

Tompkins County Legislature
July 20, 2010

Approved 8/3/10

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call of Members

Members and guests participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: 14 Legislators. Excused: 1 (Legislator Kiefer).

Presentation of Proclamation

Ms. Robertson read a proclamation proclaiming July 26th as Americans with Disabilities Act Celebration Day in Tompkins County and presented it to Lenore Schwager, Finger Lakes Independence Center Executive Director, and Bob Holdsworth, local attorney.

Announcement of Executive Session

Ms. Robertson announced there would be an executive session concerning a personnel matter held later in the meeting. [An executive session was not held.]

Privilege of the Floor for the Public

David Smith, Executive Director of the Tompkins Learning Partners, said the Center provides reading, writing, and language needs for adults and serves people from 25 different countries. He provided an overview of the programs and said he appreciates the support received from the County for this important program.

Marie McRae, Dryden, spoke in support of the resolution on the agenda entitled Acceptance of Grant from the Park Foundation for a Planner to Work With Municipalities on Reducing the Impacts of Natural Gas Drilling. She believes a gas drilling coordinator is needed to focus on gas drilling and to be able to draw all the pieces together. She urged the Legislature to support the resolution.

Klaus Beyenbach, Hanshaw Road, submitted the following statement:

“The D&F of June 30 was a great disappointment because our local government continues to ignore us. We have given the Town, the Highway Department and the County many opportunities to work with us, but to this day there has not even been an attempt to have a dialogue with the residents along Hanshaw Road.

“True, we have had public hearings. But from the very beginning in 2005 these hearings were simply “Show and Tell” by the Town, Highway Department, and now the County. All three agencies are pursuing one agenda with utter disregard of neighborhood input, concerns suggestions and complaints. All three collect information, do not react to it, and simply move on.

“Many along Hanshaw Road still have no adequate maps at this time, and we do not know how our properties will be affected by the reconstruction of Hanshaw Road. Even the D&F of June 30 fails to spell out the real dimensions of Hanshaw Road. For example, it does not give the location(s) and width of the drainage system. So what will be the real width of the road?

“We can document numerous instances where the rights of citizens were abused and where mandated State/Federal procedures were not followed.

- “What is there to do if your local government ignores the concerns of its citizens?
- “What is there to do if your representatives do not represent their constituents?
- “What is there to do if your petitions do not even receive the courtesy of a response?
- “What is there to do if your letters go unanswered?
- “What is there to do if mistakes are made (always to the citizen’s disadvantage) and then white-washed?
- “What is there to do if your local government becomes a stone wall?
- “And what do citizens do if they are in a corner?

It is the decision of our neighborhood to make one last appeal for cooperating with us. You can contact me, Mr. Hutchins, or Ms. Cowan, about engaging us for a constructive dialogue. We urge you to do this soon. I think notification of your intentions by the end of this week, Friday, is a reasonable timeline in view of our looming deadline.”

Herb Engman, Town of Ithaca, spoke in support of the resolution on the agenda entitled Acceptance of Grant from the Park Foundation for a Planner to Work With Municipalities on Reducing the Impacts of Natural Gas Drilling. There are efforts being undertaken by towns but there are some things towns are unable to do and he believes the County is in the best position to address this.

Bernie Hutchins, Hanshaw Road, submitted the following statement:

“On June 30, 2010, nine of you voted in favor of a Determination and Findings concerning the Hanshaw Road project. The D&F was largely boilerplate language, except for the special pleading of the last two findings, numbers (12) and (13), tacked on at the end.

“Between the time the address list for certified mailing was assembled, and the March 16 hearing, nothing new happened. The Coddington Road decision was more than a year old at that time. The County, intentionally or through negligence, misinterpreted the Coddington Road Decision. It ignored the property rights of approximately 15 property owners who had been given bogus maps, and who were never notified of the taking of additional parcels of their land.

“Regarding this situation, Mahlon Perkins spoke on behalf of three such owners on March 16. By April 2, the County admitted its errors. True to form, the County sugar-coated the admission - saying that they had “decided to compensate” for additional property. Given the County’s financial situation, no one believes the County voluntarily decided to give away more money. Instead the County was FORCED to do so, because of its misreading of the Coddington Road Decision. This is a continuing error. By the June 4 F&I meeting, Finding 12 in this regard, had been included in the D&F.

“At this June 4 meeting, citizens pointed out yet another error. The county, intentionally or through negligence, once again misinterpreted the Coddington Road Decision, and had totally ignored the property rights of YET ANOTHER 15 property owners. On June 11, by a letter of John Lampman to 15 property owners, the County admitted this error. Once again, the sugar-coating was done. The County was “offering a two week opportunity” for these additional owners to submit written comments. Never mind they were entitled to certified notice and a public hearing. But they said “The County regrets not personally notifying you.” So that makes everything okay! Not in our quarters.

“The D&F was accordingly rescheduled from a regular June 15 meeting to a special June 30 meeting. Magically an additional finding, number (13) appeared at the June 30 meeting. This was the one which Peter Stein described as having “sort of a legal purpose” but in which, he apparently had no interest.

“The County claims it is allowed to make inadvertent errors. Indeed, NYS EDPL Section 202(D) says this. Inadvertent, to most of us, is unintentional, random, and rare. The statements in Findings (12) and (13) mean that fully one of every three property owners in the project was un-notified or only partly notified. That number itself can’t be considered inadvertent. Further, the wording in John Lampman’s June 10 letter says WHAT properties were excluded, and WHY they were. They were excluded systematically; hardly inadvertently.

