

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008**

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 Strainer.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Simmes, Monroe, Girard, Taylor, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, Goodspeed, Tessier, Merlino, Stec, Strainer, Champagne, VanNess, Sokol, Thomas, Haskell, and Geraghty- 18.

Absent: Supervisors Sheehan and O'Connor - 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Kenny and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Monroe extended privilege of the floor to Mike Swan, Director of Real Property Tax Services, to present the results of a Centralized Assessment Study. Chairman Monroe noted that Susan Savage, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the New York State Office of Real Property Services, was present at the meeting, as well as local town Assessors.

Mr. Swan distributed a handout to the board members entitled "Centralized Property Tax Administration Program Assessment Study for Warren County New York", a copy of which is on file with the minutes. Mr. Swan apprised that the New York State Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) had a two-phase grant program. Phase one, he said, was a \$25,000 grant that the County had applied for to do a study of centralized property tax administration programs, specifically an assessment study for the County. He noted that the second phase of the grant was for the Director of Real Property Tax Services to present the study to the Board of Supervisors for approval and to have the minutes and a copy of the study forwarded to the ORPS in order to receive an additional \$25,000 grant. Mr. Swan added that the purpose of the study was to try to achieve a common level of assessment within counties. He said that currently, equalization rates throughout Warren County ranged from 1.04 to 100.

Mr. Swan stated that another purpose of the study was to create a dialogue within counties to determine if there were improvements that could be made in the assessment practices or if there was a way to consolidate services to be more cost effective and more efficient. He expounded that, as stated in the report, a key element to this was that it would take approximately one years worth of review, taxpayer education and internal decisions as to what would be the best system for Warren County. He strongly recommended that the board members not make a decision today.

Mr. Swan stated the components of the study were to review the current assessment

system, discuss at least one option that would create a common level of assessment within the County, to research a centralized data base and to provide recommendations. He provided an overview of the duties of his Office and the operations in Warren County. He advised that currently all assessments were done at the local level, either at the towns or the City of Glens Falls. He said that his Office had limited involvement with any kind of valuation and they did not do data collection. He added that his Office did provide technical assistance and expertise at times.

Mr. Swan explained that presently there were two CAPS, Coordinated Assessing Programs, within the County, which were Bolton and Lake George and Chester and Horicon. He noted that there were two towns that had elected Assessors and there were seven sole-appointed Assessors in the County. In his opinion, Mr. Swan said, equity within the towns appeared to be good and the quality of inventory, which was the data collected on each individual property, was in good shape as well, with the exception of the Town of Stony Creek which had never supplied their inventory on a computer system for others to access. He added that the current system was working well within Warren County. If the County attempted to achieve a common level of assessment, he appraised, it would have to be coordinated with the reassessment work that was done in all the towns.

Mr. Swan reviewed the options available for reassessment work and noted the first option would be to continue with the way the County had been doing it, which was local municipal assessing. He said the second option would be County-run assessing, in which the County would completely take over all of the assessment functions within the County. He added this option required a voter referendum and had to be passed by a majority vote in the City of Glens Falls, as well as a majority vote in the rest of the County. He further stated that with the second option, his position as Director would be eliminated, as a County Assessor would be appointed and there would be absolutely no local involvement with the assessment practices.

The third option, Mr. Swan reported, would be a Coordinated Assessing Program (CAP) which by law, allowed for two or more assessment units to merge into one unit while maintaining a local identity. He added that there could be a County-wide CAP, in which there would be one Assessor for the entire County, or five CAPS could be created consisting of just under 10,000 parcels per CAP.

Mr. Swan advised the last option would be to contract for services, whereby the County and the towns were allowed to enter into contracts to provide services by the County to the towns. He noted that this was called the 1537 option because it was allowed under Real Property Tax Law Section 1537.

Mr. Swan referred to page 11 of the study and reviewed the comparative analysis of current costs and projected costs of the options he had listed. He cautioned that under the State Aid, payments were listed as "up to payments" and the total received could be much less than was listed. He added that he would not be comfortable making a decision based on an assumption that the State Aid funds would be available, given the present economic

conditions.

Mr. Swan apprised there were consolidated grant funds available, not specifically targeted for assessment work, but for consolidation of services, which could be for as much as \$1 million. However, he said, he did not have enough information on that issue, as he had just recently learned about it. He concluded that, after reviewing the equity within the towns and the City, Warren County was doing very well with assessments. He added that eventually, Assessors would be retiring from the local municipalities; thereby forcing consolidation and possibly the formation of more CAPs.

