

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Frederick Monroe presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Girard.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Simmes, Monroe, Girard, Taylor, O'Connor, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, Goodspeed, Tessier, Merlino, Strainer, Champagne, VanNess, Sokol, Thomas, Pitkin and Geraghty - 18.

Absent: Supervisor- Sheehan and Stec - 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2009 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Monroe requested William Lamy, DPW Superintendent and Supervisor Belden to come forward for a presentation. Mr. Lamy recognized Hank Sargent and Jim Berry, and stated that both would be retiring at the end of the month. He highlighted the variety of roles each individual had served in over the years. On behalf on the Department, Mr. Lamy thanked them for their many years of service and noted that they would each be missed. The board members responded with applause.

Mr. Belden presented Mr. Sargent and Mr. Berry with Certificates of Appreciation for the their many years of dedicated service to the Department of Public Works and he wished them both well in their retirements. The board members responded with applause.

Chairman Monroe recognized Laura Saffer, Health Educator, who was present and wished to address the board. Mrs. Saffer distributed a brochure to the board members entitled 'NY-Alert', a copy of which is on file with the minutes. She explained that she had been working with the Emergency Preparedness Program, a grant funded program, and recently the 'NY-Alert', which was a New York State All-Hazards Alert and Notification System, had been implemented. She felt it was important for all Supervisors to be aware of this System and she had also notified all School Superintendents and School Nurses in the County. Mrs. Saffer further stated that if an individual signed up for this System, it would send notification of any weather alerts, traffic alerts, road closures or any other kind of hazard alert in the State. She added that notifications could be sent to cell phones, computers or land-line phones. She noted that Shane Ross, Chief Deputy and Amy Manney, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, had been instrumental in working on this new program.

Chief Deputy Ross apprised that this program was administered through the Office of Emergency Services. He said this was a two-phase program, the first phase would be for

individuals to sign-up for the alert system and the second phase would be to work with the 911 data base in order to obtain telephone data information to notify residents directly at home of major emergencies. He remarked that this program was done at no cost to the County.

Chairman Monroe announced that Dick Merrill, Chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, passed away recently and he requested a moment of silence in his memory.

Chairman called for reports by Committee chairmen on past activities and the following gave verbal reports:

Supervisor Simmes, Human Services; Supervisor Geraghty, Budget; Supervisor Thomas, Personnel and County Facilities; Supervisor Sokol, Health Services; Supervisor VanNess, Public Safety; Supervisor Champagne, Intercounty Solid Waste Coordination; Supervisor Tessier, Criminal Justice and Social Services; Supervisor Goodspeed, Real Property Tax Services; Supervisor Belden, Public Works; Supervisor Kenny, Occupancy Tax; Supervisor O'Connor, Mental Health; and Supervisor Taylor, Planning & Community Development.

Mr. Girard commented that he attended the Cornell Cooperative Extension monthly Board Meeting and that they were still dealing with budget constraints. He added that he had also attended the Mental Health meeting, and they were experiencing devastating cutbacks from the State which could lead to the possible closure of the CWI program. Chairman Monroe noted he had received approximately twenty-five letters from participants of the CWI work program expressing their concerns about possible job cuts.

Concerning the Human Services Committee, Mrs. Simmes advised Resolution Nos. 196 through 198 were generated from the meeting and were included in the Supervisors packets. She noted that the Committee had authorized advertising for the position of Director of Veterans Services, which would be vacated due to retirement.

With regard to the Budget Committee, Mr. Geraghty stated that the Committee had set guidelines for the 2010 budget. He said that a zero increase for the 2010 budget had been agreed upon and the notification had been sent to all Department Heads regarding such. He added that the Committee was continuing to establish a time line to budget out for the next three years. Chairman Monroe pointed out that the County would be relieved of the Burn Plant contracts in 2011 and the amount paid for solid waste would be reduced by more than \$2 million, and there was a debt service reserve in the amount of \$7.5 million. He added it may be possible to utilize the debt service reserve in both 2010 and 2011; however, he said, it required the consent of the Bond Holders and Insurers, and the Insurers had not consented to such.

