Marren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014



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. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Beaty.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Monroe, Girard, McDevitt, Taylor, Brock, Kenny, Simpson, Vanselow, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Seeber, Sokol, Beaty, Westcott, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 19; Supervisor Frasier absent -1.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Wood and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 15th Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Geraghty announced that after some consideration, he had decided to make a change in the standard meeting Agenda to allow for public comment on resolutions to be heard prior to voting. He advised this additional privilege of the floor period would be limited to comments concerning proposed resolutions and he noted that each person would be provided three minutes to speak.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2014, entitled "A Local Law Amending and Superseding Local Law. No. 7 of 2012 Establishing Motor Vehicle Parking Regulations for the West Brook Parking Lot Located in the Village and Town of Lake George" open at 10:03 a.m. He then asked Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, to read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud, which she proceeded to do.

Chairman Geraghty called for comments on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2014 and Mr. Dickinson advised the purpose of the Local Law was to amend prior Local Law No. 7 of 2012 in such a manner that it would mirror the law adopted by the Village of Lake George relative to parking regulations for the West Brook Parking Lot. Chairman Geraghty advised the Public Hearing period would remain open for a bit to allow anyone wishing to comment on the proposed Local Law to do so. In the meantime, Chairman Geraghty extended privilege of the floor to Nicholas Caimano, Town of Queensbury Resident and former member of the Board of Supervisors (*Town of Queensbury At-Large Supervisor*), who was in attendance to speak about an upcoming event.

Mr. Caimano apprised of the upcoming Second Annual Lake George Community Band Salute to Veterans Concert which would be held on Sunday, November 9th at 3:00 p.m. at the Glens Falls High School. He said he would return to the October Board Meeting to remind everyone of the event, once again, because he felt it was important to make every effort to apprise the County's Veterans of how much they were appreciated. Mr. Caimano advised ticket prices for the event were \$12 for adults and \$8 for children with free admittance for all Veterans; he added that free transportation would be provided to any Veteran and he noted several people had volunteered to provide transportation assistance. Mr. Caimano said it was his understanding that last year there had been a shortage of transportation which had prevented some northern County Veterans from attending, but he opined this would not be a

problem for the 2014 event, due to increased volunteerism.

Continuing, Mr. Caimano apprised of the upcoming Hiring for Heroes event to be held at the Empire State College in Saratoga Springs on Tuesday, October 7th. He explained this was a job fair strictly for Veterans where at least 45 companies would be present and offering employment opportunities. Mr. Caimano stated this was an important event that he hoped each Supervisor would promote and encourage their Veterans to attend.

Supervisor Thomas advised that he and his family had attended last years Salute to Veterans Concert and he attested the event was very well done; he encouraged anyone able to attend to do so.

Chairman Geraghty called for any further comments pertaining to proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2014; there being none, he closed the Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m.

Continuing the Agenda review with the Report from the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Geraghty read aloud a listing of the meetings he had attended since the August Board Meeting, a copy of which is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting.

Chairman Geraghty then called for reports by Committee Chairmen on the past months meetings or activities and the following were given: Supervisor Westcott, Social Services; Supervisor Thomas, Budget; Supervisor Wood, Public Safety; Supervisor Conover, Finance; Supervisor Monroe, Park Operations & Maintenance; Supervisor Girard, County Facilities and Extension Services; Supervisor McDevitt, Mental Health; Supervisor Taylor, Economic Growth & Development and Personnel; Supervisor Sokol, Health Services; and Supervisor Merlino, Public Works and Tourism.

With regard to the August 22nd Social Services Committee Meeting, Supervisor Westcott advised one resolution had been approved, proposed Resolution No. 424, *Authorizing Agreement with Warrensburg Laundry and Dry Cleaning, Inc. for Patient Laundry Services at Countryside Adult Home.* He advised interviews for the vacant Commissioner of Social Services position continued and he thanked everyone who had attended and participated, noting it was very important to conduct this process correctly.

Supervisor Thomas summarized the events of the September 10th Budget Committee Meeting which had consisted mainly of the review of the multi-year plan developed by Paul Dusek, County Administrator; JoAnn McKinstry, Assistant to the County Administrator; and Rob Lynch, Deputy Treasurer/Fiscal Assistant to the County Administrator. He thanked Mr. Dusek, Mrs. McKinstry and Mr. Lynch for their hard work in developing the multi-year plan which served as a very good tool to project how financial decisions made would affect future budget years. Supervisor Thomas announced the next meeting of the Budget Committee would be held on October 7th; he invited everyone to attend, but asked that they review the information distributed at the last meeting in preparation. He noted that he intended to introduce six budgetary items for review and discussion at the upcoming meeting.

Supervisor Wood reported that the Public Safety Committee had met on August 22nd, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 423, *Authorizing Agreement with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corporation for Booking and Management Software and Hardware for the Warren County Correctional Facility and any Necessary Maintenance*, and 452, *Approving Settlement in the Matter of Kathleen Plummer vs. County of Warren; Authorizing General Fund Appropriation*, both of which were included in the resolution packet.

Supervisor Conover advised that during their meeting held on September $10^{\rm th}$, the Finance Committee had approved proposed Resolution Nos. 420, 421 and 438-443, all of which were included in the resolution packet and pertained to typical County business.

Supervisor Monroe reported the Park Operations & Management Committee held their last meeting on August 27th, during which they discussed the Festival Space construction, primarily as it related to the installation of sod. He advised there was some concern that the three-week delay in installing the sod would cause it to be damaged by events held on the site during the month of September. Supervisor Monroe stated that because of the delay, they were entitled to \$1,500 per day in liquidated damages which could be used to repair any damages to the sod. He apprised he had met with Mayor Blais, *Village of Lake George*, after the Shrine Circus and was informed there was really no damage caused other than to a small section where goats had been penned and a bit of the sod was eaten.