Mr. Swan referred to the recommendations that he made in the report, and noted they were not for any particular option, but more along a general line of recommendations. He expounded he would like to see the State create a set of assessment standards and to enforce them in order to assure that things were done correctly and in a uniformed manner State-wide. He added he would also like the State Legislature to create a funded, mandated reassessment cycle which would eliminate many problems and would establish a common level of assessment, without disturbing the local controls that were important.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Theodore Bigelow, President of the Warren County Assessors Association, to comment on the study. Mr. Bigelow advised that Mr. Swan had provided the Association with a preliminary draft of the study. He read a response letter to the study that was prepared by the Association. In summation, he said, the letter recommended that any perspective major change to the current system should be scrutinized carefully by local taxpayers, communities and the County. He requested that the Association be included in any further discussions if the County was serious about considering the various alternative options outlined in the study and reminded the board members that much more work needed to be done before changes, if any, were made.

The consensus of the board members was for the study to be referred to the Real Property Tax Services Committee for further review.

Supervisor O'Connor entered the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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

Supervisor Geraghty, Budget; Supervisor Haskell, County Facilities; Supervisor Thomas, Personnel and Legislative & Rules; Supervisor Sokol, Health Services and Planning & Community Development; Supervisor VanNess, Public Safety; Supervisor Champagne, Community College; Supervisor Stec, Finance; Supervisor Belden, Real Property Tax Services and Public Works; and Supervisor O'Connor, Mental Health.

Regarding the Budget Committee, Mr. Geraghty advised work was continuing on the 2009 budget and there were a couple of options left to review in order to reduce the budget to a working level. He noted that the Committee would be meeting again next week.

Concerning the County Facilities Committee, Mr. Haskell said the Health and Human

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Services Building project was progressing nicely and a Special Board of Supervisors Meeting would be held on October 24, 2008 to review the 'Phase 2' plans.

In connection with the Personnel Committee, Mr. Thomas stated discussions were held with regard to the Travel Policy, specifically the use of County vehicles and a Special Personnel Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 to further discuss the current Policy and possible amendments. Mr. Thomas added that the Legislative Committee had met and approved a resolution urging the Governor and the State Legislature to reduce State spending without shifting the costs for State programs to County government.

With regard to the Health Services Committee, Mr. Sokol apprised under the Public Health portion of the meeting, the Committee had learned that Delta Health Technologies had been conducting training for the new Point of Care program and it was anticipated that the system would be going live by November. He stated that the flu vaccination had been received and this year it contained a new strain with the hopes that the vaccine would be improved and more effective as compared to last year. He also announced that Ginelle Jones, Assistant Director of Public Health, had been recognized as one of the "20 Under 40 Community Leaders" by *The Post Star*.

Mr. Sokol stated the Planning & Community Development Committee had reviewed a number of pending items, such as discussions on the broadband and an event coordinator. He noted that Patricia Tatich, Director of Planning & Community Development, had informed the Committee that the Department had surpassed \$25 million in housing and improvement program grant funds, which was a great milestone. He added that the Economic Development Corporation had held their Annual Luncheon at the Great Escape Lodge.

Chairman Monroe commented that there was a meeting last week of the Common Ground Alliance, which consisted of all State Officials, Department of Environmental Conservation, Adirondack Park Agency, Department of State, environmental groups and local government regarding broadband. He stated that at that meeting it was reported that in the northwest part of the State there was the Development Authority of the North Country which had developed broadband and were wholesaling it to providers. He noted that CBN Connect was in the northeast corner of the State, leaving a large void in this area. Chairman Monroe said the consensus of all the groups was that Warren County needed to aggressively move forward to get this area better connected.

Regarding the Public Safety Committee, Mr. VanNess commended the newly appointed Fire Coordinator, Brian LaFlure, on the job he had been doing, given the numerous fires throughout the County recently.

With regard to the Community College Committee, Mr. Champagne referred to Resolution No. 715, Authorizing Administration of Adirondack Community College to Participate in the State University of New York Capital Reinvestment Model and Complete a Building Condition Assessment Survey. He explained that the plan was to use State and local

charge back funds to complete a capital project study to determine what the greatest needs were at the college.

