

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 Sokol.

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Absent: Supervisor Stec - 1.

Vacant: Town of Thurman - 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. Simmes, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting, the October 24, 2008 Special Board Meeting and the November 7, 2008 Adjourned Board Meeting subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Supervisor Stec entered the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Monroe declared the Public Hearing on the proposed Fixed Base Operator Lease Agreement with Empire East Aviation, Inc. and Schermerhorn Aviation, LLC open at 10:01 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Monroe apprised prior to opening the floor for public comment, Lisa Manzi, of Congresswoman Gillibrand's Office, was present and would like to address the board members. Ms. Manzi announced she would be leaving the Congressional Office as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated it had been a pleasure working with the Warren County Board of Supervisors. She introduced her replacement, Pat Friesen, as regional representative in the Glens Falls Office. Chairman Monroe added that Ms. Manzi had done a great job of keeping in touch with the Supervisors and had helped not only with Federal issues, but also State issues, particularly the health care crisis last year. Ms. Friesen said she looked forward to working with the Warren County Board of Supervisors and encouraged the board members to give her a call at any time.

Chairman Monroe expounded Irv West, of the Amorak Youth Home, had requested permission to address the board members. Mr. West explained that the Amorak Youth Home was in its second year and was a home that was very responsive and ultimately saved funds in terms of youth having productive lives instead of winding up in the prison system. He referred to the website, [www.amorakyouthhome.org](http://www.amorakyouthhome.org), and noted that the program was

detailed there. Amorak Youth Home, he stated, was dedicated to helping at risk youth make better choices and set obtainable goals. Mr. West asked the board members to consider providing a letter of support for the Amorak Youth Home. Chairman Monroe requested Mr. West to forward a sample letter of support for the County to mirror. Mr. West thanked the board members for their time.

Chairman Monroe returned to the Public Hearing, and asked that the two applicants provide a brief presentation of the major points of their proposals in order to frame the issues and for the public to understand both proposals.

Wayne Judge, attorney for Empire East Aviation, thanked the Supervisors for including Empire East Aviation in the Public Hearing and added he felt that to some extent it benefitted the County because both proposals came out better as a result. He noted that Empire East had submitted a business plan to each Supervisor for review, outlining their plans for the future and it included Mr. Schermerhorns' jet aspirations. He stated that the Empire East proposal was superior because the infrastructure was already in place for capital improvements and the experience in running an Airport had been obtained. Mr. Judge concluded that there was far less risk involved, financial and otherwise, in granting the FBO to Empire East than there was with the Schermerhorn proposal.

Jon Lapper, attorney for Schermerhorn Aviation, advised that he and his client, Rich Schermerhorn, would hold their comments until after hearing from the public and the pilots. In terms of framing the proposal, Mr. Lapper stated, Mr. Schermerhorn was offering to bring the Airport to the next level, ultimately resulting in additional funds returning to the County and more activity at the Airport, including improved fuel sales. He added that Mr. Schermerhorn would bring business leadership to the table and had made permanent investments in the County's facility. He noted that Mr. Schermerhorn was currently in negotiations with a jet charter company out of Plattsburgh that was interested in moving their operations to Warren County.

Chairman Monroe requested that the public limit their comments to three minutes due to the number of people interested in speaking on the matter.

Sam Hoopes, pilot and owner of a plane housed at the Airport, said he felt that the services and the quality of the operations were as good as, if not better, than any past FBO. He advised that Empire East was on site on a day-to-day basis and it was their primary business. He supported Empire East Aviation for the FBO.

Fred Alexy, resident of the Town of Queensbury, advised that he had hoped that a joint arrangement between Empire and Schermerhorn could be reached; however, he said, that was not going to be the case. He stated that Empire East had made a profit for the Airport, had made large investments in the furtherance and growth of the Airport and did an outstanding job. He concluded that his support was with Empire East Aviation to continue as

the FBO for the Airport.

Dave Morrissey, pilot and County resident, said he considered himself and the other pilots present, the expert witnesses in this matter. He stated that as a group, the pilots knew what worked and what did not work at the Airport. He advised that the current FBO worked well at the Airport.

Chairman Monroe announced that the comments on the FBO needed to be delayed while the next Public Hearing was opened.