Supervisor Girard pointed out the resolutions approved by the County Facilities Committee at their August 28th meeting which consisted of proposed Resolution Nos. 428, Resolution Adopting the Determinations and Findings for the Eminent Domain Procedure Law Acquisition of Land and Easement from Forest Enterprises Management, Inc., and 429, Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Execute a New Utility Easement with National Grid for the Purpose of Installing a Guy Wire on the Existing Utility Pole. He then pointed out the written estimate received from Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) for "Task 2A - Exploration of Four Off-Site Options", a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Supervisors; a copy of the estimate is also on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting. Supervisor Girard advised that at their last meeting the County Facilities Committee had requested an estimate for the review of existing space in four specified locations to determine if any were viable for the placement of the courts instead of building new space. He stated that the cost for this review was estimated at \$62,000 and he commented that this review did not take into account the additional space needed for the possible consolidation of the Town of Queensbury Courts. Supervisor Girard advised an informal meeting with CPL staff would be held on Thursday of the following week to discuss the estimate further and he said the matter would also be reviewed at the next County Facilities Committee meeting. He concluded that authorization was being sought to appropriate \$62,000 to Capital Project No. H350.9550 280, Court Space Expansion, so that the work would not be delayed until the October Board Meeting, if the County Facilities Committee voted in favor of proceeding with it; he clarified that although this action would appropriate funding, the authorization to proceed with the work would be provided by the County Facilities Committee.

Mr. Dusek said he was supportive of appropriating the funding so there would be no delay in authorizing the Task 2A work if the County Facilities Committee voted in favor of proceeding. He confirmed that even if they decided against this review, there would undoubtedly be another future expense which the funds could be used for.

Supervisor Seeber questioned whether any further discussion had been held with the New York State Office of Court Administration (*NYSOCA*) to determine whether they would approve the use of an offsite location before spending the money to review them. Supervisor Girard responded that these discussions had been initiated, but a definitive answer had not been received; however, he added, he felt they should be prepared to commence with the review contingent upon NYSOCA approval.

Mr. Dusek apprised he and Jon Norris, of CPL, had been involved in discussions with Bill Clark, of NYSOCA, and the NYSOCA architect, regarding the matter of possibly relocating the courts, or a portion of them, to an offsite location. He said the NYSOCA representatives had identified several difficulties in splitting the courts and moving a section offsite, most of which involved cost; he added they had also advised NYSOCA would not make the final decision on whether the courts could be split as these types of decisions were made by a board that convened to consider matters like this. However, Mr. Dusek stated, the NYSOCA representatives had indicated they would likely be opposed to the change, based upon the increased costs associated with the relocation of a portion of the courts. Mr. Dusek continued they had also explored the possibility of moving the entire court system offsite and the NYSOCA representatives had seemed receptive to that concept. He commented that the most logical way to

proceed would be to explore the offsite locations available with space sufficient to house the entire court system and then perform a cost analysis and oversight review to address any points of concern.

In response to a request from Supervisor Seeber for further clarification, Supervisor Girard confirmed that the parameters of the CPL estimate did not account for the additional space that would be needed to consolidate the Town of Queensbury and County court systems into one location. Additionally, Supervisor Girard advised the four locations to be explored included the Monument Square Building, 101 Ridge Street, 1 Apollo Drive and the Schermerhorn property located on Glenwood Avenue (*formerly the Queensbury Racquet Club*). Mr. Dusek clarified that in his prior comments when referring to "all courts" he had been referring to the Supreme, County and Family Courts, not the Town of Queensbury Court.

Supervisor Dickinson questioned whether the indication was that it would be less expensive to relocate the entire court system to an offsite location than it would be to extend the current Municipal Center Building structure. Mr. Dusek replied the Task 2A work would actually review available space at the four locations identified by Supervisor Girard to determine whether any of them offered sufficient space to house all of the courts. Supervisor Dickinson then questioned the cost of the estimate and Supervisor Girard responded that this review would incur an additional fee of \$62,000; once again, he pointed out that this fee did not include any review for the consolidation of the Town of Queensbury and County Courts. Supervisor Dickinson stated that although he had not been involved in this project, it seemed that \$62,000 was a rather high fee to answer a vague question and he opined those funds would be better spent on an expansion project. He added that they were fortunate to have a lot of vacant property available on the Municipal Center Campus that could be used to keep all of the courts together in one location near other County facilities. Supervisor Dickinson concluded that he was not in favor of this action and would request that roll call votes be taken for any resolutions suggested.

Supervisor Westcott noted the presence of Bruce Levinsky, owner of the Monument Square Building, and advised Mr. Levinsky had another building he would like to be considered in the court space review process. He opined that regardless of whether they decided to construct new space or rent existing space, the expense would be completely borne by Warren County; therefore, he continued, he believed they needed to do their due diligence and explore all options available, including the off-campus sites, to determine the most economical option while continuing the safety and services the court system currently provided to the public. Supervisor Westcott concluded that he felt it was worth incurring the expense to ensure all options had been reviewed before making a decision.

Supervisor Seeber stated that she agreed with Supervisor Dickinson's statements and she added that until a final answer was received from NYSOCA, as well as from officials in the County's Supreme/County/Family Courts, it did not make sense to authorize the \$62,000 expenditure. She said it was her understanding that an offsite location was not favorable to those currently working in the court system and she opined this was a lot of money to spend on a plan that would not make everyone happy.

Chairman Geraghty said he was surprised by this request because all prior meetings and discussions with court staff seemed to indicate splitting the court system between various locations was not a viable option. Supervisor Girard responded this was an attempt to consider the options raised by other Supervisors. Chairman Geraghty asked if moving the entire court system to another location would include moving the District Attorney/Probation/Public Defenders Offices as well since they worked closely together; Supervisor Girard agreed that this was a system that functioned together and that was why CPL had been approached to perform a study to determine which areas should remain together. Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of Public Works, stated these were all good questions, but they would not know the answers until CPL completed their study; he added that CPL may return a

recommendation to move other agencies along with the courts. Mr. Tennyson said he had thoroughly reviewed the Phase 2A proposal, but advised he would be involved in the meeting with CPL on Thursday to discuss it further. He commented that essentially, the scope of the work included in the estimate would be to review the locations suggested and determine which were viable for placement of the courts. Mr. Tennyson stated this matter was likely to be discussed thoroughly at the next County Facilities Committee meeting. He noted the current concern was that if appropriation of funding was not approved at this meeting, the Phase 2A review would have to be delayed until after the October Board Meeting, if the County Facilities Committee approved the work.