Mr. Strainer expressed his appreciation to Judges Breen, Hall and Krogmann for the recent tour of the court system, which he found to be extremely enlightening. He thanked each of them for their time.

Concerning the Finance Committee, Mr. Stec apprised there were two resolutions in the Supervisors' packets that pertained to amendments to a grant and a capital project for the Airport Obstruction Study and he noted that the original estimated cost for the project was \$100,000; however, he said, the actual cost would be \$98,948. He added that the Committee had also approved the purchase of Builders Risk Coverage during the construction of the Health and Human Services Building project in the amount of \$19.1 million, for a total cost not to exceed \$14,325 for the coverage.

In connection with the Real Property Tax Services Committee, Mr. Belden reported the meeting consisted of routine business; however, he said, at the appropriate time later in the meeting he would request to introduce a resolution from the floor pertaining to that Department. Mr. Belden added that with regard to the Public Works Committee, the meeting was focused on discussions concerning the Airport lease agreements for the Fixed Base Operator (FBO). He questioned if the resolution included in the Supervisors' packets would approve the FBO today, or if it would only authorize the public hearing. Chairman Monroe deferred to the County Attorney for an explanation.

Paul Dusek, County Attorney, expounded that the resolution in the packets would set a public hearing on the Schermerhorn lease and he would be distributing the proposed lease agreement following the verbal reports. He further explained that the Public Works Committee had recommended that the Schermerhorn lease contract was appropriate; however, he noted, a final decision would not be made until after the public hearing was held at the November 21, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting. He clarified that if the board members approved and adopted Resolution No. 705, the public hearing would be set for November 21<sup>st</sup> and following that, a final decision as to whether or not to proceed with the contract with Schermerhorn could be made.

Returning to verbal reports, Mr. Belden advised that under the Parks, Recreation & Railroad portion of the Public Works Committee, it was determined that the County would resume collecting the \$1 fee from ticket sales for the 'Thomas the Tank Engine' event, which had been waived in the past. He stated that under the DPW portion of the meeting, discussions were centered around the implementation of a one-man operation for the snow plows in order to reduce expenses. Chairman Monroe interjected that a meeting would be held with the CSEA to further discuss the one-man operation for plowing this winter.

Mr. Kenny apprised that although an Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee meeting had not been held, he had requested that the Treasurer's Office provide the numbers to date through the third quarter which had been completed. He announced that the County had collected \$71,744 over last years collections, which he believed was a direct testament to the Tourism Department and Committee, who had done a tremendous job during these economic

times.

Mr. O'Connor informed the board members that the Assistant Director of the Community Action Agency, Robert Lightfoote, had passed away suddenly and added Mr. Lightfoote would be sorely missed.

Concluding the verbal reports, Chairman Monroe apprised he would extend the privilege of the floor for public comment; however, he said, due to the number of individuals interested in the Airport FBO lease agreements, he requested that public comment be limited to two minutes per person.

Wayne Judge, resident of the Town of Queensbury and lawyer representing Empire East Aviation, stated his client had been operating the Airport as its' sole business for the past four years. He noted that the public hearing should not be solely limited to the Schermerhorn application, but should also include comments and arguments with regard to both the Schermerhorn and Empire East Aviation applications.

Eric Fields, pilot for the United States Coast Guard, advised that it was very important for the Coast Guard missions to stop at the Airport in relation to Homeland Security. He added that the current FBO, Empire East Aviation, had been very helpful to the Coast Guard, as well as Homeland Security.

Frank Athearn, resident of the Town of Queensbury, said he lived relatively close to the Airport. He advised that Airport traffic had increased over the past summer and there had been quite a bit of jet traffic early in the morning, as early as 5 a.m. After contacting the Airport Manager, Don DeGraw, with his concerns regarding the early morning traffic, he stated Mr. DeGraw had said there had not been any changes to flight schedules. Mr. Athearn noted that he had learned through the local newspaper that there had been changes at the Airport, including that the Airport would be available for twenty-four hour a day plane traffic, as well as re-fueling. He added that he had spoken with Supervisor Stec with regard to the income generated for the County from the Airport to which he was told it was not a significant amount of income to the County. He questioned if there was not a great benefit from the Airport to the County, why the County would want to jeopardize the people in the community that represented a much larger tax base for the benefit of an Airport owner. He agreed with Attorney Judge in that a public hearing should be held for both the Schermerhorn and Empire East applications.

