Safety A3020.4100 Telephone \$1,000.00, from Public Safety

A3020.4810 Radio Maintenance and Lease \$1,662.14, and from Public Safety A3020.4800 Other \$4,500.00 to Public Safety A3020.1000 Personal Service \$7,162.14.

SHERIFF

Increase Est. Rev. A3330 Court Security Reimbursement \$173.75.  
Increase Approp. Exp. Sheriff A3110.4500 Materials and Supplies \$173.75.

MENTAL HEALTH

Transfer from Mental Health A4310.4500 Materials and Supplies \$15.26 to Mental Health A4310.4400 Postage \$15.26.

**2007 TRANSFERS**

SHERIFF

Increase Est. Rev. A3390 Operations Safe Child Grant \$15,000.00.  
Increase Approp. Exp. Sheriff A3110.4815 Operations Safe Child Grant \$15,000.00

JAIL

Transfer from Debt Service A9785.6700 Installment Purchase/Principal \$10,485.00 to Jail A3150.4500 Materials and Supplies \$10,485.00.

LEAD

Increase Est. Rev. A4408 Lead Poison Prevention \$350.00.  
Increase Approp. Exp. Lead A4054.4800 Other \$350.00.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Increase Est. Rev. Federal Aid A4610 Social Services Administration \$45,314.00.  
Increase Approp. Exp. Social Services A6010.4900 Contracts \$45,314.00.

Increase Est. Rev. State Aid A3610 Social Services Administration \$12,574.00.  
Increase Approp. Exp. Social Services A6010.2000 Equipment \$12,574.00.

Seconded, Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 118-2007**

**RESOLUTION - ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF BUDGET  
WORKSHOPS BY THE COUNTY BOARD**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the adoption of the 2007 County Budget, the Board of Representatives has committed to an analysis of its budget process with a view toward improving communications among all involved in the process, the integrity of the process, and the completion, presentation and adoption of the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Representatives agrees that one way to improve the process is to require the participation of the full Board in following the presentation of a preliminary budget by the Administration Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Representatives, beginning with the 2008 budget cycle, hereby establishes the requirement that a minimum of four (4) budget workshops for the full Board of Representatives be conducted following the presentation of a preliminary budget by the Administration Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives reserves the right to hereafter amend the budget process by further resolution in order to improve communications among all involved in the process, the integrity of the process, and the completion, presentation, and adoption of the annual budget.

Seconded, Fournier. Representative Relic moved to add the following RESOLVED paragraph:

RESOLVED, that the Rules of Order of the Otsego County Board of Representatives, as amended in 2003, be and hereby is amended again to include the following new Rule and to renumber Rules 49 through 51 to read as Rules 50 through 52:

#### **RULE 49. COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS**

Following the presentation of a preliminary budget by the Administration Committee, a minimum of four (4) budget workshops for the full Board of Representatives shall be conducted. The Board of Representatives reserves the right to hereafter amend the budget process by further resolution in order to improve communications among all involved in the process, the integrity of the process, and the completion, presentation, and adoption of the annual budget

Seconded, Fournier. Total: 6,167. Ayes: 6,167. Motion carried. Roll call on amended resolution. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted as amended.

Representative Fournier moved to suspend the Rules and act upon late Resolution Nos. 119 -126. Seconded, Relic. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 119-2007**

#### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO CONTRACT FOR INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR-OF-RECORD FOR OTSEGO MANOR**

#### **LAGUNA, ROTHENBERGER, FOURNIER**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to contract with Kurt Apthorpe, 240 Archie Elliot Road, Delhi, New York 13753, to serve as Interim Administrator-of-Record for Otsego Manor, effective March 5, 2007, for at least 15 hours per week, at the rate of \$100.00 per hour (all inclusive); and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract shall contain such other terms and provisions as are in the best interest of the County of Otsego; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this contract is included in the 2007 Infirmity – Enterprise Budget (6020) at line 4900 Contracts.