Supervisor Dickinson apprised he had discussed this issue with a member of the court staff who indicated that they worked with many other Departments located on the Municipal Center Campus, leading them to be very concerned as to how they would operate if the courts were moved to an alternate location. Supervisor Dickinson opined that moving the courts off of the Municipal Center Campus would cause many unforseen problems.

Supervisor Sokol said it seemed there were many unanswered questions on this issue and he questioned whether there was an opportunity to delay a decision on appropriating the funding until the uncertainty was cleared up. Chairman Geraghty answered that a 30-day delay may be appropriate to avoid a rushed decision and he noted if a pressing need arose, they could always convene a Special Board Meeting to vote on the appropriation.

Supervisor Westcott stated there was a precedent for splitting the court system which was handled very well in other counties and he said he was working on gathering information about these alternate settings. He said he did not feel this review should be an arduous task, but that it should include a cost benefit analysis pertaining to the inconveniences and concerns raised. Supervisor Westcott concluded that in order to make the best decisions for the benefit of Warren County taxpayers, they needed to explore all options before choosing a direction and if moving the courts offsite did not turn out to be the best option, they could at least attest that they had considered this option.

Supervisor Thomas agreed there should be a cursory review of all available sites, but opined that when this was complete they would find themselves settled upon constructing new space on the Municipal Center Campus. He commented that time was of the essence for this project, and since they were certainly going to need this funding for some facet of the court space-related effort, they should proceed to appropriate the funds as requested. Supervisor Thomas clarified that moving the funding into the Capital Project today did not necessarily mean that it would be spent for the review, it would just make the funding available for this, or another portion of the project.

Supervisor Taylor commented that \$62,000 did seem like a lot of money for the study requested; however, he stated, in light of the results of prior projects he felt it was important to study and review every option before making a decision. As an example, Supervisor Taylor cited he was routinely asked why the Board of Supervisors had chosen to expend \$16 million to construct the Human Services Building when they could have purchased the Monument Square Building for \$4 million.

Supervisor Strough said that he, too, agreed with the concept of investigating all potential possibilities and said a cursory review was what he had expected to meet the Board's due diligence responsibilities; however, he added, he was a bit surprised by the cost of the study, as \$62,000 seemed like a very high price for the work requested.

Supervisor Dickinson stated the point to be made on this subject was that \$62,000 was a lot of money for an unnecessary study because they should not be removing the court system from the Municipal

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Center Campus. He said the primary focus should be on those working in the court system who were very anxious about leaving their current location.

Supervisor Monroe recalled that when dealing with Burn Plant issues they had been required to release an RFP (*Request for Proposals*) for consultant services and he questioned whether the same was required in this instance. Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, answered that he had been consulted on this matter and determined that CPL could be used since they were already selected as the lowest responsible bidder for engineering consultant services through the Department of Public Works and because this was not an exclusive contract.

In response to an inquiry made by Supervisor Conover, Mr. Dusek apprised if the Board chose to appropriate the \$62,000, the money would be transferred to Capital Project No. H350.9550 280, *Court Space Expansion*, where it would remain until the County Facilities Committee made a determination as to whether the proposed cost of the evaluation was appropriate and if the work should commence. He advised that before the work was authorized, further discussion would be held to determine if it was appropriate and he reiterated the action requested was simply to appropriate funding to the Capital Project, not to authorize the study.

Supervisor Beaty said he concurred with the previous statements made by Supervisors Taylor, Thomas and Westcott in that it was imperative to review all options before making decisions. He commented that while he was certainly in favor of conserving resources, he felt it was worth the \$62,000 expenditure if they were able to save millions in the future.

Supervisor Brock said he felt they were getting ahead of themselves in this process and that they needed to determine what the end goal was before determining how to achieve it. He added that he also believed \$62,000 was a lot of money for a cursory review of alternate locations.

Motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Monroe and carried by majority vote to waive the Rules of the Board requiring a resolution to be in writing and authorize the appropriation of \$62,000 from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to Budget Code A.9950 910, *Transfers, Capital Projects. Supervisors Brock, Simpson, Vanselow, Dickinson, Strough and Seeber voted in opposition.* Mrs. Sady announced this would be Resolution No. 454.

Motion was made by Supervisor Beaty, seconded by Supervisor Westcott and carried by majority vote to waive the Rules of the Board requiring a resolution to be presented in writing and to increase Capital Project No. H350.9550 280, *Court Space Expansion*, by \$62,000 with the source of funding to be a transfer from Budget Code A.9950 910, *Transfers, Capital Projects. Supervisors Brock, Simpson, Vanselow, Dickinson, Strough and Seeber voted in opposition*. Mrs. Sady announced this would be Resolution No. 455.

During the roll call vote for Resolution No. 455, Supervisor Seeber commented on her reasons for voting against the resolutions. She said she understood that as Supervisors they had the ability to approve the transfer of funds but they were not experts in the criminal justice field; Supervisor Seeber added that when they relied on their experts, the message was clear this was not a good solution and that was why she was voting against the action.

Concluding his report, Supervisor Girard spoke about the Annual Golf Tournament held by Cornell Cooperative Extension (*CCE*). He advised the 2014 event had been a success and he reminded everyone that the Tournament was started in an effort to raise funds to offset the reduction in funding provided by Warren County.