“Peter Stein on June 30 indicated that he believed everyone knew what the County was doing. Perhaps, but likely not all. Clearly he, and indeed Mr. Wood, both miss the point of having certified, affirmative, notice as required by the EDPL changes of 2004. It is NOT to help a government that is truly interested in informing the public. It is to prevent a government that does not want the property owners to receive notice, or that is unable to do it properly, from getting away with it.

“By Findings (12) and (13), the County admits these errors - it is not even left as an exercise for the property owners to establish them. Thus the County virtually provokes property owners to stand up to their supercilious behavior. And - they got nine of you to sign on to the staff’s notion that these did not matter. We would hope that some of you regret your decision, and might wish to state here tonight your wish to rectify it. Of course, there is almost no time left.”

Report from Municipal Official(s)

Mr. Driscoll, Town of Newfield Supervisor, commented on the number of hours Legislators work as reported in an Ithaca Journal article. Town Supervisors also carry the task of running a good local government and obtaining information to make good and informed decisions. He said gas drilling is consuming a great amount of time and spoke in support of the resolution on the agenda entitled Acceptance of Grant from the Park Foundation for a Planner to Work With Municipalities on Reducing the Impacts of Natural Gas Drilling. He also commented on the in-kind support towns have provided for this effort.

Distinguished Youth Award

Mr. Stein, District No. 11 Legislator, presented Matt Lowe with the July 2010 Distinguished Youth Award. Matt Lowe is a Dryden High School student and was nominated by Katie Levedahl, Manager of Education at the Sciencenter, and Dryden High School earth science teacher Travis Crocker. Matt was recognized for his contributions and service to Tompkins County and his commitment to sustainability. As part of the Sciencenter’s ScienceWorks program, he led to the development of the countywide Green Business Challenge, challenging businesses to reduce carbon emissions by at least 10%. Matt also founded Dryden High School’s Sustainability Club and organized a local event as part of the “350 International Day of Climate Action.”

Privilege of the Floor by Legislators

Mr. Dennis, District No. 15 Legislator, announced the Grassroots Festival begins this Thursday at the Trumansburg Fair Grounds and urged people to attend. He named several of the musical groups that would be performing.

Ms. Chock, District No. 3 Legislator, said she attended the celebration of the completion of the renovation project of the Hangar Theatre and urged Legislators to visit. She provided a brief history of the Theatre and said it opened 40 years ago. She congratulated a number of people for their support and said it would not have been achieved without the public support “now and then”.

Ms. Mackesey, District No. 1 Legislator, reported that GADABOUT will be transporting people to the Grassroots Festival for the Merle Haggard show.

Mr. Burbank, District No. 12 Legislator, also spoke about the Hangar Theatre renovation project and said it was a \$4.6 million project and that 97% of it has been paid. Three percent remains and he hopes more support will be provided. Mr. Burbank praised the renovation project and stated the Hangar is absolutely stunning. He reported the Kitchen Theatre is also undertaking a renovation project and a fundraising effort, although a much smaller effort. That project is anticipated to cost \$1.2 million. He announced the Ithaca Shakespeare Company is presenting Macbeth featuring Mental Health Commissioner Bob DeLuca. Mr. Burbank also reported that a group of people went to Cornell yesterday with Helene Diller of Cooperative Extension to express concerns about moving toward regionalizing the Extensions operations. The concern expressed was we do not want in the course as such a change could endanger the really good relationship we have had. Our local extension service is a reflection of the needs of the residents of this community.

Mr. Proto, District No. 7 Legislator, provided an update on NYSEG rates and said although it seemed doubtful when he last reported the rate has now been reduced. He said he received acknowledgement from the Public Service Commission that letters he has sent concerning the NYSEG rate increase have been received. Mr. Proto announced the TCAT budget presentation will be held at noon on July 28, 2010 at noon. He thanked Mr. Holdsworth for attending this meeting and said he was instrumental in getting the elevator installed in the Courthouse.

Ms. Pryor, District No. 6 Legislator, thanked Ms. Schwager and Mr. Holdsworth for attending this meeting and accepting the proclamation earlier this evening. She said the new ADA laws have made a world of difference for people who are “temporarily abled”. She also spoke about the Early Intervention programs available in the school systems. She also thanked County staff for always being accommodating when she makes requests.

Mr. Lane, District No. 14 Legislator, thanked Mr. Stein for selecting Matt Lowe of Dryden for the Youth Award recipient and spoke about the programs offered at the school. He reported on the groundbreaking ceremony last Saturday for the Southworth Library Lincoln Center construction project. A dedication ceremony will be held next Spring.

Mr. Shinagawa, District No. 4 Legislator, thanked everyone for attending the Dragonboat Festival on July 10th. Ms. Robertson also thanked everyone including Karen Fuller, Deputy Clerk, and Sarah Reistetter, Project Assistant for all their work in coordinating this. A lot of good feedback has been received.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, District No. 2 Legislator, spoke about the support of ADA and said this was a law that was really needed and recognized Diann Sams, Former Common Council member, for the hard work she did locally in years past. She hopes there continues to be improvements and more work done.

Presentation – Probation and Community Justice Department’s Annual Report

Patricia Buechel, Director of the Department of Probation and Community Justice, provided a detailed overview of the Department’s 2009 Annual Report. She highlighted the goals, accomplishments and the services delivered by the Department.

Report from the Chair

Ms. Robertson reported on meetings that have taken place with local State representatives concerning Tompkins County's Home Rule request on the Mortgage Recording Tax. She also reported she has asked to serve on a NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) commission to transition Medicaid from counties to the State.