In connection with the Personnel Committee, Mr. Thomas apprised that Resolution Nos. 179 through 189, all of which were either requests to fill vacant positions or to create or reclassify positions, were generated from the meeting and were included in the Supervisors

packets. He noted that the re-organization of the DPW staff would result in a savings of \$196,000 for 2009.

Regarding the County Facilities Committee, Mr. Thomas expounded that the County had received an award from the American Public Works Association for the Hybrid Geo-thermal Energy Project that the County had implemented a couple of years ago. He stated that several Supervisors had toured the Court facility to obtain a better idea of what the needs were for that area. Mr. Thomas added that the Finance Committee had tabled action on a study from Clark Patterson Lee with regard to a plan for court space, the former jail and old Sheriff's wing and a joint meeting would be held in the future between the Finance and County Facilities Committees, with Clark Patterson Lee present to further review their proposal for that plan. Concerning the Human Services Building, Mr. Thomas advised that the site work was 70% complete; the steel was 95%; the framing and insulation was approximately 60% complete and full power was anticipated to be connected to the building shortly. He noted that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) had approved the County's plans for the renovations of the court area to accommodate Supreme Court Judge Muller. He added that the County would be reimbursed for the renovations; however, he said, the project needed to commence prior to April 1, 2009. Mr. Thomas remarked that at the appropriate time, he would introduce a resolution from the floor to authorize and fund the renovations.

Chairman Monroe apprised that Judge Krogmann had informed him that the OCA had approved the plans to remodel the library and to relocate the Commissioner of Jurors into the Jury Deliberation Room to allow for space for Judge Muller. He further stated that Judge Krogmann had been notified by the OCA that reimbursement would only be received if the project was substantially complete by April 1, 2009; however, he said, the OCA had agreed to reimbursement as long as the project was started by April 1, 2009. Chairman Monroe added that bids had been received for construction workers, carpenters, masons and bricklayers that were good until September 1, 2009; therefore, the County would be covered if any part of the project needed to be contracted out. He noted that a bid for materials would be opened next Thursday.

Concerning the Health Services Committee, Mr. Sokol reported that under the Countryside Adult Home portion of the meeting, the Committee authorized the implementation of a Respite Care Program, as was approved by the New York State Department of Health and that was Resolution No. 199 included in the packets. Under the Westmount Health Facility portion of the meeting, he advised that the Committee approved the reclassification of the Physical Therapy Aide position to the position of a Rehabilitation Aide, which would be a savings of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Sokol stated that Jeff Farley, the former Executive Director of the Adirondack Regional Business Incubator (ARBI), had provided a one hour presentation to the staff at Westmount Health Facility at no cost to the County and added that Barbara Taggart, Administrator of the Westmount Health Facility, had also been involved in the eleven week training program last September. He noted that under the Public Health portion of the meeting the Committee had been informed that the Point of

Care Initiative was going well. Mr. Sokol commented that a Community Health Nurse (CHN) position had been vacated due to retirement and would not be filled at this time, in an attempt to eliminate positions through attrition.

With regard to the Public Safety Committee, Mr. VanNess apprised a joint meeting had been held with the Washington County Public Safety Committee and the Fire Training Center Project was moving forward. He noted Resolution No. 248 included in the packets authorized a change order with the LaBerge Group in the amount of \$3,750; the total amount of which was \$7,500 being split between Warren and Washington Counties. The change order, he said, was for the delineation flags for the wetlands. Mr. VanNess added that Resolution No. 249 would authorize the establishment of a system for change orders of up to \$10,000 for the Fire Training Center to be approved by the Chairman of the Committee, as well as the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, throughout the stages of the project without returning to the Committee for approval.