Supervisor McDevitt noted an important procedural change that would be happening in the coming months pertaining to the Community Services Board. He advised the Community Services Board had traditionally met in the City of Glens Falls and recently an opinion had been raised that periodic meetings of the Mental Health Committee should be held at the Municipal Center in an effort to share in a more effective manner the important issues the communities were dealing with. Supervisor McDevitt acknowledged that Supervisor Seeber had made this suggestion and he agreed it was a valid recommendation and thanked her for the input. Continuing, Supervisor McDevitt commented that the current Office of Community Services location, at 230 Maple Street in Glens Falls, was a very good facility which offered many effective programs, one of which featured a community garden where emotionally challenged people were invited to grow flowers and vegetables while learning about gardening and nutrition. He said the Office of Community Services hoped to expand this program to include the growing of fall vegetables, but they would require an easement from the County to use about eight feet of property located near the Bikeway in order to erect a temporary structure to facilitate plant growth during the fall season. Supervisor McDevitt advised Mr. Tennyson had been informed of this issue and a formal request for the easement would be introduced at a future Committee meeting. He also noted his recent attendance at a dinner sponsored by the community garden program where he was pleased to have been introduced as an honored guest. Concluding his report, Supervisor McDevitt mentioned that previously, Supervisor Seeber had made comments that the crime rate in the City of Glens Falls was in the 40% range, which had led him to research this statistic because he had thought that figure was a bit high. Supervisor McDevitt stated that subsequent to his research, he had found the crime rate had increased from a low of 19.5% in 2010 to 28.3% in 2013; he added that while no one was proud to state that the crime rate had risen, it was far lower than the 40% articulated by Supervisor Seeber and he felt it was important to be accurate when revealing such numbers.

Supervisor Taylor advised the Economic Growth & Development Committee had met on August 27th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 433-437, which were included in the resolution packet. He reported that the September 10th Personnel Committee meeting had been somewhat lengthy and had included an extensive presentation regarding staffing in the Human Resources/Civil Service Office. Supervisor Taylor advised the Personnel Committee had approved proposed Resolution Nos. 446-449, all of which pertained to typical housekeeping matters. Finally, he noted that at the close of the Personnel Committee meeting, Mr. Auffredou had distributed copies of the revised Warren County Ethics Law and he reminded the Personnel Committee members that this document should be reviewed for discussion at the next meeting.

Supervisor Brock stated he had nothing to report, but wanted to comment on Supervisor McDevitt's statements regarding crime statistics in the City of Glens Falls. He apprised that a few years ago he had done some research regarding serious drug crimes in the City and found that about five to six years ago the statistics had doubled, although he was unsure of the reasons why. However, Supervisor Brock added, he recalled that the drug crime rates had seriously decreased in 2012 after two murders had occurred in the City of Glens Falls. He stated that one reason for crime rate increases and decreases related to enforcement and he said it seemed this type of activity was happening everywhere. In closing, Supervisor Brock requested a roll call vote be taken for proposed Resolution No. 428, Resolution Adopting the Determinations and Findings for the Eminent Domain Procedure Law Acquisition of Land and Easement from Forest Enterprises Management, Inc.

Supervisor Seeber thanked Mike Colvin, Information Technology Director, and Mr. Dusek for the work they had done to set up recording equipment in the Committee Room so that meetings could be posted to the YouTube internet website. In response to Supervisor McDevitt's comments regarding statistics, she noted that Warren County Sheriff Bud York was present and could certainly speak to crime rates,

particularly in relation to the discussions being held regarding the possibility of police consolidation; she added that statistics were tricky and could be interpreted or presented in a way that could bolster any argument. Supervisor Seeber apprised the 40% statistic she had referred to came from information she had received directly from City of Glens Falls Police Chief William Valenza and Sheriff York and she said she believed the figure incorporated the 28% statistic presented by Supervisory McDevitt, as well as the additional percentages attributed to responses to incidents in the City of Glens Falls by the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police. Additionally, Supervisor Seeber pointed out they had also looked at index crimes versus misdemeanor crimes and violations; she noted that if she had known this issue was going to be raised today she would have brought more definitive information for display. Supervisor McDevitt responded it was his understanding that Chief Valenza had made a mistake when he relayed the 40% crime rate number to Supervisor Seeber. Chairman Geraghty indicated that further discussion on this matter could be held at the Committee level.

Supervisor Sokol reported on the August 25th Health Services Committee meeting. With regards to the Public Health portion of the meeting, he advised the focus had been primarily on budgetary issues and he commented that he was continually impressed with the Department's efforts. Supervisor Sokol apprised the budgetary information presented reflected a \$19,000 decrease in salaries, as well as a slight increase in revenues and decrease in expenses when compared to the same time period in 2013. He also noted that, as per authorization provided by a resolution approved at the July 18th Board Meeting, the new vinyl decals with the Health Services Homecare logo had been placed on all of the Public Health vehicles and they looked very good. Referring to the Westmount Health Facility portion of the meeting, Supervisor Sokol advised the majority had related to a review of the 2013 Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for Westmount Health Facility by Michael McCarthy, of McCarthy & Conlon, LLP. He gave kudos to the Westmount staff who continued to do a tremendous job for the County regardless of the uncertainty surrounding the sale of the Facility. Supervisor Sokol expounded upon some of the details of Mr. McCarthy's report which had indicated an increase in Accounts Receivable from \$662,000 to about \$990,000 and an increase in post-employment health benefits from \$4.5 million to almost \$5.2 million. Additionally, he reported on indications that IGT (Intergovernmental Transfer) payments would be phased out during the next month and although there was a belief the funding would continue in some fashion, they were not quite sure what that would be. Supervisor Sokol commented that while there were some stresses at the Facility, Mr. McCarthy's report had no findings or recommendations to note for 2013, which Mr. McCarthy stated was a testament to the quality of work performed by the staff at the Westmount Health Facility. He advised that during the meeting, Supervisor McDevitt had posed a very thoughtful question asking the largest positive and negative attributes of the Facility and Mr. McCarthy had responded the largest negative factors were the size of the 80-bed Facility, which was smaller than the typical 120-bed facility, and the fringe benefit costs to the County, while the largest positive attribute was the location and availability of vacant land which allowed the potential for expansion. Finally, Supervisor Sokol reported he had received an email from Mr. Auffredou regarding the potential sale of Westmount Health Facility indicating that legal counsel was working on the necessary contracts. He said the discourse between legal counsel for the County and the potential buyer was very positive and had included conversations about the co-generation facility; Supervisor Sokol added that discussions with accounting staff were to occur next week.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Supervisor Merlino, who had left the meeting briefly, to provide his report. Supervisor Merlino advised the Public Works Committee had met on August 20th, during which Justin Gonyo, General Superintendent of the Saratoga & North Creek Railway (*SNCR*), provided an update on train operations. He said Mr. Gonyo had reported a 22% increase in ridership as compared to the same time frame for 2013 and an overall ridership increase of 25% for 2014, so far. Supervisor Merlino continued that Mr. Gonyo had also reported 33 of the 55 cars SNCR had leased for