Ms. Robertson reported on a news conference she attended yesterday in Albany concerning the proposed moratorium on new natural gas drilling in the Marcellus shale in which it was urged that the Senate vote in support of the gas-drilling moratorium. It was reported by Ms. Chock that Broome County has withdrawn their resolution to sign a lease agreement for gas drilling.

Report from the County Administrator

Mr. Mareane reported the Health Department is now operating in a Leed-certified building on Brown Road. A lot of effort went into the successful move of the Health Department and he credited Health Department staff, particularly Brenda Grinnell Crosby and Katie Prince, and Greg Potter, Information Technology Services (ITS) Director, and ITS staff, and Arel LeMaro, Director of Facilities. When all punch list items are taken care of a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled.

He reported on the Health Insurance Consortium and largely due to the persistence and work of Don Barber, Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) Chair, the New York State Insurance Department has reduced the reserve level requirement by \$1 million to a level that is more acceptable. In order to do this, participating governments will have to advance funds to bring the reserve fund to the amount required to begin; the County's share is \$500,000. There will be a meeting Thursday night to discuss implementation. He also reported that an amended agreement would need to be approved.

Mr. Mareane reported on the program impact statements and said Legislators should have a hard copy by the end of the week and the completed forms will be available online to the public as well.

This Thursday, TCCOG will meet. There has been a discussion over the last several months about the development of its own budget to support things that come along during the course of a year. He would like to begin engaging a discussion of what that budget might look like and how the cost can be shared.

Mr. Stein asked where the County would come up with the \$500,000 for the Health Insurance Consortium's Reserve Fund. Mr. Mareane responded that Mr. Squires is looking for a source but most, if not all, would likely come from the Fringe Pool. He said the savings in the end would justify an up-front payment into the reserves. Mr. Squires said this does raise a liquidity issue and thinks it is manageable because he sees this as an investment that will mature in five years rather than an expense.

Report from the County Attorney

Mr. Flash, Deputy County Attorney, said the Office is working on many of the projects mentioned this evening.

Report from the Finance Director

Mr. Squires said the Attorney General has requested retirement information for employees who retired in 2009 and overtime earnings from the County. Of the 13 retirees, there was one person who had overtime earnings for a total of 7.9 hours. In 2009 the average County salary was \$46,000 and the average overtime payment was \$1,800. He distributed the second quarter sales tax report that shows the

County is still on budget - \$100,000 over the budget estimate that would be expected at mid-year. He reported that he will be working on taking care of the remaining contents of the Biggs Building from the Health Department's move. Next month, he will bringing forward a bond resolution for the Ellis Hollow Road project and to finance the Public Safety project on this evening's agenda if approved.

Addition of Resolution(s) from the agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Mr. Robison, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to add the resolution to the agenda entitled In Support of Tompkins County law Enforcement and Emergency Services Personnel, Especially Sergeant Bryan Bangs of the Ithaca Police Department.

Resolution(s) Withdrawn from the Agenda

There were no resolution(s) withdrawn from the Agenda

Approval of Resolution(s) Under the Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Herrera, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the following resolution under the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 109 - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - YOUTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Manual Policy 05-02, budget adjustments exceeding \$5,000 require Legislative approval, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Director of Finance be directed to make the following budget adjustments on his books:

REVENUE:	7022.43820	Programs for Youth	-\$10,748
	7023.43820	Programs for Youth	-\$ 3,846
	7028.43820	Programs for Youth	-\$10,482
	7029.43820	Programs for Youth	-\$ 2,540

APPROPRIATION:	7022.54400	Program Expense	-\$ 7,825
	7023.54400	Program Expense	-\$ 5,831
	7026.54400	Program Expense	-\$ 4,716
	7028.54400	Program Expense	-\$ 6,704
	7029.54400	Program Expense	-\$ 2,540

Explanation: Budget adjustment is needed since state aid available for contracted youth programs run by agencies and municipalities was reduced for 2010 beyond the projected cuts that were included in the approved 2010 County Budget. State aid is assigned by the Department to contracts in several different program accounts. Even though, by account, revenue and appropriation reductions are not the same number, overall, reductions in appropriations (\$27,616) equals the total being reduced in state aid (\$27,616).

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Appointment(s) Approved Under the Consent Agenda

There were no appointment(s) presented for approval.

Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Public Safety Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 110 - AWARD OF CAPITAL CONTRACTS - PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH, RECORDS AND MOBILE DATA SYSTEMS

MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne. Mr. Shurtleff, Emergency Response Director, provided a brief overview of the current situation and the options explored. It is being recommended that the following components be replaced:

- CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) – core of all receiving and dispatching functions;
- mobile data system – dispatches technologies out to the field; and
- records management system - used intensively by Sheriff and Department of Emergency Response and links records, systems, and technology that has been deployed through Information Technology Services, including TRACS

The existing CAD system maintenance support ends this year and it needs to move to a new platform or be replaced. Without the CAD system mobile data functions cannot be restored or the communications capital project completed. The records management function cannot continue with the current CAD platform; this would put the Sheriff and some departments in a position of having to replace records systems.

At this time, Mr. Shurtleff reviewed the three options that were explored that included doing nothing with the system. The recommendation being proposed gives a 20-year investment and in looking at the options the project team feels it is the best value for the County's investment.

Mr. Potter said during the Budget and Capital Committee there were discussion and concerns about ongoing service and maintenance costs. He explained the addition of a paragraph in the resolution that was supported by the Public Safety Committee that includes having a consistent cost for years two through six in the amount of \$135,325 and the first year being paid for by an initial payment of \$25,000. The previous version allowed the company to increase that by up to 7% on an annual basis. This results in a savings of \$105,000. Mr. Potter said he will continue to negotiate the cost for the 7th year which is currently set at \$196,813.07.

