

**REGULAR SESSION
FIRST DAY**

Wednesday, May 2, 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.

The minutes of January 3, 10 and 17, February 7 and 21 and March 7, 2007 were approved and are on file with the Clerk of the Board

The following communications were read and ordered filed:

Donald L. Lindberg, Chairman of the Board - Letter appointing Ronald Feldstein, Gregory Relic, Philip Durkin, Roy Althiser, Brian Pokorny, Carolyn Lewis, Psalm Wyckoff, Laura Child, Robert Robinson and Lorre Gregory to serve on the Otsego County Communications Steering Committee.

The following reports are on file with the Clerk of the Board:

County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency - Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2006

New York State Comptroller's Office - Report of examination of the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Program for loans that were in place as of November 2, 2006

Under Special Presentations, Russ Oechsle from the NYS Office of Court Administration said he has had a number of meetings with the Public Works Committee regarding space needed for the court system in Otsego County. Presently, the Supreme Court Chambers at 242 Main Street in Oneonta is used by the Court Magistrate, the Court Reporter and for various hearings. In Cooperstown court space in the Courthouse and the County Office Building are full, and there is no room to expand. He said that he has presented a proposal to the Public Works Committee to renovate the County Annex Building for the Supreme Court Chamber space, Family Court Offices, record storage and future court expansion needs. If the county is amenable to this idea, then the county would need to hire an architect to design the new space and prepare building plans. The cost for this service would be covered through the 10% court administrative reimbursement that the county receives. The majority of the interior renovations would be covered 100% through the annual court reimbursement.

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

Chairman Lindberg declared a short recess.

The Board reconvened.

Representative Fournier moved to dispense with the reading of all the resolutions.

Seconded, Rothenberger. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2007

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING LOAN FROM OTSEGO COUNTY JOB DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM (IT'S ALL GOOD/CINDY MURPHY)

FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC

WHEREAS, Otsego County received a 1992 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist the Richfield Springs Economic Development Project; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Job Development Revolving Loan Program has been established per the Grant Agreement from the repayments of a loan authorized by the Block Grant, said program to perform the purpose of assisting businesses to undertake projects that will retain or create jobs and/or expand the county's tax base in conformance to HUD requirements and Program Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, an application has been made by the It's All Good/Cindy Murphy to receive a \$45,000 loan from this program; and

WHEREAS, a review and evaluation of said application by the Otsego County Department of Economic Development and the Administration Committee has determined that the project and proposal meet the guidelines and loan review criteria of the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to enter into a Loan and Development Agreement and other appropriate legal documents which will effectuate a \$45,000 loan to It's All Good/Cindy Murphy for a term of ten (10) years at an annual interest rate of four percent (4%); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this loan shall be included in the 2007 Community Development Budget, Account CG8695.4900; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the loan shall be subject to the terms and conditions described in the application proposal and as discussed in the Administration Committee and that legal documents shall be prepared by the County Attorney to contain these terms and provisions and others as are in the best interest of the County of Otsego.

Seconded, Fournier. Roll call. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 5,777; Abstained: 390 - Iversen. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2007

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE RENEWAL CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF OTSEGO COUNTY UTILIZING EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

FUNDING

HENDERSON, IVERSEN, STAYTON

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide non-medical, in-home supportive services for elderly residents of Otsego County who are not eligible to receive similar services under Title XVIII, Title XIX or Title XX of the federal Social Security Act or similar governmental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York, through its Office for the Aging, has approved the County Home Care Plan of the Otsego County Office for the Aging and has awarded funding for such non-medical, in-home supportive services through the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (hereinafter referred to as EISEP) as authorized by Section 541 of New York State Executive Law; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Care Systems, Inc., Robynwood Home For Adults and Visiting Nurses Home Care Corp. are approved home providers for Title XIX home care services in Otsego County under the federal Social Security Act, and are willing to continue to provide EISEP services, and At Home Care, Inc. is in the process of obtaining such approval; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute renewal agreements with U. S. Care Systems, Inc., Robynwood Home For Adults, Visiting Nurses Home Care Corp. and At Home Care, Inc. to continue to provide non-medical, in-home supportive services for elderly residents of Otsego County, (Level I and Level II care), utilizing EISEP funding as authorized by Section 541 of New York State Executive Law for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, with a total amount shared between all providers on a performance basis not to exceed \$210,000 at no more than approved Medicaid or locally negotiated rates, whichever is of lesser cost; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that these contracts are authorized in the 2007 Office for the Aging budget at line 4900 Contract Services, and the percentages of source-funds are as follows: State EISEP funds 72.5%, local funds 25% and cost sharing fees and contributions 2.5%.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2007