freight operations had been delivered to the northern end of the tracks. He then pointed out the two resolutions approved by the Public Works Committee which were proposed Resolution Nos. 444, Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Lanfear Road (CR 76) Over Stony Creek Bridge Repair Project, and 445, Authorizing West Brook Parking Lot Passes for use by Registered Participants of the Lake George Car Show. Supervisor Merlino advised the Tourism Committee had met on August 28th, but no resolutions had been approved. He said they had talked about the tour bus operator 3-day FAM (familiarization) Tour event, which he had attended two days of. Supervisor Merlino commented that he was very impressed with the work done by Kate Johnson, Director of the Tourism Department, and Tanva Brand. Group Tour Promoter, to organize the event. He explained the FAM Tour had incorporated locations in both Saratoga and Warren Counties and he believed most of the towns in Warren County had been visited. Supervisor Merlino stated Ms. Johnson had recently advised him that she had received a number of emails indicating positive responses to the event and he noted that many of the attendees had patronized hotels in Warren County during their stay. He commented that one of the most interesting parts of the event for him had been the opportunity to speak with the two representative from China that had attended the tour. Finally, Supervisor Merlino advised a survey had been distributed to the members of the Board of Supervisors regarding the possible purchase of grinder equipment to dispose of stumps and trees too large for a wood chipper and he asked everyone to complete and return it as soon as possible. Additionally, he noted that although the informal Committee established to review the possibility of changing the sales tax distribution procedures had not met yet, he was aware that Supervisor Taylor, who would serve as Chairman of the Committee, had been working on these issues; he added that he did not intend to give up on his efforts to effect change in this arena and he hoped the discussions would continue. Supervisor Merlino noted he had received an email from the Upstate Taxpayers Association on the sales tax issue, in response to which he would state that this was not a movement to raise taxes, but rather to change the distribution methods to be more fair to some towns which were currently receiving smaller distributions. He commented that the current procedures determined distributions based upon real property assessments which he felt was inappropriate given the fact that everyone paid sales tax.

Continuing with the Agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Dusek to provide the report by the County Administrator. Mr. Dusek began by acknowledging that the efforts to begin video recording Committee meetings in order to post them to YouTube was underway; he added that a couple of trial recordings had been taken and he was working with Mr. Colvin to develop a final procedure for how the videos would be handled at the close of each meeting. He said he had hoped to be able to reveal those details at this meeting, but it appeared the information would not be available until the following week. Mr. Dusek confirmed that once a procedure had been finalized, he would provide all of the details to the Board, issue a press release and post the same information on the County website. as well. Moving on, Mr. Dusek apprised his next topic for discussion pertained to the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA) gas contract which was set to expire on December 31, 2014 and he distributed a handout outlining current and proposed MEGA contract information, which he proceeded to review; a copy of the handout is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting. He noted that he would have preferred to have brought this issue before the Finance Committee first, but the timing of the matter had not allowed for such. In summary, Mr. Dusek advised that of the three contract options available he would suggest taking a small risk and selecting the "Basis plus lesser of \$5.00 or settlement price" option as they could potentially enjoy a lower rate for gas purchases. He added that although this decision could be delayed, their best opportunity to lock in the lowest possible rate would be obtained by securing their contract as soon as possible before the colder weather arrived and gas prices increased. Mr. Dusek pointed out that the resolution packet included proposed Resolution No. 453, Authorizing Renewal of the Agreement with Direct Energy Business as Preferred Supplier of Natural Gas through the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA) and Ratifying Execution and Fixed Price Agreement,

which would renew the agreement for natural gas purchases incorporating the contract option he had previously recommended; however, he added, this resolution could be amended to include whichever option the Board preferred. No alternate recommendations were brought forth by the Board members and Supervisor Conover commented that given the timing issues identified by Mr. Dusek, he was not opposed to having bypassed Finance Committee review to bring this matter before the Board.

Chairman Geraghty called for the report by the County Attorney and Mr. Auffredou advised he had nothing to report.

Continuing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty called for the reading of communications and Mrs. Sady read the following aloud:

Minutes from:

- 1. Warren/Washington Counties I.D.A and Executive/Park Committee
- 2. Community Services Boards Chemical Dependency & Mental Health Subcommittee

Monthly Report from:

1. Probation

Annual Reports from:

- 1. NYMIR
- 2. Westmount Health Facility for Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/13

Capital District Off-Track Betting, May, June and July 2014 Financial Reports as well as July and August surcharge in the amounts of \$7,646 and \$11,188;

National Grid. Semi-annual PCB report for period from 1/1/14-6/30/14:

Correspondence from Joshua Antiles, advising of his opposition to the airport expansion;

Letters from residents of Town of Thurman, concerning matters particular to the Town of Thurman;

Office of the NYS Comptroller, audit of Warren County Sheriff's Office enforcement of State's Sex Offender Registration Act for the period from January 1, 2008 through January 22, 2014;

Letter from Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of Public Works: Pursuant to Local Law No. 2 of 1971, I make the following appointments for the year 2014: Acting Supt. of Public Works and Deputy Supt. of Public Works - Kevin J. Hajos, P.E., Dept. of Public Works Records Officer and Deputy Supt. Of Public Works Administration - Joan Wolfe; Airport Manager, Ross Dubarry. Kevin Hajos and Joan Wolfe are hereby given authority to sign all documents (vouchers, purchase orders, contracts, etc.) for the Dept. Of Public Works in my absence.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor to any member of the public wanting to comment on the resolutions to be voted on; however, no public comments were made.