In connection with the Intercounty Solid Waste Coordinating Committee, Mr. Champagne stated that the electric rates for the production of electricity were at a high last year at nine cents; however, he said, this year it was at a minimum of six cents per kilowatt hour. He added that the refuge, which was burned to make the electricity, was decreasing. He advised that between Warren and Washington Counties, refuge was down approximately 4% from last year at this time, which affected production of electricity and out-of-County waste received was also down 4%. Mr. Champagne cautioned that there may be a shortfall in the Solid Waste budget over the next nine months.

Mr. Tessier expounded that the Criminal Justice Committee and the Social Services Committee consisted mainly of housekeeping issues. He noted that the Tourism Committee did not meet this month; however, he added, the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee had met and reviewed a power point presentation which outlined all the responsibilities of the Tourism Department.

Concerning the Real Property Tax Services Committee, Mr. Goodspeed asserted that the majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the possible sale of various parcels of County surplus land with Trish Nenninger, Second Assistant County Attorney. He stated that many of the parcels suffered legal impediments that could not be easily resolved. He added that a few parcels were ready for auction or sale and other parcels required additional surveys and legal work, which Mrs. Nenninger was working on and would report back to the Committee with her findings.

With regard to the Public Works Committee, Mr. Belden apprised the discussions dealt mainly with housekeeping issues. He said the total savings to the County through the re-organization of personnel in the Department would be \$196,000 for 2009 and over a two-year period the savings would total approximately \$430,000. Under the Airport portion of the meeting, he commented that a question had been raised concerning the cost of the t-hangers

and he asked Mr. Lamy if he had an answer today and Mr. Lamy replied he was not prepared to answer that question today, and he would plan to address that at the next Committee meeting. Mr. Belden noted that great improvements had been made to the Airport and he hoped to host a meeting there in the future so that the Committee members could see the changes that had been completed. He reported that the Town of Hague had submitted payment to the County from NYSEFC (New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation) funds in the amount of \$2,463,015 for the Hague Sewer Project which had helped offset the shortfall in the County budget. He expounded that under the Parks, Recreation & Railroad portion of the meeting, the Committee had been informed that there was a shortfall in the 2008 Up Yonda Farm budget in the amount of \$14,895.37 and a solution for such had not been reached. Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, announced that a joint meeting of the Public Works and Finance Committees had been scheduled for March 27, 2009 to further discuss the matter. Mr. Belden requested Mr. Lamy to report on the information he had received during a recent meeting in Albany.

Mr. Lamy referred to Resolution No. 236 included in the Supervisors packets, which was resultant of his meeting in Albany. He explained that the resolution was entitled "Economic Recovery Projects Municipality/Sponsor Resolution Relative to the Construction Phase of the Warrensburg Road Bridge and Grist Mill Road Bridge Over Stony Creek in the Town of Stony Creek", and would amend the Master Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for Stimulus funds that would be utilized to do the construction on the aforementioned bridges. He further stated that because those two projects were shovel ready, the Stimulus funds would cover 100% of the construction costs; thereby leading to an overall savings to the County of approximately \$140,000.

Mr. Champagne questioned if the balance in the EFC fund in connection with the Hague Sewer Project was known at this time and Mr. Lamy replied that he did have the information; however, he noted, he did not have it with him at the meeting. He stated he could bring that information to the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Mr. Kenny introduced Dan Hall, Councilman at Large for the City of Glens Falls and Ben Driscoll, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman for the Glens Falls Common Council, who were both present today and he welcomed them to the meeting. Concerning the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, he apprised that the Committee discussed two contract positions which he would further review with the board members later in the meeting. He added that the Committee had also entertained five new applications for special event funding and another meeting would be held on April 1, 2009 to further review those applications and to reconsider previous applications that had been denied. Mr. Kenny expounded that Mike Hoffman, owner of The Holiday Inn in Lake George, had requested an informal meeting with him and several area hotel owners, as well as Supervisors Tessier and Merlino, to discuss concerns that hotel owners had with tourism promotion in Warren County. Mr. Kenny explained that he had asked the Tourism Department to prepare a presentation outlining what

the Department did in order for everyone to understand the quality of tourism promotion that was being undertaken. He noted that following the power point presentation, the list of concerns from hotel owners had decreased dramatically and all in attendance were extremely impressed.