Seconded, Henderson. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 120-2007**

### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY**

#### **FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

WHEREAS, an offer has been made by Daniel R. Utter and Brenda S. Utter, 386 Nelson Road, South New Berlin, NY 13843, to purchase property in the Town of Butternuts, for the sum of \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the above property has been foreclosed by judgment of court through an In Rem proceeding to recover the delinquent taxes due, and has been sold at tax sale; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Representatives believes that said offer and amount is reasonable and represents the market value of the parcel of land and the highest price obtainable; and

WHEREAS, none of the real property is dedicated to any public use or purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board of Representatives be and hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver a good and sufficient quit claim deed of conveyance as follows:

To Daniel R. Utter and Brenda S. Utter, 386 Nelson Road, South New Berlin, New York 13843, for the sum of \$10.00, conveying property situate in the Town of Butternuts, formerly assessed to David Montgomery, described as vacant land, 1.62 acres, Nelson Road, Tax Map No. 251.00-1-60.03, as described in a County Treasurer's Deed dated February 14, 1990 and recorded in the Otsego County Clerk's Office on May 13, 2003 in Liber 1004 of Deeds at Page 182.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that said deed shall bear the seal of the County, attested over by the seal of the County Clerk, who is hereby authorized and directed to attach a certified copy of this resolution, attested by the seal of the Board of Representatives, to said deed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parcel of real property to be conveyed be bounded and described as to adjacent owners thereto as the same are set forth in the County Treasurer's Deed to the County of Otsego or a full and complete description of such parcels may be ascertained and such description given in the deed as shown by the records in the

Otsego County Clerk's Office to which deed and record reference is hereby made and made a part of this resolution.

Seconded, Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 5,790; Abstained : 377 - McCarty.  
Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-2007**

**RESOLUTION - CREATING POSITION IN PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMUNICATIONS (DISPATCHER)**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

RESOLVED, that the following position in Public Safety Communications be and hereby is created, effective immediately:

Dispatcher, Grade 10\*,  
\$25,927 - \$30,272 (\$863),  
shift differential \$590.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this position is included in the 2007 Public Safety Communications Budget (3020) at line 1000 Personal Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Otsego County Personnel Officer and to the County Treasurer.

Seconded, Durkin. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 5,668; Noes: 499 - Henderson.  
Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 122-2007**

**RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO  
EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE  
FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS FOR THE  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**FOURNIER, FELDSTEIN, STAYTON, POWERS**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board of Representatives be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all agreements through the New York State Office of Homeland Security that may be necessary to receive 2006 Federal Homeland Security Grant Funds of \$24,800, to be administered through the Otsego County Sheriff's Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement(s) shall contain such terms and conditions as are in the best interest of the County of Otsego.

Seconded, McCarty. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 123-2007**

**RESOLUTION – APPROVING HOME RULE REQUEST AUTHORIZING  
COUNTY OF OTSEGO TO CORRECT THE 2007 TAX ROLL AND  
ISSUE A TAX REFUND**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Representatives must approve a Home Rule Request requesting the State Legislature to authorize the County of Otsego to correct the 2007 Otsego County tax rolls and grant a real property tax refund or credit for 2007 (S.3715-A.6193), in form as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will provide financial relief to the local real property owners for their 2007 real property taxes and provide budget reporting requirements to ensure future sound fiscal decisions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Representatives does hereby approve a Home Rule Request to the State Legislature to authorize the County of Otsego to correct the 2007 Otsego County tax roll and grant a real property tax refund; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of this Board is hereby authorized to execute all documents that are necessary to effectuate this Home Rule Request; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this refund are included in the 2007 County Budget.

Seconded, Laguna. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 5,387; Noes: 780 – Powers, Stayton. Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 124-2007**

**RESOLUTION – APPROVING PURCHASE OF MOTOR  
VEHICLES BY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ROTHENBERGER, LAGUNA, MCCARTY**

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services be and is hereby authorized to purchase the following motor vehicles under state contract:

ITEMS: Three (3) 2007 Ford Focus 4-door Sedans  
@ \$10,837 plus \$1,240 shipping each

TOTAL COST: \$36,231.00

VENDOR: Warnock Automotive, Inc.  
d/b/a Warnock Fleet

175 Route 10  
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

State Contract #PC62762

and be it further

RESOLVED that the funding for this expenditure is included in the 2007 Department of Social Services Budget (6010) at line 2000 Equipment with an approximate local cost of \$5,000.00.