Proceeding, Chairman Geraghty called for the reading of resolutions. Mrs. Sady announced proposed Resolution Nos. 421-451 were mailed and she advised a motion was necessary to bring proposed Resolution Nos. 420, 452 and 453 to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Simpson and carried unanimously.

Chairman Geraghty called for roll call requests and discussion on resolutions, noting that he would like to request a roll call vote be taken for proposed Resolution No. 437, Resolution Ratifying Execution by the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of an Amended Agreement with the Town of Warrensburg and Hudson Headwaters Health Network as Authorized by Resolution No. 487 of 2013.

Supervisor Kenny requested a roll call vote be taken for proposed Resolution No. 451, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2014 Amending Local Law No. 10 of 2011 and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon (Note: Local Law No. 5 of 2014 relates to the extension of the Additional Mortgage Recording Tax in Warren County for an additional two years).*

In relation to proposed Resolution No. 428, Resolution Adopting the Determinations and Findings for the Eminent Domain Procedure Law Acquisition of Land and Easement from Forest Enterprises Management, Inc., Supervisor Westcott announced that about a week ago he had met with Victor Macri, President of Forest Enterprises Management, to discuss the impacts this eminent domain procedure would have on Mr. Macri's proposed development project; Supervisor Westcott noted that Mr. Macri was a Town of Queensbury resident and constituent. He said that in these discussions he had learned approximately \$750,000 had already been spent on Mr. Macri's development project, including \$160,000 in State grant funding received to help write the development plan. Supervisor Westcott apprised the development would have provided for 500,000 ft. of potential commercial real estate space with room for about 800 parking spaces. He said Mr. Macri had reached the end of his rope with this project and was now in favor of the acquisition so that he could recoup some reimbursement for his past investments. Additionally, Supervisor Westcott stated Mr. Macri viewed the proposed runway expansion as something that was never going to come to fruition. He added that the great irony in this situation was that the expansion was intended to promote economic development, but was curtailing a considerable development project on which \$750,000 had already been spent to prepare for. Supervisor Westcott stated that he had four questions to ask relative to proposed Resolution No. 428, which he announced, as follows:

- 1. Is this the last step required to forward the eminent domain proceedings to Court? Mr. Auffredou answered in the negative, advising the resolution made certain findings and a determination required by Eminent Domain Proceedings Law Section 204. He said that in his opinion, approval of proposed Resolution No. 428 would conclude the Article 2 process and the next step to commence would be the Article 4 process which would require other resolutions to be approved. Mr. Auffredou clarified that the conclusion of the Article 2 process authorized commencement of the Article 4 process, but did not authorize the taking of property. He commented that once the Article 2 process was concluded, a three-year period was provided within which the County was in a position to move forward with the Article 4 process.
- 2. My understanding is that the property had an appraised value of \$327,000; is it accurate to state that based on FAA (*Federal Aviation Administration*) approval, 90% of that total would be covered by FAA grant funding with a 5% State and 5% Local share cost? Mr. Auffredou responded that was the general understanding, but was not necessarily the final determination. He said a different property value amount might be settled upon through the eminent domain proceedings; however, he stated, it was his understanding that the acquisition cost would be funded through a 90% FAA/5% State/5% Local cost sharing scenario.
- 3. Should a judge rule that a settlement over \$327,000 was appropriate, based on the appraised value plus any damages, how would the excess above the appraised value be funded? Mr. Auffredou said he would defer to R.K Hite as the experts on this matter, but said it was his understanding that any amount over the appraised value still *may* be eligible for FAA grant reimbursement. He noted that he had asked this question in the past and had been

- assured the FAA was not stating the \$327,000 was the total amount they would pay and the question was more whether an additional grant process would be required to attain additional funds.
- 4. When the court rules on this matter payment will need to be made, and if so, the County would have to apply for those monies. In essence, payment would need to be made to Mr. Macri in advance of receiving reimbursement, which could be a significant amount of money; how would this payment be made?

Mr. Dusek confirmed payment would have to be made and to the extend that the County did not have the grant funds in hand, they would have to front the money in the first instance and, depending upon the delay in receiving reimbursing grant funds, the money may have to come from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus. He added that in some instances, the Treasurer's Office was able to make interfund transfers to cover costs temporarily; however, he noted, if a lengthy delay occurred the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus would be the only likely source of funding.

Supervisor Westcott stated his concern for the risk the County was taking in proceeding with this action and he indicated that he planned to abstain from the vote for proposed Resolution No. 428 based on his serious reservations against it. He added that he was sympathetic to Mr. Marci's plight because of the incredible sum of money he had invested into a project that would never be realized.

Supervisor Strough apprised he had recently spoken to a person who was opposed to proposed Resolution No. 428 based on information they had received from emails. He said this had led him to meet with the person and ask several questions about the information provided in the emails which included the following:

- ◆ Did the emails inform there are no wetlands on the 85 acres impacted by this proposal?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that only 4 acres of land will be taken off the tax rolls?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that the landowner will still have the opportunity to develop and build on this parcel, generating additional tax revenue?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that this is a safety-related project and the primary purpose is to control airspace and to remove known obstructions to the existing Runway end?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that the reason we are proposing to purchase the 4 acres is because the easement restrictions would be 0-20′, so restrictive it was only fair to purchase the 4 acres from the property owner and pay fair market value?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that Warren County will be compensated by the FAA and NYSDOT (*New York State Department of Transportation*) even for additional court ordered compensation beyond the appraised amount as a result of the eminent domain process?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that the 2002 FAR (*Federal Aviation Regulation*) Part 77 Obstruction Evaluation based on Title 14 Code of Regulations Part 77 Safe Efficient Use and Preservation of Navigable Air Space was still valid?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that according to the Obstruction Evaluation of Runway End Sighting Requirements to Runway 1-19 and 12-30, a study based on a 30:1 ration approach, identified surface obstacles on the Forest Enterprises parcel which were classified as urgent safety issues because the FAA mandates clear runway end sighting surfaces (*RESS*)?
- → Did the emails inform that the obstacles penetrating the RESS cannot be lighted and would result in a displaced threshold if not mitigated and that a displaced threshold would reduce the landing distance with aircraft and in addition would likely result in an inoperative instrument landing system since its location is dependent upon the runway threshold location?
- ◆ Did the emails inform that this acquisition will allow the County to prevent existing or proposed manmade objects, terrain or natural regrowth from extending upward into

navigable airspace, thereby providing safety to aircraft if they were reduced, or that it would allow the County to enforce and protect the necessary airspace based on Part 77 surfaces, and the inability to enforce height restrictions on future development on this parcel may result unless the County purchased the easements on the parcel?