Chairman Monroe declared the Public Hearing on the Warren County Sewer District (Industrial Park) Assessment Roll for 2009 open at 10:30 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Monroe apprised public comment on the FBO could resume at this time.

Jerry Caruso, resident of the Town of Queensbury and local pilot, noted he owned a small plane based at the Warren County Airport. He stated that as a taxpayer, business person and long time pilot, he felt it was obvious that the clear choice for the FBO was Empire East Aviation.

Chris Hatin, resident of the Town of Queensbury, said there were two proposals before the board members today, one of which was an ever changing proposal based upon conjecture and optimistic projections of jet related business and the premise that money could make the FBO. The other, he stated, was based upon historical data of what worked and what did not, twenty years of aviation business experience and the knowledge of small and large general aviation. He added it was also based upon a proven track record of taking a revenue losing aviation business and making it profitable. Mr. Hatin commented that he felt Empire East should be rewarded for their dedication of service to the County.

David Schwenker, local surgeon and taxpayer, advised he had a lot of experience in aviation and was a flight surgeon in the Air Force, of which several months consisted of training in aviation safety. He said that Empire East always put safety first, such as shoveling ice in front of hangars and purchasing the de-icing truck. He stated he supported Empire East and that they had done a great job.

Tom Clements, resident of the Town of Queensbury, advised he had been an Angel Flight pilot since 1990, which meant he flew patients on medical missions and also did transplant flights. He said that the Airport was for all the citizens in Warren County. Mr. Clements recommended that a citizens committee be created to study the Airport to determine ways to reduce costs or increase revenues. He suggested that the Board of

Supervisors renew the contract with Empire East, with the condition that they engage the services of a mediator to negotiate a reasonable and fair contract with Mr. Schermerhorn in order for the hangars to be fully utilized.

Jeff Miller, resident of the Town of Queensbury, listed some concerns and stated that both contracts lacked restrictions for airport hours. Another concern, he said, was that if Mr. Schermerhorn was awarded the contract, who would actually run the Airport.

Chairman Monroe interjected and apprised there being no one further wishing to speak on the Warren County Sewer District (Industrial Park) Assessment Roll for 2009, he declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:48 a.m.

Chairman Monroe declared the Public Hearing on the 2009 Tentative Budget open at 10:48 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Monroe apprised public comment on the FBO would again resume at this time.

Rich Wardwell, former resident of the Town of Queensbury, told a personal story about regrettably hiring someone with no experience to work on a construction site, of which the outcome was terrible. He related that story to the idea of Mr. Schermerhorn being awarded the FBO contract. He further stated that the services provided by Empire East Aviation were amplified by the types of people that came to the County and how they came here. He concluded that the County should want a competitive proposal backed by experience, which was what Empire East provided.

Bob Singer, resident of Warren County, expounded that the Airport was a gem. He added that he depended on the FBO to help him ready his plane, to keep it air worthy with service, and he trusted that service with his life. He noted that the service provided by Empire East matched the best FBO's around the country and he urged the board members to retain Empire East Aviation.

Rich Schermerhorn, owner of Schermerhorn Aviation, apprised that he would meet and exceed the services currently being provided at the Airport. He said he was looking at the FBO as a source of growth of not only the Airport, but also the whole community. He assured the board members and the general public that any situation that would arise at the Airport, he would do everything himself to resolve it. He stated that he paid the County \$28,599 a year for the rental space of the four hangars he had at the Airport,. He further explained it was a thirty-year lease for the four hangars, which totaled \$858,000 and he also had a ten-year renewal option, which would generate over \$1 million. Mr. Schermerhorn apprised he was willing to pay the base rent for the next five years up front to prove that he was not

going anywhere. He concluded he supported economic growth and development, and if the board members did not want the future of the Airport to be that way, he would respect that, as well.

Kim Lussier, current operator of the FBO at the Airport, commented that he had been involved with aviation operations for over twenty years and became the FBO for the Warren County Airport in 2004. He provided the board members with a brief history of his experience and the Airport. He apologized to Mr. Schermerhorn for the problems that had occurred between them and he asked Mr. Schermerhorn if Empire East was awarded the contract to continue as the FBO if he would be willing to work with him and to move forward and to make this one of the greatest airports in the northeast.