Regarding the County Clerk-Motor Vehicles Committee, Mr. Kenny advised the meeting consisted mainly of housekeeping issues. He referred to Resolution No. 217 included in the packets concerning the transfer tax. He said that normally he would not support increases in fees for taxpayers; however, he stated, due to the proposed zero percent increase in the budget, which he fully supported, the need to increase revenues was obvious and it was thought that this transfer tax would be the least intrusive on taxpayers.

Mr. O'Connor commented on the employees of the CWI that may lose the funding that was necessary to continue operations, and remarked that these were long-time employees, some with over thirty years of service at CWI, and if their jobs were eliminated due to funding cuts, the burden from those cuts would be placed on the taxpayers in the County. He asserted that the Mental Health Committee was cautiously optimistic that it may be possible for the funding stream to remain in the budget for at least this year.

Mr. Taylor echoed Mr. O'Connor's comments concerning the CWI employees. With regard to the Planning & Community Development Committee, he apprised that the Committee authorized the Planning Department to submit an application for grant funding to the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation in the amount of \$160,000. He added that discussions were held pertaining to the handicapped accessible ramps at the rail platforms in the Towns of Hadley and Thurman; however, he said, that matter was referred back to the Public Works Committee. He noted that there was a vacancy on the Warren County Planning Board due to a member from the Town of Bolton resigning. Mr. Taylor remarked that the Committee authorized payment in the amount of \$21,000 to the Local Development Corporation (LDC) for 2009 expenses.

Chairman called for reading of communications.

Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

Warren County Planning Board;  
Warren/Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency, its  
Executive/Park and Audit Committee.

Monthly Reports from:

Weights & Measures;  
Veterinarian.

Annual Reports from:

Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District;  
Weights & Measures;  
Warren County Department of Public Works.

State of New York Department of Civil Service, 2008 Second and Third Quarter Experience Report;

Warren County Treasurer, 2009 Schedule of Payments to municipalities;

American Public Works Association- Announcement of 2008 Project of the Year Award for Warren County's Hybrid Geothermal System;

Robert W. Jeffords, withdrawing his acceptance of appointment to the Warren/Washington Counties IDA Board;

North Country Ministry, announcing the termination of their housing activities as of June 30, 2009;

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, February 2009 Surcharge in the amount of \$8,841;

Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce, resolutions supporting Warren County and the Towns opposition to the proposed Lake George Park Commission Stream Corridor Management Plan; supporting the refurbishment of the Cavalcade of Cars building and conversion of the Opera House at the Gaslight Village property to a seasonal, covered stage pavilion; opposing the Governor's proposed tax cap on State-owned property;

Warren County Council of Chambers, resolution supporting the refurbishment of the Cavalcade of Cars building and conversion of the Opera House at the Gaslight Village property to a seasonal open-air pavilion;

Several Letters from Warren County Taxpayers and Interested Parties, regarding the Festival Space at the Gaslight Village Property; copies of which were provided to the Supervisors.

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Chairman Monroe directed the board members attention to Resolution No. 251, Appointing Hal Payne as Warren County's Representative for the NYSAC/MEGA Program; and

Resolution No. 252, Reaffirming Support of Legislation Regarding Collateral Sources, which the New York City Corporation Council Office had been trying to amend through the State Legislature for many years. He noted that Warren County had been requested to sign on to an opinion piece that would be published in the *Albany Times Union*.

At this time, Chairman Monroe requested Supervisor Kenny to further review the two contract positions that were briefly discussed earlier. Mr. Kenny explained there were two different positions being considered. He asked Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney, if the discussions were appropriate for open session, due to part of the discussion revolving around the dollar amount parameters of the RFPs (Request for Proposal) or if that would be considered executive session material. Chairman Monroe responded that Ms. Bartlett recommended that the dollar amounts not be discussed in open session. Mr. Kenny informed the board members that there were contracts for two positions that were approved by the Occupancy Tax Committee, one of which would be an Event Coordinator through the Planning & Community Development Department, and would coordinate two events for each town in Warren County. He noted that it would be required of each Town Supervisor to contribute a certain amount from their local share occupancy tax funds to support the promotion of the event. Mr. Kenny expounded the other contract would be for a Sales/Special Event/Convention Coordinator position, which would act as a sales agent for Warren County and would attend travel shows and would contact groups interested in booking large meetings or convention type functions. He noted he had voted against both positions because the cost for such would essentially come directly out of the tourism promotion portion of the Tourism budget for this year.