Mr. Proto asked Mr. Potter to provide information on the company, Spillman Technologies, Inc. Mr. Potter said this is a private company that is based out of Salt Lake City, Utah, that has been in business for 20-years; all they do is work with public safety software and have over 600 customers across the country. He cannot guarantee that the company's status won't change but they are one of the best staff has seen. Within the contract there is an escrow agreement that states if the company stops providing service that the County would have access to the source code.

Mr. Stein questioned whether the contract would be increased at a seven percent level. Mr. Potter explained that the five percent level has been negotiated; the remainder of the contract is "up to" seven percent, with negotiations continuing.

Mr. Shinagawa spoke in support of this and said not only is it a wise financial investment but it has the potential to significantly reduce crime in this County.

Ms. Robertson said this is a perfect example of the cooperative work of the LETSS group.

Mr. Robison said he was not always in favor of this but through the hard work of Mr. Shurtleff, Mr. Potter, Mr. Meskill, and the LETSS team that they have done, he believes this will save money in the

end. Many of the aspects of this are very much needed and he thinks the public will see more of a law enforcement presence. One example he gave was the ability that this will provide officers to complete reports from their cars rather than in an office.

Mr. Dennis spoke in favor of this and the need to replace an outdated and obsolete system.

Mr. Stein asked about the “option to do nothing” and said he thought he understood that at the moment the CAD capability had deteriorated and asked if it is worse than it had been some years before. Mr. Shurtleff said the functionality has deteriorated; it is on an old platform that doesn’t run as good as it used to and has a reduced number of functions because there isn’t integration with the mobile data system. Mr. Stein questioned the seven percent increase and asked if the ceiling on what they can charge after year seven is still seven percent. Mr. Potter said they are going back to negotiate an amount that would be less than “up to seven percent”. He is was assured by Mr. Potter that he is not committing the County to annual increases in excess of seven percent in year eight and beyond.

Ms. Chock asked if other municipalities were contributing to this. Mr. Mareane said municipalities were not contributing to this. She also asked what would happen if a municipality chose not to use this system. Mr. Shurtleff said that would be a policy decision and they would need to set up their own system. Ms. Chock said she is not convinced the County can afford having this system right now and expressed concern over the cost. She said she would like to see further discussion.

She spoke of Emergency Communications Review and Oversight Committee meetings she attended at which she heard comments that some people really believed this system is needed and others say they thought the County could live without. She spoke of the increased reliance on new technologies and her support of neighborhood protection programs. Mr. Mareane said as this has been presented it has been stated there would be upfront costs and ongoing maintenance costs.

Mr. Shinagawa and Mr. Potter clarified that the individual municipalities are responsible for covering the cost of the equipment in the vehicle as well as any additional costs for the mobile client costs.

It was MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to Call the Question. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 11; Noes – 3 (Legislators Chock, McBean-Clairborne, and Stein); Excused – 1 (Legislator Kiefer). THE QUESTION WAS CALLED.

A roll call vote resulted as follows on the resolution: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislator Kiefer). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, in 2005 Tompkins County via Resolution 266 authorized the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Motorola for a trunked digital countywide emergency communication system, and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Tompkins County completed the initial phases of the Public Safety Communication System (PSCS) Capital project resulting in the replacement and/or upgrade of countywide voice and paging systems and services to Public Safety responders, and

WHEREAS, the remaining portion of PSCS Capital Project Funding was reserved to re-establish a Mobile Data solution for Public Safety responders in the amount of \$700,000 and an additional amount of \$150,000 is available through Homeland Security Grants, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has identified the requirement to upgrade, replace and/or re-establish a multi-jurisdictional integrated Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management and Mobile Data solution based on current technology and other business process and data management requirements as documented by the Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management, and Mobile Data Systems Project Team, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management, and Mobile Data Systems Project Team has thoroughly documented project requirements, reviewed alternatives and solicited for proposals in accordance with established Tompkins County and New York State purchasing procedures, and

WHEREAS, six (6) proposals were received, reviewed, and evaluated based on criteria documented in Section 7 of the project Request for Proposals released March 3, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Project Team, including representatives from the Law Enforcement Technology Shared Services Group (LETSS), E-911 Operations Fire/EMS Sub-Committee, Department of Emergency Response and the Department of Information Technology Services unanimously recommend the primary project contract be awarded to Spillman Technologies, Inc., now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the County Administrator, or his designee, be authorized to execute contracts for project components based on the not to exceed amounts as follows:

Software/Professional Services - Spillman Technologies Inc., Salt Lake City, UT \$1,165,726

Third Party Software/Hardware \$ 184,274

RESOLVED, further, That a revised Capital Project Approval Request (PAR) form be approved,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance is authorized to prepare a Resolution to present to the Budget and Capital Committee and the Legislature for the bonding of up to \$600,000 necessary to provide the above-named funds to complete the project,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator, or his designee, be authorized to execute a contract for a multi-year technology lease agreement for maintenance and software support with a one-time up-front payment of \$25,000 and annual payments of \$135,325 for years 2012 through 2016 payable to Government Capital of Southlake, TX, to whom Spillman has assigned the maintenance financing at zero percent interest to the County,

RESOLVED, further, That the Department of Emergency Response and the Department of Information Technology Services be authorized to implement these contracts on behalf of the County, funds being available in Capital Account No. 3412.59239.