Matthew Wolner, resident of the City of Glens Falls, said he was in the United States Navy and had done quite a bit of traveling. He noted he had never received as warm a welcome as he had at the Warren County Airport. In his opinion, he stated, the way that Empire East ran the Airport, it could rival even naval nuclear power safety.

Mike Quindazzi, Warren County resident, noted that all the individuals that had spoken today had all praised the work of Empire East.

There being no one further wishing to speak on the matter of the FBO, Chairman Monroe declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:15 a.m.

Concerning the Public Hearing on the 2009 Tentative Budget, Chairman Monroe turned the meeting over to Supervisor Geraghty, Budget Officer, for discussion.

Mr. Geraghty apprised the 2009 Tentative Budget had been presented and again he thanked JoAnn McKinstry, Deputy Commissioner of Administrative & Fiscal Services; Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board; Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative & Fiscal Services; and Rick Murphy, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal Services, for their patience in guiding him through his first budget. He also thanked Department Heads and the Budget Committee for their work on the Budget. He reminded everyone that 2009 would hold quite a bit of financial uncertainty. However, he said, they were able to maintain programs and services to the residents although nineteen positions were eliminated from the 2009 Budget. He further stated that he believed that the Board was headed in the right direction. He noted that the highlights had been reviewed at the Adjourned Board meeting. He reiterated that most of the 4.1% increase over the 2008 Budget could be attributed to bond payments for the new Health and Human Services Building, the 2005 storm damage in Bolton Landing, a new hangar at the Airport and highway equipment.

Mr. Geraghty pointed out that there was a draft resolution included in the Supervisors' packets to decrease the budget to a 2.9% increase over 2008 and he strongly encouraged all Supervisors to vote in favor of that resolution; thereby authorizing the lowest budget increase for Warren County in ten years.

Chairman Monroe thanked Supervisor Geraghty. He opened the floor for public comment on the 2009 Tentative Budget.

George Weinshenk, advised he had been attending the Board of Supervisors Budget Meetings for thirty-two years, and he recalled a founding father once said ...it was the duty of every citizen to challenge government. He said unfortunately government had become a challenge that no one man could do anymore. He expressed his dismay with municipalities blaming budget increases on Federal and State mandates. Mr. Weinshenk added that there were no mandates to run a Fish Hatchery, an Airport, a railroad or to purchase the Gaslight Village property. He recognized the efforts put into the Budget; however, he stated, he was still discouraged.

There being no one further wishing to speak on the 2009 Tentative Budget, Chairman Monroe declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:30 a.m.

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

Supervisor Geraghty, Budget; Supervisor Thomas, Personnel, Legislative & Rules and County Facilities; Supervisor Sokol, Health Services; Supervisor VanNess, Public Safety; Supervisor Champagne, Community College and Intercounty Solid Waste; Supervisor Stec, Finance; Supervisor Tessier, Social Services, Tourism and Criminal Justice; Supervisor Belden, Real Property Tax Services and Public Works; and Supervisor Kenny, County Clerk- Motor Vehicles.

With regard to the Budget Committee, Mr. Geraghty reiterated that the 2009 Tentative Budget had been presented and requested that at the appropriate time in the meeting, that the rules of the board be waived in order to approve the resolution that would reduce the Budget further.

Concerning the Personnel Committee, Mr. Thomas apprised the Committee had met three times over the past month. The first meeting, he said, was to review the Travel and Vehicle Usage Policy which had been amended again and was included in the Supervisors' packets today. He added that a joint meeting of the Personnel and Budget Committee was held and a request to reclassify a position in the Self-Insurance Department was denied. He noted that a request to fill a vacant position of a Supervising Nurse in the Health Department was approved because it included the deletion of two other positions, thereby providing a savings of approximately \$80,000. Mr. Thomas said during that meeting, a goal had been set for 2009 to absorb positions resulting from retirement.

In connection with the Legislative & Rules Committee, Mr. Thomas expounded that Resolution Nos. 757 through 759 were resultant from that meeting and he reviewed those resolutions for the board members.