Chairman Monroe announced that Ms. Bartlett had determined that since the dollar amounts had been discussed in open session during the Committee meeting, it could be discussed in open session at this time as well. Mr. Kenny explained that the amount for the position through the Planning & Community Development Department would be funded by occupancy tax and combined with a grant award, and the maximum amount approved by the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee was \$70,000 a year; \$35,000 from occupancy tax funds and \$35,000 from the aforementioned grant funds. Ms. Bartlett interjected that she was unaware of how much detail of the RFP would be revealed; therefore, she recommended any further discussions be held in an executive session.

Mr. Champagne remarked that he had voted in favor of the proposal for the contract for a position of an Events Coordinator because that position could generate business in local communities, which the County did not currently have. Mr. Strainer questioned if this position was the same as the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor (FWHC) position that had been discussed in the past and Mr. Kenny responded that it began as a position for the FWHC; however, he said, it had since expanded to include the entire County. Mr. Taylor clarified that these would be contracts for services, not employees of the County.

Mr. Kenny referred to Resolution No. 217 included in the packets entitled "Requesting Introduction of Home Rule Legislation Authorizing Warren County to Impose Additional Transfer Tax on Real Property Conveyances in Warren County". He noted that he had requested Pam Vogel, County Clerk, to be present to answer any questions in relation to this resolution. He added that the County Clerk-Motor Vehicles Committee had considered the hardship this would create for individuals that were purchasing property for under \$150,000; therefore, he said, they had determined to exempt such properties. Chairman Monroe acknowledged there had been an affordable housing problem in Warren County for many years, due in part to dramatic increases in property values, specifically along waterfronts. He further explained that under existing law, a seller was required to pay a transfer tax of \$4 per \$1,000 and the County was allowed to impose an additional transfer tax as well but could only collect \$1 of the transfer tax under this law. This resolution, he continued, would allow the County to impose a \$2 per \$1,000 transfer tax on sales over \$150,000. Chairman Monroe noted that he had requested the Committee to consider dedicating a portion of this tax, if imposed, to affordable housing; however, he said, the consensus of the Committee was that it should be allocated to the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus.

Mr. Taylor stated he would vote against this resolution and expressed his concern that he did not feel this was a fair tax and if a transfer tax were to be imposed, it should be done for all properties. Many Supervisors agreed with Mr. Taylor and voiced their opinions in opposition of the transfer tax. Mr. Kenny countered that he did support this tax and added this would be a very difficult budget year and this could be a measure that would affect a minimal number of people. Mr. Goodspeed stated that he could support assessing a tax on just the overage, such as starting at \$150,000 and exempting everything else; for example if a home was purchased for \$150,000, there would be no additional transfer tax over the \$4 per \$1,000; however, he said, if a home was purchased at a cost of \$151,000, the additional fee would be only on the \$1,000. Mr. Pitkin agreed with Mr. Goodspeed and suggested an amendment to the resolution. Mrs. Vogel apprised she would need to research the recommendation in order to determine if that were possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to table Resolution No. 217 of 2009 and to refer the matter back to the County Clerk-Motor Vehicles Committee.

Chairman Monroe referred to a document that was distributed to all Supervisors regarding suggested projects for Economic Stimulus funding, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. He commented that he had a conference call with Senator Little last week and she had requested the County to develop a priority list of projects that the County wanted to focus on. He added that Pat Tatich, Director of Planning & Community Development, had developed the list that was before the board members and once she was in attendance, she would review the list.