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RESOLUTION NO. 111 - IN SUPPORT OF TOMPKINS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY SERGEANT BRYAN BANGS OF THE ITHACA POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Ms. Herrera. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne appreciates the Legislature's support of this resolution being brought forward. Recent violence against Sergeant Bangs makes us realize how important it is for a policy-making body to make sure those who work 24/7 to provide safety and services to protect our well being are protected as well. We as a Legislature do not want to send a message that it is all right to have such violence in our County whether it's against law enforcement or each other. She said we also know in this County not all of the people who take the oath to serve and protect have done that with the highest level of integrity at all times. She said at those times they are called to question and sometimes our citizens feel they are hurt as a result. Mrs. McBean-Clairborne said in recent news we have had several complaints from citizens that we represent who feel that they have been wronged by our law enforcement so she wanted to recognize that citizens do matter. The intent of this resolution is to make sure that law enforcement and emergency services personnel are supported and have the highest level of respect; this Legislature wants to let Sergeant Bangs know this Legislature is sorry about what happened to him and his family and we hope this will not happen to any of the other professionals in law enforcement in our County.

Mr. Shinagawa thanked Mrs. McBean-Clairborne for drafting the resolution; he offered an observation that Saturday, July 10th, was a day that represented the best and worst of Ithaca, and hopes in the coming years we can use the best to overcome this.

Mr. Robison said from the outset he has been uncomfortable talking about this. He also thanked Mrs. McBean-Clairborne for taking the initiative to write this resolution. However, he is not sure about mixing this with other issues. He was a member of the Ithaca Police Department (IPD) for over 20 years and still works for the City through contracts. As an investigator he received calls in the middle of the night for all sorts of crimes. When he was called about this it was unlike any he had ever gotten because he couldn't believe that someone in government can be the target of such a violent act by doing what they asked and paid to do. Mr. Robison said he was there when Bryan Bangs joined the IPD and has yet to contact him or his father who he has known for a very long time because he is at a loss for words. He spoke of the fright that exists in the County because of this action and said until this person or persons are apprehended the entire County and region will not be the same, including interactions with law enforcement. The other point made by Mr. Robison is he is a big defender in everyone's rights but as an observation he believes the blogs that exist in the Ithaca Journal have made this situation worse. They are cowardly, anonymous, and perpetuate this sort of thing. If it gets to the point where people's words and antagonism cause vents like this to happen there needs to be a discussion because that is not what was intended by freedom of speech.

Ms. Robertson said she was told the City has worked with the Ithaca Journal and someone is monitoring the blogs on a 24/7 basis and there is a lot of stuff that hasn't been seen as it has been removed.

Mr. Lane thanked Mrs. McBean-Clairborne for the resolution and agrees with the comments about the blogs and said it can be solved by whoever posts that they be required to sign their name to it.

Ms. Herrera said she believes it is the role of government to preserve public safety and important for us as County representatives to say we support law enforcement and the integrity of public safety in this community and shall not be intimidated. The resolution reminds us what we have in common and that we all benefit from public safety. She said she is sorry for what happened to Bryan Bangs and his family and hopes nothing happens like this again in this community.

Ms Chock supports the resolution and offered to take a collection from the members of the Legislature for the fund that has been set up for the Bangs family.

Mr. Robison announced a benefit for the Bangs family would be held on August 15th at Lakewatch Inn.

A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislator Kiefer).
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, law enforcement and emergency services personnel have jobs that are unlike any other, and

WHEREAS the work is a 24/7 operation that often impedes on down time and family time, and

WHEREAS, the work of law enforcement and emergency services personnel is often dangerous, life-threatening, and challenging, and

WHEREAS, on the other hand the work is rewarding in that such personnel serve as role models, mediators, conciliators, mentors, arbitrators, and friends in sharing wisdom, advice, and support to help individuals resolve conflicts amicably, and

WHEREAS, it takes special people to want to do such jobs and risk their lives everyday to protect and serve the residents of Tompkins County, as affirmed by the oath when they were sworn in, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County residents are lucky to have such highly skilled and professional law enforcement and emergency services personnel protecting their well-being and rights and human beings, and

WHEREAS, recently in Tompkins County there was a violent attack of arson on Sergeant Bryan Bangs of the Ithaca Police Department, which destroyed his home and threatened his life, and

WHEREAS, we are thankful that Sergeant Bangs is alive and that his family was not physically harmed in the incident, and

WHEREAS, we express deep disappointment, concern, and abhorrence at such a cowardly attack on one of our respected law enforcement personnel and about such acts of violence in Tompkins County in general, and

WHEREAS, we support the fair, responsible, and respectful investigation of this criminal act against Sergeant Bangs and support the full prosecution of whomever is found to be responsible to the extent that the law allows, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the Public Safety Committee and the entire Tompkins County Legislature express our support for Sergeant Bryan Bangs and offer any resources necessary within our authority to aid in the full investigation of this criminal act against him and his family, and the prosecution of those found to be responsible,

RESOLVED, further That the Tompkins County Legislature reiterates its full support for all law enforcement and emergency services personnel for the stellar work they do, especially at this time of heightened concern for their safety,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature condemns any acts of violence against law enforcement and emergency services personnel and calls upon all residents of Tompkins County to support and respect the work of these personnel and to work together to build more cordial relationships among citizens and between citizens, law enforcement and emergency services personnel,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Sergeant Bryan Bangs.