◆ Did the emails project the need for this action was viable to avoid effects on Airport operations and revenues?

Supervisor Strough stated the answers to all of the aforementioned questions had been "no". He said he had then asked whether the person liked to make informed decisions, and when that person answered affirmatively, he suggested that they go beyond the emails received to garner the information on which their opinions were based.

Supervisor Beaty also commented on proposed Resolution No. 428, stating that common sense had to be used when making decisions, and this seemed to be a new concept for some people. He stated that so far, no data had been produced to indicate there would be any increased economic benefit from spending \$8 million in taxpayer dollars on the proposed runway expansion project. Supervisor Beaty contested that the FAA funding which would represent the bulk of the project costs was comprised of taxpayer money, contributed to by taxes for things such as flying planes, air travel and air shipping; he added that the remaining 15% State and 5% Local Share were most definitely comprised of taxpayer He commented that the public feedback he had received on this project had been overwhelmingly negative and he noted that while he was in favor of economic development, no one had proven any incremental growth would be achieved from the runway extension. Supervisor Beaty stated he would like to believe there was still some common sense amongst the Supervisors in the room and that they would use it when making decisions on issues such as this. He said he would not attempt to address any of the questions listed by Supervisor Strough because some of them were valid, while others could be debated. The fact of the matter, he stated, was that they were seeking to obtain 4 acres of property through eminent domain proceedings from a developer who through this process had become so discouraged he had chosen to abandon his development project and now wanted to be compensated very thoroughly for the property the County was attempting to gain. Supervisor Beaty projected that the amount the County would have to pay for the property would likely increase from the \$327,000 appraised value to close to \$1 million, as per expert opinions he had received. He continued that although he was all for safety improvements, he could not recall the last time there had been an accident at the Warren County Airport related to runway length and he said he had believed the last accident had been 35-40 years ago and had been attributed to pilot error; therefore, he stated, representing that the runway extension was necessary to improve safety was a stretch. Supervisor Beaty commented that they had received written confirmation from the FAA indicating that if the County decided to discontinue the runway extension project the FAA would not seek to recoup any of the approximately \$300,000 in FAA grant funding that had been expended on the project so far. He noted that when they considered all of these points, it became apparent that this project was being continued at the will of the Board of Supervisors, not based upon direction from the FAA, nor the Warren County taxpayers who seemed to be opposed to the extension. Supervisor Beaty added that although many Supervisors did not have a long history serving the Board and had not been involved in approving prior projects with bad results, the Board did not have a good track record with a number of major projects. He asked that they pause and make a full and thorough review of proposed Resolution No. 428 before voting on it and he noted the Board had the power to stop or put the project on hold at any time they desired to do so. Supervisor Beaty concluded that he had a very clear conscience in regards to his responsibility to the Warren County taxpayers on this issue.

Supervisor Merlino stated his objection to Supervisor Beaty's comments regarding a lack of common sense as he had proudly served the Board of Supervisors for close to ten years. He then asked

Supervisor Beaty to provide him with the names of any residents of the Town of Lake Luzerne who had stated their opposition to the runway extension project. Supervisor Beaty responded that as a Supervisor for the Town of Queensbury, he had not been approached by any Town of Lake Luzerne residents, but said he would be glad to provide the extensive list of Queensbury residents who had reported their opposition. Supervisor Merlino countered that since he had only received responses from residents in the Town of Queensbury, it was disingenuous of Supervisor Beaty to indicate that Warren County taxpayers were opposed to the project as the Town of Queensbury only represented a portion of the County's population.

Supervisor McDevitt stated that in terms of infrastructure, he felt it was clear that experts, when it came to economics, employment, etc., felt one of the greatest problems facing not only New York State, but the entire Country, was a lack of investment in infrastructure whether it be for roads, highways, rail or air facilities. Supervisor McDevitt indicated they would be paying for the proposed extension at a point when there were record low interest rates and he noted that in the future, the cost of the extension could well be viewed as a very minimal investment. With regards to the Board's past track record, he opined the Board's record was a good one in terms of performance and cost effectiveness and he commented that during his six-year tenure, he did not believe any certain project could be identified where the Board could be viewed as being less than thrifty when expending taxpayer dollars.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Geraghty called for a vote on resolutions, during which Supervisor Beaty requested an explanation for proposed Resolution No. 452, *Approving Settlement in the Matter of Kathleen Plummer vs. County of Warren; Authorizing General Fund Appropriation.* Mr. Auffredou advised an executive session would be required to provide the details of the resolution; Supervisor Beaty responded he would abstain from the vote. Before voting in favor of proposed Resolution No. 452, Supervisor McDevitt noted that this matter had been discussed extensively during an executive session at the previous Finance Committee Meeting.

Resolution Nos. 420-453 were approved, as presented; a Proclamation naming the week of October 19-25, 2014 as "Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week" was submitted. *Note: Floor Resolution Nos. 454 and 455 were also approved earlier in the meeting.*

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty called for announcements.

Supervisor Girard said this was the first he had heard about Mr. Macri's decision not to move forward with his planned development. He recalled one of the requirements to proceed with the development was to install an access road from Queensbury Avenue across County-owned property which would have to be constructed to a standard sufficient for the road to be adopted by the Town of Queensbury. He added they had worked with Mr. Macri for three years on this and it was his understanding the arrangement was still open ended if Mr. Marci decided to proceed. Mr. Auffredou responded it would be fair to state that Mr. Macri had voluntarily discontinued discussions on this matter and he said he recalled that this road requirement had been problematic for Mr. Macri, due to the specified construction standard requirements. Mr. Auffredou added that he believed the majority of Mr. Marci's issues had been discussed specifically with the Town of Queensbury Planning Board who had levied the road construction requirements. Supervisor Girard asked if these discussions had been discontinued by the County and Mr. Auffredou replied in the negative.