Seconded, Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 125-2007**

#### **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO CONTRACT WITH R.L. NELSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PURCHASING ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE AND IMPLEMENTATION/TRAINING**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to contract with R.L. Nelson and Associates, Inc., 5875 Washington Avenue, Export, Pennsylvania 15632, for Microsoft Dynamics Purchasing Accounting Software, implementation and training for the County Treasurer's Office, at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00; this authorization being considered as Phase Three of the purchase authorized from the same vendor by Resolution No. 218-2006 for Microsoft Dynamics General Ledger Accounting Software, implementation and training for the County Treasurer's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Otsego County Purchasing Policy and Procedures, Section 14(2), Exceptions to Bidding - Professional Services and Consultants, public bidding is not required due to the fact that this purchase of software, implementation and training is professional in nature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the said Purchasing Policy and Procedures, Section 14(5), Exceptions to Bidding - Sole Source, public bidding is not required when there is only one possible source from which to procure goods and/or services, thus indicating there is no possibility of competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, said contract shall contain such other terms and conditions as are in the best interests of the County of Otsego; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this contract are included in the 2007 General Government Support Budget (1989) at line 2000 Equipment.

Seconded, Laguna. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 126-2007**

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ERNST & YOUNG  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONSIDERING PRESENT AND  
ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL BENEFITS PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY**

**FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC**

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Representatives is authorized to execute a contract with Ernst and Young, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, to provide consultant services regarding existing and alternative medical benefits programs for the County, at a cost not to exceed \$38,625; the contract to provide for services to be rendered January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 and at the billed rates of:

Senior Consultant/Actuary	\$440 - \$520 per hour
Benefit Consultant	\$335 - \$370 per hour
Staff Technician	\$170 - \$215 per hour

the contract to contain such other terms and conditions as deemed in the best interests of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this contract are included in the 2007 General Government Support Budget (1989) at line 4800 Health Insurance Study.

Seconded, Durkin. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

Representative Hodne stated that Tom Salo from the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society has requested a resolution or letter of support from the County Board for a grant application entitled: Mitigating the Effects of Development of Wind Power on Golden Eagles in New York State. Following discussion, Representative Hodne moved to send a letter of support from the County Board. Seconded, Schwerd. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Motion carried.

Chairman Lindberg said that the County Attorney needs to address certain issues with the County Board. Representative Powers moved that the following items be discussed in open session: the Toddsville Bridge, Violence in the Workplace Policy and state legislation to authorize the county to issue tax refunds. Seconded, Laguna. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 4,997; Noes: 1,170 – Feldstein, Stayton, Rothenberger. Motion carried.

Rodney Klafehn, County Attorney, reported that Chairman Lindberg has signed the letter requesting grant funds for the engineering study of the Toddsville Bridge. The Toddsville Bridge Group now has an obligation to go back to the towns to get them to take back ownership of the bridge. Representative McCarty stated that since the county is the present owner of the bridge, the Toddsville Group has requested the county sign other grant applications for funds to rehab the bridge. He asked how the members felt about this. Chairman Lindberg said that he thinks the towns need to adopt a resolution saying they will take the bridge back. Following discussion, it was the general consensus of the County Board that the towns should take the bridge back and be the ones to apply for the grant funding.

Rodney Klafehn said that the state has passed legislation requiring the county to enact a Violence in the Workplace Policy. He has just received a model policy and procedures to review. This new policy will be a part of the risk assessment and management program being established in conjunction with Trident Insurance Company.

Rodney Klafehn stated that both the Assembly and Senate have agreed on the wording for a bill authorizing the county to issue county tax refunds for 2007. It appears that the proposed legislation will be adopted and signed this spring. The refunds will be handled through the Treasurer's Office. Representative McCarty said that he would like the Administration Committee to look into the possibility of the representatives' quarterly paychecks being reduced by \$275 each to offset the cost of mailing out the refunds. The committee will need to review the legality of the matter and the procedure to do it. Chairman Lindberg directed the Administration Committee to follow up on this request.

Representative Powers asked if anything was going to be done about allowing foster children to learn to drive. Representative Rothenberger said that the matter will be discussed at this month's Human Services Committee meeting.

Representative Feldstein moved for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded, Iversen and Laguna. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Motion carried.

All the general business of the Board having been transacted, the Chairman declared the meeting recessed until Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.