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Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 112 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOMPKINS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF UP TO \$16,500,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS (CAYUGA MEDICAL CENTER AT ITHACA, INC., PROJECT), SERIES 2010

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature (the "Legislature"), as the elected legislative body of Tompkins County, New York (the "County"), has been advised by the Tompkins County Development Corporation (the "Issuer") that, in order to assist in the financing of a certain Project (as defined below) for the benefit of Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation (the "Company") and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Issuer proposes to issue, contingent upon the adoption of this Resolution, its Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds (Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca, Inc., Project), Series 2010, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,500,000 (the "Bonds"), and

WHEREAS, the project (the "Project") shall consist of the payment, reimbursement, and/or financing of existing indebtedness incurred by the Company for the purpose of financing (A) the acquisition and installation of certain equipment including, but not limited to, percutaneous coronary

intervention (PCI) equipment at the Company's approximately 2,100 square-foot PCI center and cardiology equipment and pharmacy equipment, all throughout the Company's existing approximately 37,000 aggregate square foot hospital facilities at 101 Dates Drive, 310 Taughannock Boulevard, and 10 Arrowwood Drive in Ithaca, New York, and at 1129 Commons Avenue, Cortland, New York (collectively, the "Imaging Equipment"); (B) the construction and equipping of an approximately 3,600 square-foot build-out of the third floor in the Company's existing Island Health Center located at 310 Taughannock Boulevard, Ithaca, New York, to accommodate the Company's Center for Healthy Living program (the "Island Health Center Improvements"); (C) the reconstruction, renovation, and redesign of the approximately 275 square-foot reception area in the existing Ithaca Center for Pain Management and Sleep Disorders Clinic and the renovation of the approximately 3,800 square-foot cardiology unit located at 101 Dates Drive, Ithaca, New York (the "Dates Drive Improvements" and, together with the Island Health Center Improvements, the "Improvements"); (D) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Imaging Equipment and the Improvements, hereinafter referred to as the "Facility"); and (E) paying certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Bonds (the costs associated with items (A) through (E) above being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Costs"), and

WHEREAS, the Issuer proposes to assist in the financing of the Project by issuing the Bonds to (i) pay all or a substantial portion of the cost of financing the Project, and (ii) pay reserves and costs incidental to the issuance of the Bonds, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), interest on the Bonds will *not* be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes *unless* the issuance of the Bonds is approved by the Legislature after a public hearing to consider both the issuance of the Bonds and the nature and location of the facilities financed therewith has been conducted following reasonable public notice, and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2010, the Issuer held such a public hearing upon proper notice in compliance with the Code, and

WHEREAS, to aid the Legislature in its deliberations, the Issuer has made available to the members of the Legislature prior to this meeting (a) the Company's application to the Issuer for financial assistance; (b) the notice of public hearing published by the Issuer in *The Ithaca Journal*, along with the affidavit of publication of such newspaper; and (c) the minutes of such public hearing held on June 25, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, after due consideration of the foregoing, as the "applicable elected representative" of Tompkins County, New York, within the meaning of Section 147(f)(2)(E) of the Code, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds, provided the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State of New York (the "State") or any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, shall be liable thereon, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, and by the Legislature of Tompkins County, That:

Section 1. For the purpose of satisfying the approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Code, on the recommendation of the Tompkins County Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, the Legislature hereby gives its approval of the issuance by the Issuer of the Bonds and related acts to be taken by the Issuer as part of the Project, provided that the Bonds, and the premium (if any) and interest thereon, shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State or any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation Tompkins County, and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation Tompkins County, shall be liable thereon. This approval is given pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code for the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Bonds for exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of Sections 103 and 141-150 of the Code.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be deemed to be made for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

**RESOLUTION NO. 113 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE PARK FOUNDATION FOR
A PLANNER TO WORK WITH MUNICIPALITIES ON REDUCING
THE IMPACTS OF NATURAL GAS DRILLING**

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Chock. Ms. Mackesey spoke of limited resources available to municipalities and the difference this position can make. This is a County issue and urged her colleagues to support this. Mr. Dennis called attention to a letter distributed to Legislators from Elizabeth Thomas, Town of Ulysses representative to the Council of Governments. He spoke in support of this resolution and noted it is impressive that the Park Foundation sees this as an important position.

Mr. Lane said he agrees that these kinds of general planning ideas need to be spearheaded by the County because small municipalities do not have the resources. He spoke of the financial commitment by the County and said there will be many difficult choices the Legislature will have to make in the upcoming budget season, but believes this needs to be done. It will be important that the person hired to fill this position is aware that this is a one-year position. Mr. Marx said the person would be made well aware that this is a one-time funded position.

Mr. Proto questioned who would provide oversight to this position. Mr. Marx said the Planning Department will oversee the position but the person will be assigned to work with the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) committee that is working on these issues. Mr. Proto asked if agriculture regulations would be reviewed by this person. Mr. Marx said if it is relevant to the work the committee is doing that could be looked at but it will depend on the direction given by the committee. Mr. Marx will provide progress reports to the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee on what the person is working on.

Ms. Pryor said she shares Mr. Lane's concerns and does not question whether this is a worthy and important cause. She also said she does not believe a year would be long enough for this position and asked if the Legislature would be asked next year to continue this position. As much as she believes this work needs to be done she is not convinced this is the way it should be done.

Mr. Marx said they applied for Park Foundation to fully fund this position and they came back with this award; he clarified this is intended as a one-time position.

Mr. Stein said he will vote in support of this because of the importance and urgency but hopes TCCOG can take up the issue of how they are going to take care of these decisions in the future and come up with a formula that does not overburden each other or the County. It's important that they realize that this person will be addressing a municipal issue but hopes the members of TCCOG understand that they should share in this and find a mechanism for doing so.