Supervisor Strough said he had in his possession a copy of the Adirondack-Glens Falls Transportation Council's (*AGFTC*) study on the Quaker Road to Queensbury Avenue connector road required for Mr. Macri's proposed development project. He noted he had served as a member of the committee that had been trying to determine whether Federal funding could be obtained to assist with the connector road

plans as the Town of Queensbury Planning Board had been in support of the development, provided that multiple access points were included. Supervisor Strough then read aloud the conclusion of the AGFTC study, as follows: "While public transportation benefits do not necessitate the construction of new connective roadway, Warren County and the Town of Queensbury may decide that the economic benefits of the runway expansion and access to the Queensbury Business Park, Quaker-Ridge Technology Park, the Emergency Services Training Center and the Airport Industrial Park warrant some level of public funding for the connector road." He concluded that Mr. Macri had been part of this review process and he informed the offer to assist with obtaining funding for the connector road remained effective. Additionally, Supervisor Strough pointed out that the eminent domain proceedings would not affect Mr. Macri's ability to proceed with the connector road, or any development, provided the buildings constructed were less than 35 feet tall.

Supervisor Dickinson apprised the Town of Lake George was revising its comprehensive plan for zoning. He said they had set up four days of public meetings to address this issue and he extended his appreciation to Mr. Tennyson and the other County employees who had assisted with this work. Secondly, Supervisor Dickinson advised that in addition to the Adirondack Balloon Festival, the Festival for the Lake would be held at the Festival Space at the Wood Park over the upcoming weekend and he invited everyone to attend. He noted the Festival for the Lake would feature a lot of live music and he advised a schedule for the event could be found online.

Supervisor Beaty thanked Ken Smith, owner of the local Midas franchise, for his strong support for open government and transparency and he noted Mr. Smith was also a supporter of Look TV who would now be televising the monthly Board Meetings. He added that the televising of the Board Meetings would only increase the Warren County resident's knowledge of the happenings during these meetings and he thanked everyone for their participation.

Supervisor Westcott clarified that during their discussions, Mr. Marci had not made any reference to issues regarding the required connector road and he confirmed the reasons for Mr. Macri's decision were purely financial.

Supervisor Conover asked Mr. Dusek to comment on the status of revisions to the snow and ice contracts. Mr. Dusek advised he had been working with Mrs. McKinstry, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Tennyson on this issue and they had determined an increase in the per mile reimbursement rates was warranted. He noted that before revealing the increase amounts, he would like to first discuss them with the Budget Officer and he said he believed this was something the Budget Officer would speak about at the upcoming Budget Committee meeting. Supervisor Conover responded that time was of the essence as the towns were planning their 2015 budgets and this information would be crucial to the preparation; he added that the tentative budgets had to be submitted by the end of September. Mr. Dusek noted that the Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for October 7th and Supervisor Thomas advised it was only the tentative budget that needed to be submitted, leaving time for adjustment before the final version was required. Mr. Dusek advised he felt it was imperative to discuss the figures with the Budget Officer before revealing them and he noted he would reach out to the towns after the October 7th Budget Committee meeting, assuming the Budget Committee was comfortable with the information provided.

Supervisor Monroe spoke about the recent meeting of the Adirondack Park Agency (*APA*) he had attended in representation of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (*APLGRB*), which included recognition of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the National Wilderness Act of 1964. He said this historical document had ties to the Town of Johnsburg through the friendship between Paul Schaefer, a resident of Bakers Mills (*Johnsburg*), and Howard Zahniser, who were both outdoorsmen and

conservationists. Supervisor Monroe explained it was this friendship that had led Mr. Zahniser to purchase a family camp near the Schaefer home in Bakers Mills where he began drafting the legislation that had eventually become the National Wilderness Act of 1964. He added that Mr. Zahniser's draft of the Act had been sent to Congress where it was debated and revised to address concerns regarding preserving many public use rights. Supervisor Monroe continued that in 1972, when the APA was charged with drafting the State Land Master Plan, including providing the definition of "Wilderness", they had used many of the ideas incorporated in the National Wilderness Act, making the two documents extremely similar in the sections pertaining to restrictions on the use of wilderness; however, he noted, the Master Plan had completely eliminated all of the usage protections included in the National Wilderness that were beneficial to the public and the economy. The lesson to be learned, Supervisor Monroe concluded, was that when an administrative agency such as the APA was charged with drafting a document that was then forwarded to the Governor's Office for signing into law, many times the benefits and protections gained by having a Congressional debate and review were lost.

Supervisor Vanselow commented a very nice ceremony had been held in recognition of the anniversary mentioned by Supervisor Monore which was attended by many people, including Senator Little and Assemblyman Stec. He pointed out that 66 drafts of the National Wilderness Act had been written before it was signed into law in 1964.

Supervisor Taylor advised the Taste of the North Country event would be taking place in the City of Glens Falls on September 28th. He said this event presented an opportunity to sample the cuisine offered by many local restaurants and he invited everyone to attend.

Chairman Geraghty announced the "World's Largest Garage Sale" event would be held in Warrensburg on October 4-5 and he noted that SNCR had sold out of their train runs from the Saratoga Station to the Thurman Station for that weekend.

As there were no more announcements, Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor to anyone in attendance withing to address the Board.

Don Daniels, Warren County resident, addressed the Board, relaying his opinions on the need for the larger, more wealthy towns in Warren County to make concessions to provide financial assistance to the smaller towns. He pointed out that Warren County's economy was primarily based in tourism and because tourists traveled all over Warren County when they visited, the roads in the smaller towns needed to be just as good as they were in the larger ones. Mr. Daniels stated that Warren County was a great place to live and visit and they needed to work together to find a solution to solve the financial issues faced by some of the smaller communities.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Simpson and seconded by Supervisor Dickinson, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.