Chris Hatin, Town of Queensbury Ward 3 resident, announced he was the owner of an aircraft based at the Floyd Bennet Memorial Airport, as well as the owner of an aircraft parts manufacturing business. He thanked the Supervisors that had taken the time to speak with him over the past week. He noted that he had researched the history of the Airport and wished to share his findings. He reported that a former FBO, Courtesy Air, had made promises to bring large sources of revenue through commuter airline service to the County. He said not only did a commuter airline service not come to the County, but Courtesy Air also over-charged costumers, continuously ran out of fuel and left the County with a large sum of

debt. Resultant of the dissatisfaction with Courtesy Air, he stated the Glens Falls Owners and Pilots Association was formed. Mr. Hatin added that when Courtesy Air was awarded the FBO contract, the owner was also the owner of a construction company with no FBO experience. He apprised that Supervisor Stec had stated that Mr. Schermerhorn offered money, stability and growth for the County. He said he wished to address those three items.

With regard to money, Mr. Hatin apprised Mr. Schermerhorns' proposal was financially inferior to the Empire East proposal in almost every respect. He compared the two proposals in detail and noted that the projected totals of County profit from Empire East was \$74,817 based on real sales figures from 2007. He added that based on those same figures, Mr. Schermerhorn was offering a net to the County of \$43,127, or \$31,690 less than Empire East. Concerning stability, Mr. Hatin said stability was measured over time and could not be obtained from a new venture. He reported that Empire East had taken over operations at the Airport in 2004 and had remained a stable, profitable, well respected and experienced FBO. Regarding growth at the Airport, he stated the installation of twenty T-hangars was scheduled for 2009 and could net the County \$25,000 in additional revenue. He added that there was currently a waiting list with over thirty names for the proposed T-hangars.

Mr. Hatin said that he had contacted Supervisor Tessier and told him that Mr. Schermerhorns' proposal was based upon promises of increased jet traffic that he could not keep and he stated that Supervisor Tessier had replied that had not been proven. He noted that *The International Herald Tribune* had reported that the US domestic market, which had for years accounted for the majority of business jet sales, had dipped below 50% of world-wide orders for the first time last year. He shared his findings regarding limited jet usage due to the economy.

In conclusion, Mr. Hatin apprised that in order to be profitable, the Airport must sustain and maintain both a balance of small and general aviation aircraft. He added that to lose one in favor of the other would be the demise of the Airport and to think that jets could fill the void from the loss of small general aircraft was a dangerous notion. He said, in his opinion, Empire East serviced the needs of current air traffic and recommended that they maintain the contract.

Rich Schermerhorn, owner of Schermerhorn Aviation II, Inc., said that he believed that the Public Works Committee did their due diligence with not only his application, but also with North American and Empire East. He pointed out to the local pilots that he would not only take care of them with better service than what was currently given, he would also continue to make the Airport a better place. He advised that he had made a commitment to the County to spend funds to refurbish the entire terminal, which was included in the agreement. He noted that to date, he had spent \$1.5 million of his own money on the big box hangars for jets. He added that the four corporate jets that were based in the big box hangars made up 30% of the jet fuel sales last year. Mr. Schermerhorn expounded that the Airport had tremendous growth opportunity; however, he said, in order for growth to occur, networking, marketing and resources were necessary. He added that at the Airport he had built large hangars with infrastructure that were set up for jet maintenance and jet charter base companies. He stated the Airport was very expensive for the County to maintain and to operate. Currently, he reported, there were two, 12,000 square foot hangars that he had built that were vacant and

available now. Mr. Schermerhorn concluded that the general aviation individuals would be treated better than they were being treated now under his operations. He added that the services would be better than what was currently available and he would continue to grow the Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell to table Resolution No. 705, Setting Public Hearing with Respect to Proposed Fixed Base Operator Lease Agreement with Schermerhorn Aviation II, Inc. for the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, Warren County, New York. Mrs. Simmes seconded the motion. Chairman Monroe announced a roll call vote was necessary to table the aforementioned resolution. Following the vote, the motion to table Resolution No. 705 failed by a majority vote.

