REGULAR SESSION
FIRST DAY

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

This monthly Board Meeting was streamed via Facebook Live.

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


Also present via Zoom were Allen Ruffles, Otsego County Treasurer and Ellen Coccoma, Otsego County Attorney.

After the pledge of allegiance, Board Chair Bliss asked that we all take a moment to reflect and think about what we can do as a society to combat racism of any form in light of the recent unfortunate event of George Floyd. Board Chair Bliss stated that we cannot let violence or vandalism by anyone detract from our call for justice, reform and equality; people have the right to gather peacefully and call for equal justice under the law.

Board Chair Bliss requested that given the State of Emergency and the Governor’s Executive Orders, there be a motion to suspend the Rules of Order as follows: Rule 22 of the Rules of Order be suspended to omit Privilege of the Floor as it is not possible to provide this opportunity given the State of Emergency and the Governor’s executive orders and Rule 26 of the Rules of Order be suspended to allow late resolutions to also be transmitted to Board members by email or by utilizing screen sharing video application at the Board meeting. Seconded, Martini. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 6,228. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 20, 2020 were approved.

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

Representative Oliver left the meeting at 10:25 a.m. during the Public Safety and Legal Affairs Committee report.

Representative Farwell left the meeting at 10:33 a.m. during the Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns Committee report.

After the Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns Committee report was
read, Board Chair Bliss mentioned the retirement of Karen Sullivan, Director of Solid Waste, on July 31st, 2020 and thanked her for all her hard work, dedication and that she will be missed.

Representative Oliver and Representative Farwell returned to the meeting at 10:37 a.m. during the Administration Committee report.

Allen Ruffles, Otsego County Treasurer, shared updates and gave special reports including but not limited to the 8 million dollar note, state hold on payments and the STAR tax and checks.

Representative Kennedy moved to dispense with the reading of all reports and resolutions. Seconded, Martini. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 6,228. Motion carried.

The Administration Committee offered the following report for approval:
The Administration Committee presents the following report of Mortgage Tax Distribution made in accordance with reports of the County Clerk and County Treasurer and in compliance with the provisions of law. The committee has reconciled the distribution of Mortgage Tax from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 as follows:

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Totals: 509,695.60 38,668.96 470,826.64

Dated: May 26, 2020

The Administration Committee offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Board issues its warrant to the County Treasurer for the distribution of the amount in his hands in accordance with the foregoing report.

Representative Frazier left the meeting during the Mortgage Tax Report.

Seconded, Kennedy. Oral vote. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,789; Absent: 439-
Frazier. Adopted.

Board Chair Bliss asked if any representative wished to remove a resolution(s) from the Consent Agenda so it can be acted upon separately.

Representative Stammel removed Resolution No. 205 and Representative Kennedy removed Resolution No. 209.

Board Chair Bliss called for action on the Consent Agenda, excluding Resolution Nos. 205 and 209. Representative Martini moved to act upon the Consent Agenda, Resolution Nos. 204, 206-208 and 210.

RESOLUTION NO. 204-20200603

RESOLUTION - APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SOUTHERN TIER 8 BOARD

BLISS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the bylaws of Southern Tier 8 and (formerly Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board) and the Agreement between the County and now Southern Tier 8, the Chair of the Board of Representatives has made an appointment to the Southern Tier 8 Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointment is hereby approved for the term indicated:

CLARK OLIVER
Board of Representatives, Otsego County
6 City View Drive
Oneonta, NY 13820
Term expires December 31, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 206-20200603

RESOLUTION – APPROVING TEMPORARY HIRE IN OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (SUMMER YOUTH COUNSELORS #1-5)
WHEREAS, both the Health and Education Committee and the Administration Committee of this Board approved the temporary hire of five (5) Summer Youth Counselors in the Office of Employment and Training contingent on receiving a TANF allocation for the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Associate Employment & Training Coordinator is hereby approved to hire up to five (5) temporary workers in the following position:

**Summer Youth Counselor (#1-5), Grade 10N, $17.98585 per hour**
effective June 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 contingent on receiving a TANF allocation for the program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for these positions is included in the 2020 TANF Program Budget (6294-CD) at line 1000 Salaries, and is 100% reimbursable through State TANF funds; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION NO. 207-20200603

RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020 AS DAIRY MONTH IN OTSEGO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the dairy industry is an important part of the County’s agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego supports agriculture as vital to the social
and economic life of our area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Representatives recognizes the contributions made by all those who work in and contribute to the dairy industry in our County and does hereby proclaim June as

DAIRY MONTH

RESOLUTION NO. 208-20200603

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF PARCELS TAKEN UNDER IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE

KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, MARTINI

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego is completing its 2018 In Rem Tax Foreclosure proceedings and will be taking title to various parcels of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined to extend the deadline to pay all taxes due on said properties plus interest and penalties as of August 31, 2020 in light of the circumstances of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak which has resulted in the auction for 2020 being moved to October 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Board has decided to allow property owners an additional month until September 30, 2020 to redeem their properties and receive the deeds to those properties from the County upon the payment of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 taxes plus interest and penalties as of the date of payment plus an additional penalty of 15% of the total amount of taxes, penalties, and interest owed. In addition, payment of the 2020 taxes is also required at that time; and
WHEREAS, there may also be parcels from prior foreclosures which were not included in prior sales but which may be included in this year’s 2020 foreclosure sale which will also be allowed to be redeemed on the same schedule and with the same additional penalty if paid during the month of September; upon payment of the taxes, interest and penalties plus 15% penalty of the total amount of taxes, interest and penalties owed for the appropriate years. In addition, payment of the 2020 taxes is also required at that time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that property owners are allowed an additional month until September 30, 2020 to redeem their properties and receive the deeds to those properties from the County upon the payment of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 taxes plus interest and penalties as of the date of payment plus an additional penalty of 15% of the total amount of taxes, penalties, and interest owed. In addition, payment of the 2020 taxes is also required at that time; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Otsego hereby authorizes redemption as described above with payment to be made to the County of Otsego by cash or certified funds on or before September 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such transfers back to the respective owners after such payment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Otsego County Treasurer.
RESOLUTION NO. 210-2020603