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ORHA FOR REHABILITATION WORK IN OTSEGO COUNTY UNDER THE COUNTY'S FLOOD 2006 TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT

HODNE, POWERS, SCHWERD, DURKIN

WHEREAS, Otsego County was awarded a Flood 2006 Temporary Housing Assistance grant to assist qualified households with repairs and rehabilitation of occupied

homes throughout Otsego County; and

WHEREAS, said proposed work will be conducted under a \$250,000 grant received from the NYS Governor's Office for Small Cities (GOSC); and

WHEREAS, GOSC is expected to issue approval for the County's submitted plans for this work program; and

WHEREAS, Otsego Rural Housing Assistance (ORHA) is willing to partner with Otsego County for grant administrative and delivery services consistent with the terms of the grant application; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Otsego County Board of Representatives is authorized to enter into a contract with Otsego Rural Housing for work specified in the grant and further outlined in the contract between Otsego Rural Housing and the County of Otsego; 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2007

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DELAWARE AND OTSEGO COUNTIES FOR CHILD DAY CARE REGISTRATION

ROTHENBERGER, LAGUNA, MCCARTY

WHEREAS, the County has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New York through the Office of Children and Family Services of the State of New York to register and inspect Family Day Care and School-Age Child Care Programs; and

WHEREAS, the County is empowered to receive Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funds in an amount up to \$74,601.00 from the State of New York for the purpose of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract with Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties for the performance of said services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services on behalf of the County of Otsego, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Catholic Charities of Delaware and Otsego Counties for the purpose of registration and inspection of Family Day Care Providers and School-Age Child Care Programs for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, not to exceed \$71,150.00 for the term of the contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this contract is included in the 2007 Social Services Administration Budget (6070) at line 4900 Contracted Expenses and is 100% state reimbursable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract shall contain such other terms and provisions as are in the best interests of the County of Otsego.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2007

RESOLUTION - APPOINTING MEMBER TO TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

FOURNIER, FELDSTEIN, STAYTON, POWERS

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 1673 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York and Otsego County Local Law No. 1 of 1971, the following person be and hereby is appointed to the Otsego County Traffic Safety Board, effective immediately:

RICHARD DEVLIN, JR.
Otsego County Sheriff
172 County Highway 33W
Cooperstown, New York 13326
Three year term, expiring June 30, 2010
(Replacing Donald Mundy)

Seconded, Iversen. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2007

**RESOLUTION – APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR CHENANGO, DELAWARE
AND OTSEGO COUNTIES**

HENDERSON, IVERSEN, STAYTON

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be and are hereby approved for the Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Workforce Investment Board:

BRAD BROOKS
Brooks Machine Products
4 Martin Brook Road
Unadilla, New York 13849
Term expiring June 30, 2010

GARY HERZIG
Deputy Director
Opportunities for Otsego County
3 West Broadway
Oneonta, New York 13820
Term expiring June 30, 2009

ROBERT ROBINSON
President/CEO
Otsego County Chamber
12 Carbon Street
Oneonta, New York 13820
Term expiring June 30, 2010

ZOE VAN DER MEULEN
Director of Communications
Unadilla Laminated Products
Unadilla, New York 13849
Term expiring June 30, 2010

Seconded, Fournier. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2007

**RESOLUTION - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OTSEGO COUNTY
LONG TERM CARE COUNCIL**

HENDERSON, IVERSEN, STAYTON

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the Otsego County Long Term Care Council for such terms as indicated below:

HEIDI GRUST-RIGAS
Social Work Services
AO Fox Memorial Hospital
1 Norton Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820
Term expiring December 31, 2008
(Replacing Ruth Schneeberg)