Regarding the County Facilities Committee, Mr. Thomas advised that the Committee awarded the general construction contract to Bast Hatfield for the Health and Human Services Building. He added that the project was on schedule and under budget. He noted that a pending issue that would be addressed by the Committee at a later date concerned the lack of space in the Court System. Mr. Thomas stated that the water lines had been run for the new Soil & Water Conservation District Office and he thanked the Town of Warrensburg for their assistance with that. He also thanked the Town of Bolton for their assistance with the driveway that had been installed there. He concluded that the new building was scheduled to be delivered in mid-December.

Mr. Sokol apprised that the Health Services Committee had met and the agendas mainly consisted of housekeeping issues. He noted that the Point of Care initiative program was going very well. He reported that a resident of the Westmount Health Facility would be turning 104 years old on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

With regard to the Public Safety Committee, Mr. VanNess commented that Brian LaFlure, Director of the Office of Emergency Services/Fire Coordinator, had provided an update on the RACES (Radio Amateur Civic Emergency Services) Program, and noted that the grant application required no local funding.

Concerning the Community College Committee, Mr. Champagne reported that enrollment at the Adirondack Community College (ACC) had increased approximately 5%. He added that ACC had fortunately escaped the New York State Governors' proposal to reduce State Aid funding for community colleges.

In connection with the Finance Committee, Mr. Stec announced that Resolution No. 764 of 2008 included in the Supervisors' packets concerned the two County-owned properties located across the street from the Municipal Center which would be advertised again for sale with a deadline of December 15, 2008.

Mr. Tessier advised that the Criminal Justice, Social Services and Tourism Committees consisted mainly of budget and personnel issues. He noted that the Tourism Committee had also approved 2009 contracts for tourism advertising, which were Resolution Nos. 731 through 735 included in the packets.

Regarding the County Clerk-Motor Vehicles Committee, Mr. Kenny stated that Resolution Nos. 740 and 741 were generated from that meeting and the majority of the meeting consisted of housekeeping issues. He added that he had Chaired the Personnel Committee meeting on November 12, 2008 in the absence of Supervisor Thomas and the issue of a Hiring Freeze was discussed at length. It was determined, he said, that the policy required stronger language and a proposed policy would be presented at a later date.

During the verbal reports, many Supervisors expressed the difficulty that they had encountered in the decision process regarding the FBO contract for the Airport. Mr. Taylor announced he would recuse himself from the vote on the FBO due to a conflict of interest.

Chairman called for reading of communications.

Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

Warren County Planning Board;  
Warren/Washington Counties Chemical Dependency Subcommittee;  
Warren/Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency and  
Executive/Park Committee.

Monthly Reports from:

Weights & Measures;  
Probation;  
Veterinarian.

Capital District Off-Track Betting, October Surcharge in the amount of \$10,882 and  
Third Quarter Benefit Distribution in the amount of \$63,918.;

A Group of Taxpayers from Warren County, two petitions urging the Board to rescind  
Resolution No. 660 of 2008 regarding the Festival Space at the former Gaslight  
Village property;

Michelle Maskaly, letter expressing concern regarding a report of a non-working septic  
system at a home in Lake George;

Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, PC, Copy of the proposed 2009 Budget for the  
Warren/Washington Industrial Development Agency;

Assemblywoman Sayward, response to Warren County's request for assistance in the  
2005 flood damage.

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Chairman Monroe remarked that Joanne Gavin, Warren County resident, had requested permission to address the board members regarding the request to rescind Resolution No. 660 of 2008 relating to the Gaslight Village property.

Ms. Gavin apprised she was a resident of Lake George and a Warren County taxpayer. She expressed her concern with Resolution No. 660 of 2008 entitled "Authorizing Repairs, Improvements and/or Renovations of Buildings on the Festival Space of the Former Gaslight

Village/Waxlife USA Museum Property". She stated that the residents of Lake George were requesting the Board of Supervisors to rescind Resolution No. 660 of 2008 and added that she had a petition with over two hundred twenty-five signatures of residents opposed to Resolution No. 660 of 2008.

Chairman Monroe commented on the status of the Gaslight Village property. He apprised there was a resolution included in the Supervisors' packets that would authorize the hiring of Clark Patterson to evaluate the buildings located on the property and noted that a final decision had not been made as to whether or not to keep the buildings. Chairman Monroe noted there was also a resolution in the packets that was a proposal from Chazen Companies, whose services would be paid for by grants that had been secured by the environmental groups, to develop a plan for the property.