Ms. Mackesey said this is the time we should be doing this and said permits could easily be being issued this year. This is not something that could be put off and thinks it is beyond anything any of us have experienced. It is in the County's interest to do this and said gas drilling knows no boundaries in terms of municipal lines.

Mr. Dennis said in this case the County can lead or respond. He spoke of the municipalities to the south that did not lead and are experiencing a lot of problems. He said this is an issue that Tompkins County will be facing for a very long time. Ms. Robertson agreed and said she has never seen an issue such as this that Tompkins County taxpayers have uniformly agreed to that needs attention. Ms. Chock

spoke in support of this resolution and the wide-range of impacts gas drilling will have on County residents. She believes this investment now will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in the future.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne thanked whoever worked on this for the forward thinking that went into this; however, she acknowledged the budget implications and the concern of any ongoing funding request would cause.

Ms. Herrera said she disagrees with the urgency this has been brought forward with although she agrees a strong case has been made to support this. Much of the beauty of this region is dependent on the wildlife and the water. The Planning Department has a long history of building consensus in very difficult situations and providing oversight. She spoke of her faith in the Planning Department in keeping the Legislature updated about this.

Mr. Proto said he did not support this in committee because of concern his over Rollover. He questioned whether this had to be a County employee or could be an individual contracted with that would not have the associated fringe expenses. Mr. Marx said the grant was applied for with the understanding the position would be physically located and supervised within the Planning Department.

Mr. Robison said he supports getting out ahead of an issue that will likely have a significant impact on many services and residents of the County. He asked if there is any way to negotiate with the companies on the impacts. Ms. Robertson spoke of studies provided by Dr. Them that showed there is a 5- to 10-year delay between when the impacts of drilling are felt by the community, and when any new revenues are paid by the companies.

It was MOVED by Mr. Burbank, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to Call the Question. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 13, Noes – 1 (Legislator Chock), Excused – (Legislator Kiefer). THE QUESTION WAS CALLED.

A voice vote resulted as follows on the resolution: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislator Kiefer). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County submitted a grant request to the Park Foundation to provide partial funding for a full-time Planner for one year to work directly with interested local governments to implement measures to minimize the negative impacts of gas drilling on their local residents, infrastructure, and natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Planner position would:

- Compile a list of effective best practices for local governments to address the impacts of gas drilling activities.
- Provide direct assistance to local municipalities in Tompkins County to implement best practices.
- Establish a tracking system to keep local government officials informed of gas drilling applications.
- Provide technical support to the Tompkins County Council of Government's Gas Drilling Task Force.

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded grant funds from the Park Foundation for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning is prepared to house and support this position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the County hereby accepts Park Foundation Grant funds in the amount of \$50,000,

RESOLVED, further, That the following adjustments be made to the 2010 Budget:

Revenue:	8027.42070	Contributions from Private Agencies	\$20,000
Appropriation:	8027.51000590	Planner	\$14,235
	8027.58800	Fringes	\$ 5,765
RESOLVED, further, That the following transfers be made to the 2010 Budget:			
From:	8020.54442	Professional Services	\$ 2,021
	8020.54442	Professional Services	\$ 819
To:	8027.51000590	Planner	\$ 2,021
	8027.58800	Fringes	\$ 819

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts related to this project.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-21

RESOLUTION NO. 114 - MAKING A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE IN RELATION TO RESOLUTION NO. 115 OF 2010

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 115 of 2010 the County allocates funding from the Capital Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection to the Finger Lakes Land Trust for the purchase of a portion of the Berntsson/Millier property (Town of Dryden tax parcel 63.-1-18), and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature has reviewed and accepted as adequate an Environmental Assessment Form with respect to the action, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That Resolution No. 115 of 2010 is an unlisted action,

RESOLVED, further, That the Legislature hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance in regard to Resolution No. 115 of 2010.

SEQR ACTION: UNLISTED

(Short EAF on file with the Clerk of the Legislature)

RESOLUTION NO. 115 - APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR NATURAL, SCENIC, AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCE PROTECTION FOR THE BERTSSON-MILLIER PROPERTY IN A NATURAL FEATURES FOCUS AREA

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Burbank, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature established the Capital Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection by Resolution No. 217 of 2005, and

WHEREAS, the current balance in the Capital Reserve Fund is \$46,323, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund is to support participation by Tompkins County in partnerships with other levels of government and private organizations to:

- protect and preserve the natural, scenic, and recreational resources found in the Agricultural Resource Focus Areas and Natural Features Focus Areas identified in the Comprehensive Plan;
- preserve and develop recreational trail corridors that cross municipal borders; and
- develop outdoor recreation facilities, within the focus areas, that are intended to serve all county residents, and

WHEREAS, the Program Guidelines for use of the Capital Reserve Fund calls for proposed projects to substantially further at least one of the following objectives:

- Protect a stream buffer at least 330 feet in width,
- Provide public access to the Cayuga Lake shore,
- Protect land that is adjacent to permanently protected open space,
- Preserve land on an existing or potential intermunicipal trail corridor, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has requested financial support from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of protecting the Bertsson-Millier property (tax parcel 63.-1-18 in the Town of Dryden), and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has agreed to purchase the Bertsson-Millier property for \$2,450 per acre, with exact acreage to be determined by survey, which is fair market value, and

WHEREAS, the Bertsson-Millier property

- is in a Natural Features Focus Area as designated in the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan,
- is identified as a Priority Protection Area in the Tompkins County Conservation Plan, Part I: A Strategic Approach to Natural Resource Stewardship (2007),
- is within the New York State Open Space Plan's Emerald Necklace Greenbelt,
- contains a portion of Unique Natural Area 117, Slaterville Wildflower Preserve,
- contains 20 acres of wetlands,
- encompasses more than 6,000 feet of frontage on Six Mile Creek, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning and Public Works and the Planning Advisory Board have recommended that the County Legislature authorize funding of the Bertsson-Millier property acquisition from the Capital Reserve Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget and Capital Committees, That a total of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in funding from the Capital Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection be appropriated for the purpose of securing the Bertsson-Millier property in collaboration with the Finger Lakes Land Trust and others, and of providing public access to the tract,

RESOLVED, further, That an adjustment be made to the Planning Department budget (A8027.54400 - \$25,000),

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts or agreements related to this project.