Mr. Kenny questioned if it were possible to hold the public hearings for both the Schermerhorn lease agreement and the Empire East lease agreement simultaneously. Mr. Dusek explained that a public hearing was held in order for the public to review the lease and traditionally, the process was that the Committee would go through the RFPs (Request for Proposals) and after review, would make a preliminary selection. He said the next step was for his Office to draft a contract based on that selection. He noted the contract was then presented before the Board of Supervisors, and a public hearing was set for that contract and the contract would then be made available for the public to review. Mr. Dusek apprised that was what had been done for today. He clarified that the decision on the lease did not occur until after the public hearing.

Mr. Dusek further explained that in order to hold two public hearings simultaneously, a lease would need to be drafted for Empire East and a resolution prepared setting the public hearing. He advised that a Special Board Meeting was scheduled for October 24, 2008 and the board members had the option of authorizing the preparation of a lease agreement with Empire East that could be presented at that meeting.

Mr. Judge interjected that his client would be bound by the same terms as the lease agreement presented by Mr. Schermerhorn. Mr. Dusek replied that the responses to the proposals were different and the terms of the Schermerhorn lease were not the same as the terms submitted in the Empire East lease. Secondly, he added, there had been changes to the lease with Schermerhorn to incorporate the offers that were made by Mr. Schermerhorn at the Public Works Committee meeting.

Jon Lapper, attorney for Mr. Schermerhorn, expounded that the lease agreement had been negotiated and included the additional items as requested by the Public Works Committee. He stated that the numbers discussed by Mr. Hatin were not correct and were not the final numbers that had been negotiated in the lease agreement. He added that Mr. Schermerhorn's plan was to reduce the County's investment in the Airport on an annual basis. He noted that Mr. Judge, the attorney for Empire East, had not seen the final lease agreement and it was not the same deal as Mr. Judge's client had last time.

Mr. Judge said he felt that Empire East had been completely left out of the process and knew nothing about the additional terms offered by Mr. Schermerhorn and were not given the opportunity to match them. Mr. Dusek apprised that was not correct and it was known at the

Committee meeting and Mr. Judges' client did make representations at that time. Mr. Dusek noted that Mr. Judges' statements were entirely incorrect and improper. He clarified that the deal was discussed thoroughly at the Committee level, and that this was not a public bid under the General Municipal Law; it was the leasing of property under General Municipal Law concerning Airports. He reiterated that the Board of Supervisors did have the option to consider a lease arrangement with Empire East that could also be considered by the board members.

Mr. VanNess advised, although he could not confirm whether it was fact or fiction, he had heard that Empire East had borrowed \$100,000 for the FBO at the Airport. He questioned if the County had any knowledge of the borrowing of funds to be used by the FBO that was under contract with the County to operate the Facility. Mr. Dusek replied that the County did require financial statements from the FBO; however, he said, there was nothing illegal with the FBO borrowing money. He noted the issue was how financially secure Empire East was. Mr. VanNess suggested that the financial stability of both interested parties be reviewed. Mr. Judge interjected that the operations of the FBO had been completely transparent.

Chairman Monroe clarified that the only question before the board members today was whether or not to move forward with just the public hearing on the Schermerhorn proposal or to hold a public hearing on both the Schermerhorn and Empire East proposal.

Mr. Goodspeed stated that the financial status of Empire East had been discussed during the Committee meeting in a lengthy executive session which weighed on comments being made and he requested the legal advice of Mr. Dusek as to whether that could be discussed at this time. Mr. Dusek responded this was a very delicate area and Supervisors try not to directly discuss all of the financial and credit history of the FBO in public. He recommended either entering an executive session to further discuss the issue or he said Mr. Judge could comment on behalf of Empire East. Mr. Judge replied he could not comment on behalf of Empire East at this time.

Mr. Taylor asked if it would be appropriate to grant a three month extension of the existing agreement with Empire East to allow the board members additional time to further review both proposals. Mr. Dusek responded it was a possibility; however, he added, that would require the agreement of Empire East to be willing to extend and also a public hearing authorizing an extension.

Mr. VanNess requested an executive session to discuss the performance and the financial and credit history of the current FBO as a matter leading to the possibility of hiring this FBO again. Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The board reconvened.

Chairman Monroe called for reading of communications.

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Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

Warren County Planning Board;  
Warren/Washington Counties Mental Health Subcommittee;  
Warren/Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency Park/Executive  
Committee.