Paul Dusek, County Attorney, advised that the Town of Lake George, the Village of Lake George and the County were considered tenants in common, and as such, each party had a right to the property. He said that as a tenant in common, the Town had the right to perform work on the property and Resolution No. 660 of 2008, as mentioned by Ms. Gavin, authorized that action, recognized the legal authority of the Town and protected the interest of the County. Mr. Tessier added that the Town had only been trying to clean up the property.

Chairman Monroe questioned if any Supervisor wanted to make a motion to rescind Resolution No. 660 of 2008 as previously discussed.

Mr. Belden made a motion to waive the rules in order to rescind Resolution No. 660 of 2008. Due to the lack of a second to the motion, the motion failed.

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, expounded that a determination needed to be made with regard to the 2009 Budget and stated that there were two draft resolutions before the board members today.

Mr. Geraghty said he had a proposal to reduce the Budget by \$413,909, which did include the 3% raises for Department Heads, the deletion of four positions and to reduce one more position, over and above the positions that had already been reduced within the Budget. He noted that the proposal also included \$2,500 for potential litigation against the APA (Adirondack Park Agency) with regard to access to lakes in the Adirondacks for disabled veterans, \$2,900 added for leadership training and the change regarding benefits for Tourism employees in the amount of \$42,000 to be paid from occupancy tax. Mr. Geraghty added the proposal included the reduction in health insurance costs based on percentages provided by Capital Financial. He advised that the increases and decreases he described amounted to \$413,909, which would give a total budget increase of 2.98% over the 2008 Adopted Budget, as opposed to the 4.11% increase without the aforementioned items.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to amend the 2009 tentative Budget as outlined above. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 780 of 2008 for the record.

Chairman called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, advised that Resolution Nos. 729 through 774 were mailed and Resolution No. 765 had been corrected and was being distributed. She said a motion was needed to approve Resolution No. 765 as corrected. She noted that there was a Schedule "A" that should be attached to Resolution No. 762 which was being handed out, as well. Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 765 as corrected.

Mrs. Sady added a motion was needed to bring Resolution Nos. 728 and 775 through 783 to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Goodspeed and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 728 and 775 through 783 to the floor.

Chairman Monroe recognized that a motion was needed to award a contract for the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) lease agreement at the Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley and seconded by Mrs. Simmes to award the FBO contract to Empire East Aviation. Chairman Monroe reminded the board members that it would be a roll call vote and that Supervisor Taylor would abstain from the vote.

Mr. Dusek distributed a draft resolution concerning the FBO lease agreement to the board members.

Mr. Kenny requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 756, Amending Resolution No. 655 of 2008, Which Authorized Superintendent of Public Works and/or Deputy Superintendent to Approve and Execute Change Orders Associated with the Construction of Warren County Rail Stations, Town of Hadley and Town of Thurman (WC 61-08) Project, to Increase Change Order Limits and Amount of Contingency for Project; and Resolution No. 777, Ratifying Actions taken by Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Relative to the Execution of an Authorization Form to Acquire a Building Permit from the County's Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement Department for the Construction of Thurman Station.

Mr. Stec requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 762, Approving New Agreement for 2008-2011 with the Warren County Police Benevolent Association.

Prior to beginning the roll call votes, Mrs. Sady advised that the resolution regarding the FBO contract being awarded to Empire East Aviation would be Resolution No. 784 of 2008 for the record.

Mr. Dusek interjected that the draft resolution concerning the FBO that had been distributed required information to be filled in pending on which candidate was selected. Due to the motion on the floor, he remarked, he would walk the board members through the draft and what the intent was to fill in those blanks. He said that based on the motion and the comments made, the resolution would be "Approving the Fixed Base Operator Lease Agreement with Empire East" in the title; the second 'Whereas' of the resolution would only refer to Resolution No. 724; and the meeting that set the Public Hearing for Empire East was October 24, 2008. He continued and said that the 'Resolve' clause would state that the reasons given were the history of operations and proven experience by Empire East, safety concerns supported by experience by Empire East, and was based on a reasonable financial return to the County.