SEQR ACTION: Unlisted

(Short EAF on file with the Clerk of the Legislature)

Recess

Ms. Robertson declared recess at 8:59 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Report from Public Safety Committee

Mr. Shinagawa, Chair, said Tom Parsons of the Ithaca Fire Department will be coming to the next Committee meeting to talk about what he has learned about the impacts of natural gas drilling on emergency service responders in Pennsylvania. There will also be a review of program impact statements. At a future meeting the Committee will hear a report from the Director of Emergency Response about the County's coverage of alarm systems for private entities.

Report from the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, said the Committee would meet July 28th. The subcommittee working on the draft Diversity plan will meeting this Thursday and she hopes to have a copy of the final draft for the next Committee meeting and the Budget and Capital Committee.

Report from the Health and Human Services Committee

Mr. Proto, Chair, encouraged Legislators to visit Health Department's new location. The Committee met on July 14th and had a discussion of the bridge barriers being discussed by Cornell and the City and whether the County should weigh in. Mr. Deluca said the County does not want to see anyone get hurt and supports the City and Cornell coming together to find a solution that would protect individuals. Dr. Them of Guthrie Hospital gave the Committee an update on what to expect from gas exploration on the effects to health and human service agencies in the community. Mr. Proto said Youth Services Director Nancy Zahler explained some of the impacts of the State budget cuts on youth services and Social Services Commissioner Patricia Carey reported an increase in the number of cases her Department is handling. There was also a discussion on what to do with rollover regarding Office for the Aging. He reminded the Committee that two dates have been selected, July 28th and 29th from 3 to 5 to begin review of the program impact forms. He has requested staff to distribute forms to members in advance of that meeting.

Report from the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, had no report. However, the Committee continues to listen to the residents of Hanshaw Road concerning that construction project.

Report from the Capital Plan Review Committee

Ms. Robertson, Chair, reported the Committee met on July 8 and received an update on the poor conditions in the Old Library and the programs that are located in that building. The Records Management program is moving quickly on scanning material that is in there and believes they will only need approximately 1,000 square feet in any future location. They are working on a short-term plan for the immediate future at present. Ms. Buechel, Probation and Community Justice Director, provided an update on their space needs in the Old Library for the Community Justice Center programs. Mr. LeMaro reported on deconstruction costs for the Old Library as follows: \$1.25-\$1.5 million for deconstruction; \$1 million for demolition. A resolution will be coming to the next Legislature meeting to direct the County Administrator to explore alternatives for space for the occupants of that building. She said no decision was made on the future of the Old Library building at this time.

Ms. Chock asked if the committee is going to propose a resolution that there be consideration of whether the Old Library property would be sold. Ms. Robertson said there is no recommendation on what to do with the building or the site at this time. She said there are safety issues with the current building and the county needs to be prepared to deal with an emergency if one should arise.

Ms. Robertson continued her report and said staff will be preparing a Project Approval Request form for deferred maintenance that will be presented to the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee for their consideration. The Committee also began discussing a Center of Government building.

Report from the Government Operations Committee

Mr. Lane, Chair, reported the Committee met on July 19 and reviewed the report on the investigation of the broadband issue. There was a review and modification to some of the recommendations and will now be presented to the Chair of the Legislature with a request for the creation of a committee. The Committee also took up an issue at the request of Legislator Herrera about record-keeping and believes the policy should be reviewed and possibly incorporate the 2005 Record-Keeping Task Force Report. Mr. Lane said he and Ms. Pryor will work with Paula Younger, Deputy County

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Administrator, on revisions to that and will come forward to the Legislature with a recommendation. A special meeting will be held on August 5th to review program impact statements. The Tompkins County Public Library budget presentation will be July 22 at 7 p.m.

Report from the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee

Ms. Mackesey, Chair, reported the committee met last week. In addition to items approved this evening, the Committee received a presentation on the 2020 energy strategy report and a resolution will be forwarded to the Legislature for consideration in August.

Report from the 2010 Complete Count Census Committee

Ms. Mackesey, Chair, had no report.

Report from the Budget and Capital Committee

Mr. Dennis said the Committee met last week and discussed rollover and will meet again July 26th.

Mr. Lane commented on Ithaca journal article about Legislators time reporting for the State Retirement System and said he found the article to be fair.

Mr. Dennis said he was disappointed the article failed to mention the reason four Legislators did not submit time logs. He clarified that Legislators who did not complete a time log were not required to as they are not in the retirement system.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne also believes the time logs do not reflect the all the hours Legislators spend on County business.

Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2010

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Chock, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2010, meeting. Ms. Herrera said she will be voting against the minutes as she is concerned that the minutes can be revised in a way that is not transparent to the public. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 13, Noes – 1 (Legislator Herrera), Excused – 1 (Legislator Kiefer). MINUTES APPROVED.

Ms. Robertson announced a Blood Drive will be held on August 3rd from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Public Library.

Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