SYLVIA COULTER
Quality Management Services
AO Fox Memorial Hospital
1 Norton Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820
Term expiring December 31, 2008

SUSAN DALESANDRO, Director
Otsego County Community Services
242 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820
Term expiring December 31, 2008

Seconded, McCarty. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2007

**RESOLUTION - COMMEMORATING THE COLLIER'S DAM
CENTENNIAL**

FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC

WHEREAS, the Collier's Dam was constructed in 1907 to supply electric power to the interurban railroad, which ran between Oneonta and the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Goodyear Lake was created by the construction of the Collier's Dam on the North Branch of the Susquehanna River in Otsego County; and

WHEREAS, it became desirable to build camps and permanent homes resulting in the growth of a small community around the newly created Goodyear Lake; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the Goodyear Lake Association was formed with 100 members and continues today as an important and influential community organization; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Goodyear Lake has thrived and developed into a fine family recreational area and, in conjunction with the Collier's Dam Facility, continues to supply sustainable, low-cost hydro-electric power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Representatives does join with the residents of the Goodyear Lake community in commemoration of the Centennial of the Collier's Dam, in the hope that the Collier's Dam and Goodyear Lake will continue to remain a desirable family recreational area and a source of low-cost hydro-electric power, and that the residents of the Goodyear Lake community may look forward to the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Collier's Dam in another one hundred years.

Seconded, entire Board. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2007

**RESOLUTION - PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 20 - 26, 2007 AS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

FOURNIER, FELDSTEIN, STAYTON, POWERS

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Representatives, in recognition of this event, does hereby proclaim the week of May 20 - 26, 2007 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Seconded, entire Board. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2007

RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND MAY 13 - 19, 2007 AS HOMES FOR THE AGING WEEK

HENDERSON, IVERSEN, STAYTON

WHEREAS, Otsego County recognizes the life and vitality of its older citizens, who have made this a great nation; and

WHEREAS, Otsego County recognizes the social and economic benefits derived from our older citizens, their families and other caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Otsego County operates the Office for the Aging, which is celebrating over 30 years dedicated to enabling Otsego County's older residents to maintain their independence with dignity in their own homes and communities while encouraging each to determine their own destiny in a positive and productive manner; and

WHEREAS, Otsego County provides excellent care through its own nursing home,

Otsego Manor; and recognizes the care provided by privately owned nursing homes and adult homes within Otsego County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Otsego County designates May as Older Americans Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Otsego County designates May 13 - 19, 2007 as Homes for the Aging Week.

Seconded, entire Board. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2007

RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2007 AS FOSTER FAMILY RECOGNITION MONTH

ROTHENBERGER, LAGUNA, MCCARTY

WHEREAS, Otsego County currently has 29 foster families providing care to a countless number of children in each year; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination and loving care of these foster families have helped many children and families through crisis and provided security and opportunities for growth and normal development while children are separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, foster families have successfully met the needs of troubled, difficult teens and averted the need for much more costly residential care; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Representatives wishes to express its sincere appreciation, on behalf of the residents of the County of Otsego, to all Otsego County foster families for their invaluable contribution to the community and County and to honor them for their dedication and loving care of dependent, neglected and abused children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Representatives in appreciation of all Otsego County foster families hereby proclaims the month of May 2007 as Foster Family Recognition Month in Otsego County.

Seconded, entire Board. Oral vote. Total: 6,167; Ayes: 6,167. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 160-2007

RESOLUTION – TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

FELDSTEIN, IVERSEN, RELIC

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

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

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

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS GRANT

Increase Rev. 4412 CSHCN Grant \$262.00.

Increase Approp. Exp. CSHCN Grant A4061.4800 Other \$262.00.

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

Under Unfinished Business, Representative Rothenberger reported that the Sex Offender Management Team has been meeting to discuss what can be done to support children and families. Items reviewed have been establishing safe zones, utilizing GPS anklet bracelets and providing more education for the public and the schools.

Representative Rothenberger moved for an executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded, Stayton. 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, May 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. with a Foster Parents Recognition ceremony preceding the meeting at 6:30 p.m.