Chairman Monroe announced that a public hearing regarding the Gaslight Village property had been held on March 17, 2009. He noted that he had requested Mrs. Sady to keep track of the letters and emails received concerning the property. He reported that twenty-three letters supporting design Concept 1 had been received; four letters supporting Concept 2; and two hundred forty nine letters and signatures on petitions were received in support of Concept 3. Chairman Monroe stated that the options were to either refer the issue back to the County Facilities Committee for further review or to take action on the matter today. He reminded the board members that it was important to move forward with a conceptual plan.

Mr. Belden remarked that the summer season was quickly approaching and something needed to be done on the property before the summer started. He recommended that the board members approve design Concept 3 and to include the following: the Town of Lake George would be responsible for renovations to the Cavalcade of Cars buildings in order for the structure to meet State codes; and the Town of Lake George would remove the sides of the Opera House to determine if the trusses were structurally sound in order to make a decision as to whether or not that building was salvageable.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 254 of 2009 for the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve design Concept 3 relative to the Gaslight Village property.

Mr. Taylor agreed with Mr. Belden; however, he said, he suggested that approval be contingent upon the Town Board of Lake George authorizing a resolution accepting responsibility for the costs of renovations to the buildings, as discussed by Mr. Belden.

Mr. Belden amended his motion to include certain contingencies such as: the outside of the Cavalcade of Cars building would be repaired by the Town of Lake George, the bathrooms would be upgraded and all work shall be done according to code; the Opera House shall have the sides removed by the Town of Lake George so that the trusses could be examined to determine if the building should be saved or demolished; and the Town of Lake George would adopt a resolution/prepare a letter to memorialize their responsibilities relative to the Cavalcade of Cars building and the Opera House. Mr. Thomas seconded the amended motion.

Mr. Kenny expounded that he had attended the meetings concerning the Gaslight Village property over the past few months. He advised that over the course of these meetings, he had heard statements that were unequivocally incorrect. He stated that one statement had been made that the project was originally, solely an environmental project, and

he announced it was never solely an environmental project. He noted it was always a festival grounds/environmental project and the Board of Supervisors would not have been involved with this otherwise. Another incorrect statement that had been made, he said, was that the original plan had no buildings included in it. He countered that the original plan was developed after a series of meetings, over a number of months, that were held to design a contract between all the parties involved. Mr. Kenny stated that from the onset of discussions, the Charley's Saloon building was discussed and demanded by Supervisor Tessier as part of the package and desired to be saved by the three municipalities (3 M's); however, he added, it became apparent that the Charley's Saloon building could not be saved. It was at that time, he continued, that the Cavalcade of Cars and the Opera House buildings became the topics of discussion. He apprised that the end result of those discussions was that the 3 M's retained the right to keep the buildings and/or build new structures on the property, which was stated in the current contract signed by the parties. Mr. Kenny remarked that the special events fund, which was funded through occupancy tax, spent \$350,000 this year to attract events to Warren County, most of which would be held in Lake George and many of those events had expressed interest in utilizing the festival grounds. He reminded the board members that Warren County, and its' towns, invested \$3.5 million a year in tourism. He questioned if the buildings were demolished, what would the event holders do to protect their equipment and shelter people from inclement weather. Mr. Kenny said that the location of this land for festival grounds was priceless. He stated that this project could be done at a fraction of the projected costs and it could be a true intermunicipal cooperation project. Between the towns and the County, he added, there was a huge assortment of equipment and if all the towns would donate employees and equipment for several days over the next few months, this project could be completed. He concluded that he was in favor of design Concept 3 for the Gaslight Village property.

Mr. Belden requested that it be a roll call and Mrs. Sady remarked it would be Resolution No. 255 of 2009 for the record.

Mr. Thomas requested to introduce a resolution from the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing. Mrs. Sady said it would be Resolution No. 256 of 2009 for the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the Contingent Fund (A.1990 469) to begin court renovations before April 1, 2009, and to subsequently be reimbursed by the Office of Court Administration. Mrs. Sady noted it would be Resolution No. 257 of 2009 for the record.