Monthly Reports from:

Weights & Measures;  
Veterinarian;  
Probation.

Annual Report from:

County of Warren for Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/07;

Capital District Off-Track Betting, June 30, July 31 and August 31, 2008 Financial Reports,  
as well as September Surcharge in the amount of \$10,533;

Warren County SPCA, Expense report through 8/31/08;

Helene W. Horn, Joanne M. Gavin, John G. Davis, letters expressing concerns regarding  
Gaslight Village property;

Numerous letters (copies provided to supervisors) regarding selection of a fixed base  
operator at the Floyd Bennett Airport;

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Chairman Monroe called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to  
waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing. The Clerk noted it would be  
Resolution No. 719 of 2008 for the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mrs. Simmes and carried unanimously  
authorizing the County Attorney to meet with Empire East to develop a lease agreement to  
be presented at the October 24, 2008 Special Board Meeting and setting a public hearing for  
such for the November 21, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Clerk added it would be  
Resolution No. 720 of 2008 for the record.

Mr. Belden requested that a resolution be brought to the floor. The Clerk stated the  
resolution was being distributed to the board members and was Resolution No. 717. Mr.  
Belden explained the resolution would authorize the issuance of a quitclaim deed to Yvonne  
E. Wright for the Town of Lake Luzerne Tax Map Parcel No. 285.20-1-41/14-1-6.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously

to bring Resolution No. 717 to the floor.

Chairman Monroe apprised there was another resolution to be brought from the floor regarding litigation against pharmaceutical companies. The Clerk said the resolution was being distributed and was Resolution No. 718. Chairman Monroe requested Mr. Dusek to further explain the resolution.

Mr. Dusek expounded this was an administrative resolution. He further explained that years ago the County had commenced, as part of a joint county effort with other counties, litigation against the pharmaceutical companies for drug sales to nursing homes and Sheriff's Departments, etc., claiming that the County over paid for those drugs. He added documents randomly were received that required either signatures or verification. He said this resolution would authorize the verification or signing of these documents.

Motion was made by Chairman Monroe, seconded by Mr. Champagne and carried unanimously to bring Resolution No. 718 to the floor.

Mr. Champagne advised that a few of the Supervisors had toured various County-owned properties and he requested Mr. Swan to identify those properties for sale at the next Real Property Tax Services Committee meeting.

Mr. Dusek stated there was a change that was necessary to Resolution No. 716 which authorized the Special Board Meeting on October 24, 2008. He recommended that the matter of the lease agreement with Empire East that would be considered at that meeting be included as Item number 3 in the Resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 716 as outlined by the County Attorney.

Mr. Kenny requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 703, Authorizing Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Execute No-Cost Time Extension Memorandum Relative to Warren County Scenic Rail Project (PIN 1821.71.321/ME 2015.30A).

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, advised that Resolution Nos. 671 through 713 were mailed and a motion was needed to bring Resolution Nos. 670 and 714 through 716 to the floor. Motion was made by Mrs. Simmes, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 670 and 714 through 716 to the floor.

Chairman Monroe called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 670 through 720 were approved.

Chairman Monroe extended privilege of the floor to the Supervisors for announcements.

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Mr. Thomas reminded the board members that Resolution No. 679 that was approved authorized the agreement with ProAct, Inc. for a County discount prescription drug card program, and he requested that the agreement be advertised and promoted in order for citizens of the County to be aware of the program.

Mr. Tessier apprised that the Lake George Fire Department held a successful car show on the Gaslight Village property and they were interested in using the property again next year for two days. He noted that over five hundred cars were parked that day. Chairman Monroe outlined a number of questions that were presented at the Management Committee meeting regarding the Gaslight Village Property and stated that the Board of Supervisors needed to be prepared to answer the questions in the very near future. He added that he would provide the list of questions to all the Supervisors.

Mr. Kenny said he had been contacted by a constituent who read him a letter from the New York State Child Support Processing Center. He stated that the letter was advising recipients of child support of a new Federally required annual service fee for never assisted recipients of child support services. He summarized that the letter was requiring recipients of child support payments to annually pay \$25 to receive their payments once the \$500 limit had been reached. He expressed his concern with such legislation and further stated that he felt this was ludicrous. He requested that this issue be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for action to be sent to the State and Federal representatives.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. VanNess and seconded by Mr. Kenny, Chairman Monroe adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.