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF E-911 COMMUNICATIONS TO INSTALL SECURITY FENCING AT THE MEADOWS OFFICE COMPLEX

WILBER, FARWELL, OBERACKER, FRAZIER, STAMMEL

WHEREAS, it was determined that an area near the 911 center at the Meadows Office Complex needed gating and fencing for security purposes; and

WHEREAS, after a review by the Purchasing Agent, the Director of E-911 Communications, and both the Public Safety and Legal Affairs and Administration Committees, it was recommended in March that the fencing and gating be provided by Alexscoe, LLC at a cost not to exceed $33,989; and

WHEREAS, due to an oversight, a resolution was not obtained and the fencing and gating was installed at a cost of $34,289 and the work completed by Alexscoe has been approved by the E-911 Director; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of this Board is hereby authorized to sign documents necessary to confirm the agreement with Alexscoe, LLC, 6852 Manulius Center Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057 for the purchase and installation of security fencing and gating at the 911 center at the Meadows Office Complex and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment to the contractor of $34,289 is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract shall contain such terms and conditions as are in the best interests of the County; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the funding for this purchase is included in the 2020 Public Safety Communications Budget (3020-A) at line 4901 PSAP Grant utilizing 100% State funds.

Representative Frazier returned to the meeting during the Consent Agenda.

Seconded, Oliver. Roll Call vote on Consent Agenda. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 6,228. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-20200603
RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF CONTRACTS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, MARTINI

WHEREAS, due to the financial uncertainty including loss of sales tax revenue and reimbursements created by the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the County must undertake cost saving measures, one of which is to reduce contracts with outside agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Representatives appreciates the work that is done by all of its outside agency partners; however, given the unprecedented circumstances must achieve a reduction in the cost of the contracts listed below; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contracts with the following outside agencies be reduced as follows:

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RESOLUTION NO. 205-20200603 to reduce “Amount of reduction” from DMCOC from 15% to 24%, $90,297.30 to $144,475.68. Seconded, Farwell. Roll Call vote on motion to accept amendment. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 2,394; Noes: 3,834- Kennedy, Oberacker, Bliss, Marietta, Wilber, Oliver, Martini, Lapin, Basile. Motion failed.

Roll Call vote on Resolution No. 205-20200603. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,414; Noes: 814- Frazier, McCarty. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-20200603 (original)

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SPENDING FREEZE IN OTSEGO COUNTY

KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, MARTINI

WHEREAS, due to the financial uncertainty including loss of sales tax revenue and reimbursements created by the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the County must undertake cost saving measures, one of which is to initiate a spending freeze to limit purchases; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that there shall be a spending freeze until December 31, 2020 across all departments and purchases are only allowed according to the

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following guidelines, effective immediately:

A. $1-$999: Purchase can be made at the discretion of the Department head as long as Purchase Order exists.

B. $1,000-$9,999: Purchase needs to be approved by the departments’ respective parent committee at a monthly committee meeting and by the County Treasurer. If a department has an unexpected purchase that needs expediting before the next regular monthly committee meeting, then the respective parent committee can approve such purchase via email, by a majority weighted vote of such committee

C. $10,000 or greater: Purchase follows the current purchasing policy.

Seconded, Oliver. Representative Farwell moved to amend Resolution No. 209-20200603 by inserting after the first WHEREAS statement, WHEREAS, department heads are in the best position to determine where additional reductions in spending can be made; now, therefore, be it and removing the first RESOLVED statement with guidelines and inserting RESOLVED, that there shall be no spending until December 31, 2020 across all departments for the following purposes: travel, lodging, training, equipment and other (except for payment to FORDO, community colleges and for Purchasing Agent) without approval of the parent committee and Treasurer and pursuant to the Purchasing Policy; and be it further and inserting RESOLVED, that each department and agency head shall review their budget and present a plan for a 10% overall reduction in spending for discretionary and non-mandated services at the June meetings of parent committees, with said plans to be emailed to the parent committees at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the committee meeting. Roll Call vote on motion to accept amendment. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,725; Absent: 503- Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative Farwell left the meeting during the discussion on amending Resolution No. 209-20200603.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-20200603 (amended)

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SPENDING FREEZE IN OTSEGO COUNTY
WHEREAS, due to the financial uncertainty including loss of sales tax revenue and reimbursements created by the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the County must undertake cost saving measures, one of which is to initiate a spending freeze to limit purchases; and

WHEREAS, department heads are in the best position to determine where additional reductions in spending can be made; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that there shall be no spending until December 31, 2020 across all departments for the following purposes: travel, lodging, training, equipment and other (except for payment to FORDO, community colleges and for Purchasing Agent) without approval of the parent committee and Treasurer and pursuant to the Purchasing Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each department and agency head shall review their budget and present a plan for a 10% overall reduction in spending for discretionary and non-mandated services at the June meetings of parent committees, with said plans to be emailed to the parent committees at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the committee meeting.

Roll Call vote on Resolution No. 209-20200603 as amended. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,725; Absent: 503- Farwell. Adopted.

Representative Kennedy motioned to adjourn. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 6,228; Ayes: 5,725; Absent: 503- Farwell. Motion carried.

All the general business of the Board having been transacted, the Board Chair declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 1st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.