Chairman Monroe acknowledged Ms. Tatich was present to discuss the Economic Stimulus funding and the priority projects and he requested Ms. Tatich to address the board.

Ms. Tatich apprised she had been tasked to assist in retrieving information from communities for the purpose of adding projects for consideration of Stimulus funds, otherwise known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. She reviewed the memorandum entitled "Suggested Priority List of Projects Meeting Criteria of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as Requested for Senator Little" in detail, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. She noted that there were five different criteria groups with projects identified under each grouping, which she reviewed for the board members. Chairman Monroe reinforced that all of the projects reviewed by Ms. Tatich had been submitted and the purpose of this outline was to assist Senator Little in analyzing each to determine which projects she would lend her support to. Chairman Monroe thanked Ms. Tatich for the list she had prepared.

Chairman called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Mrs. Sady advised that Resolution Nos. 178 through 250 were mailed and Resolution No. 217, Requesting Introduction of Home Rule Legislation Authorizing Warren County to Impose Additional Transfer Tax on Real Property Conveyances in Warren County, was tabled and referred back to the County Clerk- Motor Vehicles Committee for further review. She advised that the resolutions relating to the filling of vacant positions were Resolution Nos. 179 through 189. She noted that unless a roll call was requested on a particular resolution, they would be approved in the collective vote.

Mrs. Sady added that a motion was needed to bring Resolution Nos. 177 and 251 through 253 to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 177 and 251 through 253 to the floor.

Mr. VanNess referred to Resolution No. 253, Authorizing Domain Proceedings with regard to Corinth Road/Main Street/Broad Street Reconstruction project, and questioned if every other possible method had been exhausted prior to going forward with an Eminent Domain Procedure. Mr. Lamy responded that good business practices had been followed in trying to acquire the necessary Right-of-Way (ROW) and the property owners would still be paid fair market value. Mr. Lamy added that some of the properties were still involved in the negotiating process; however, he said, if the Eminent Domain process did not begin immediately, the time frame to receive Federal authorization to advertise for bids could be missed and therefore, the funding for the project would be revoked.

Mr. Kenny asked if Resolution Nos. 221 and 234, both of which dealt with grant funds, had local matching requirements. Mrs. Sady replied that Resolution No. 221, Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, did not require a local match; and Resolution No. 234, Establishing Capital Project No. H297.9550 280 Warren County Quadricentennial Program; Amending Warren County Budget for 2009, did not require a dollar match, the local share would be provided

through in-kind services of the participating towns according to the Planning & Community Development Department.

Chairman Monroe called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 177 through 257 were approved.

Mr. Belden reminded the board members that the New York State Basketball Tournament would be held this weekend at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Chairman Monroe announced that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) had three bills introduced by Senator Kruger of Brooklyn which would affect only those residing in the Adirondacks; one was for affordable housing; one was for expanding the Agency's time to do certain administrative tasks; and one that would create a planning fund for local government funded by fees and fines imposed on Adirondack land owners.

Mr. Kenny questioned if an executive session would be declared to further discuss the RFP for Event Coordinators and Ms. Bartlett replied that those discussions should be held after the RFPs were sent out and proposals were received.

Mr. Geraghty suggested that the phone numbers that had been released at the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting be shared with all Supervisors concerning the proposal to cap State land property tax payments. Mr. Payne advised he would provide the list of phone numbers to all of the Supervisors in order to voice their opposition to such a cap.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Dennis Galloway, Lake George Real Estate Broker. Mr. Galloway stated that it was customary that the seller of a property pay a transfer tax; however, he added that in Saratoga County it was customary that the buyer pay such tax. He suggested that the County Attorney further research the matter of who pays the transfer tax prior to any decision being made for the County as to whether or not to impose an additional tax.

Mr. Girard commented that Cornell Cooperative Extension had been offering a successful program relative to preparing income tax returns and had received an overwhelming response, with over one hundred people in attendance.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Belden and seconded by Mr. Tessier, Chairman Monroe adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.