Following the roll call votes, Mrs. Sady announced that Resolution No. 784, awarding the FBO contract to Empire East Aviation failed due to lack of majority vote.

Chairman Monroe requested an alternate motion. Motion was made by Mr. Goodspeed and seconded by Mr. Belden to award the FBO contract to Schermerhorn Aviation. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 785 of 2008 for the record. Mr. Dusek added he would need to fill in the blanks of the drafted resolution as he had done for Empire East, and the reasons why the board chose Schermerhorn needed to be outlined. He said the financial terms were better. Mr. Goodspeed added the effectiveness of the proposal, long range financial viability and the fact that no agreement could be worked out between the two proposers.

Chairman Monroe noted that in the second 'Whereas' it would be Resolution No. 705, and the date of the meeting that set the Public Hearing for Schermerhorn Aviation was October 17, 2008. Mr. Dusek said one further amendment would be to cover the fact that they revised their proposal because the lease agreement that was before the board members when the Public Hearing was set got changed in the process; whereby, a 'Whereas' would be added because they were changing the terms, which would be that the lease agreement as now proposed would have a guaranteed minimum of \$70,000 as opposed to \$56,115; the terminal building improvements would be completed by May 31, 2009; the self-service fuel farm would be completed by May 31, 2009 with an investment of at least \$50,000 in new equipment with an escrow fund; a terminal security system of at least \$15,000 would be completed by May 31, 2009; and that the total amount would be reflected at, at least \$90,000. He added that he just went through the summary that the board members had and he would amend the lease agreement to reflect those changes.

Mr VanNess mentioned that the last time they met in public session with both, there was a commitment from Mr. Schermerhorn that there was a guaranteed minimum of \$50,000 for the fuel farm, but that he would pay the total sum of whatever it was. Mr. Schermerhorn agreed it was a minimum of \$50,000 and if it came back that it was \$110,000, he said it would be his responsibility. Mr. Dusek stated that would go in the 'Whereas' clause that he was just referring to, to make it clear what the intentions were and with the board members

permission, he would try to word it to cover that point.

Mr. Dusek added that the resolution should also include the fact that Mr. Schermerhorn raised his annual base rent to \$30,000 and raised the fuel sales per gallon sold from 5.5 cents to 7.5 cents.

In connection with the fuel farm, Mr. Champagne said after hearing from a number of pilots, he had some reservations about the fuel farm and he thought Mr. Schermerhorn had mentioned that if all the funds were not spent on the fuel farm, that those dollars could be spent in some other fashion. He noted that he thought that should be studied further to find out what the real value was to Mr. Schermerhorn and in certain ways to the County. Mr. Schermerhorn responded that he felt that the self-serve facility was important; however, he said, if the money could be well spent on something else at the Airport, he would be happy to do that as well. He noted that the self-serve facility would also allow him to obtain very competitive fuel prices.

Mr. Stec said it should be included in the resolution or preferably, in the lease, that if it were determined that the money was not best spent on the fuel farm that the money would be allocated elsewhere at the Airport. Mr. VanNess added he was happy to hear that it was not going to be a fully self-serve gas and that the full service would still be offered at the Airport.

Mr. Dusek advised that he needed to be sure that as he drafted the documents for the board, and ultimately the lease, that he had the decision correct. He asked if it was definite that the self-service fuel system would be installed or if that was still open. Mr. VanNess said it was his understanding that the Airport needed it. Mr. Schermerhorn added he felt it was necessary and a great convenience for pilots.

Don DeGraw expounded, as the Airport Manager, he strongly supported the self-serve fuel facility and he added the County had also secured a State grant that was encumbered for about \$13,000, and if the self-service fuel was not installed, the County would have to pay the State back. He noted it was valuable to the Airport.

Chairman Monroe called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 728 through 785 were approved; with the exception of Resolution No. 784, which failed due to the lack of a majority vote.

Chairman Monroe opened the floor for announcements.

Mr. Thomas thanked the County employees that collected food for the Food Pantry in Stony Creek.

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Mr. Stec expressed his appreciation and thanks to Mr. Geraghty and the staff for their efforts in the preparation the 2009 Budget and stated they had done a great job. Many Supervisors echoed Mr. Stec's comments.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Mr. Strainer, Chairman Monroe adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.