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**Tompkins County Legislature
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Approved 1-15-08

Call to Order

Chair Joseph called the meeting 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: 12; Excused : 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3).

Proclamation

Mr. Joseph presented a proclamation to Jim Blizzard, who has served the County's Public Information program for the past 15 years, never missing the videotaping of a County government meeting or a call for service. In honor of Mr. Blizzard's many contributions and his "genuine and kind nature," Chair Tim Joseph proclaimed December 19, 2007 as "Care For Others Day" in Tompkins County, in honor of Jim.

Privilege of the Floor by the Public

Michael E. Lane, Dryden resident, spoke of the changes that will be taking place on the Legislature with Mr. Joseph's stepping down as Chair. He congratulated Mr. Joseph for the work he has done and thanked him for his efforts. Mr. Lane spoke of the longevity of previous Chairs of the Legislature and that the strength of County government is its flexibility. As a previous Chair of the Charter Review Committee, he suggested that an amendment be considered limiting the Chair of the Legislature to three successive terms to provide continued flexibility.

Michael Raffae, American Red Cross, introduced the new Executive Director, Jennifer Yarborough. He noted Ms. Yarborough is a former resident of Hawthorne, New York, Rockland County, and now resides in the Town of Enfield. Mr. Raffae said she started the position two weeks ago and is looking forward to meeting with Legislature members. Mr. Raffae spoke of her background and that it is being utilized already due to the recent fire that displaced 17 individuals.

Ms. Yarborough, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the community and said she is excited to work with everyone. She said she believes the American Red Cross will do more and become more visible as it continues to serve the community.

Distinguished Youth Award

Ms. Kiefer, District No. 10 Legislator, presented the Distinguished Youth Award for the month of December to 2007 Ithaca High School graduates Meredith Buchberg and Laura Willemsen. Meredith, from the Town of Ithaca, (now a student at Rice University) and Laura, from the City of Ithaca, (now a student at Binghamton University) were recognized for their many academic and civic accomplishments, including as Student Historians at the History Center, their independent research that confirmed Ithaca is indeed the home of the ice cream sundae. Both recipients thanked the Legislature and spoke of their excitement in completing the research project.

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Privilege of the Floor by Legislators

Ms. Robertson, District No. 13 Legislator, welcomed Ms. Yarborough to the community and expressed her hope that the homeless shelter will continue to operate. Ms. Yarborough said there will be upgrades to provide better service to the community and noted it is one of seven in the country; she expressed pride for John Ward and other staff who are working on the improvements. Ms. Robertson then announced the District No. 3 Special Election is today and that polls would be open until 9 p.m. She then expressed condolences to Mr. Dennis for the loss of his brother; Mr. Dennis thanked her for her comment.

Ms. Mackesey, District No. 1 Legislator, recognized the dedication of Mr. Blizzard and stated her belief that his job classification should be reviewed, noting the work he does is a bargain. Mr. Joseph clarified that Mr. Blizzard is an employee of Cooperative Extension and that the County contracts for the services provided.

Mr. Proto, District No. 7 Legislator, reported on the cooperative effort of New York State Electric and Gas and Cornell Cooperative Extension in providing education on choosing an electrical supplier. He also expressed condolences to Mr. Dennis for his loss.

Ms. Herrera, District No. 5 Legislator, reported it is time for Light in Winter, an annual event highlighting science, music, and arts. She recommended people attend some of the events, which bring economic development and tourism to the County during winter.

Mr. Shinagawa, District No. 4 Legislator, reported on his attendance at an economic development conference sponsored by Young Elected Officials Network, a partner People for the American Way Foundation. He shared information on different policy ideas and what drives business decisions to come into a community, noting that many factors are reviewed prior to any consideration of tax incentives. Mr. Shinagawa said although the attendees were from many communities throughout the nation it appears all have similar issues and concerns. He has information available on the topics discussed for those interested.

Mr. Dennis, District No. 15 Legislator, noted it was very appropriate for Mr. Blizzard to receive the recognition for his services.

Chair's Report

Mr. Joseph stated it was the last time he would be standing before the podium as Chair and that he wished to express appreciation to colleagues both past and present who had voted and showed support for him. He also thanked the County staff who do their jobs efficiently, productively, creatively, and in a manner that has given Tompkins County the reputation for being one of the better-run government organizations in our area, if not the State. Mr. Joseph said the County's reputation is owed to a good working staff; although he attends many functions where he hears about the good work coming out of the County, he recognizes it is the staff that is doing the work. Mr. Joseph wished to tell all who work behind-the-scenes how much he appreciates their efforts. He thanked everyone and said he appreciated the trust and confidence shown in him.

Report from the County Administrator

Mr. Whicher, on behalf of Department Heads and staff, expressed appreciation to Mr. Joseph for his work as Chair. He said it is hard to understand how tough the position is and the knowledge required to accomplish tasks as well as being certain all voices are heard. He said Mr. Joseph has done an outstanding job and he has personally enjoyed working with Mr. Joseph. Mr. Whicher expressed appreciation to Department Heads and staff for continuing their work during his absence.

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Report from the County Attorney

Mr. Wood noted he shared Mr. Whicher's sentiments regarding Mr. Joseph's Chairmanship. He did not have a report.

Report from the Finance Director

Mr. Squires noted he provided Legislators with information relating to the next financing which will occur in early January 2008, for \$13 million. He noted it is a one-year note and not subject to bond rating.

Addition of Resolution(s) to the Agenda

On motion and duly seconded the following resolution was added to the agenda:

Authorizing the County Administrator to Extend a Lease Agreement for Property Located on Elmira Road in Ithaca

Withdrawal of Resolution(s) from the Agenda

Chair Joseph granted permission to the appropriate committee chair permission to withdraw the following resolution(s) from the agenda:

- Adoption of Revised Administrative Policy – 01-04 – Modifying the Administrative Manual: The Policies and Procedures of Tompkins County Government

Approval of Resolution(s) and Appointment(s) Under the Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the following resolution(s) under the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 238 - TOWN AND CITY BUDGETS AND PRINTING OF TAX RATES

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, annually Tompkins County must keep a record of the adopted City and Town budgets and must, in accordance with the laws of New York State, levy and collect property taxes per those adopted budgets, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That, in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and with budgets adopted by the several town boards of the County of Tompkins now on file with the Clerk of the Legislature, there be levied upon and collected from the taxable property of the several towns of the County and the City of Ithaca the sums contained in those budgets,

RESOLVED, further, That said summaries of the budgets of the several towns of the County and the City of Ithaca be printed in the 2007 Proceedings of the Tompkins County Legislature,

RESOLVED, further, That after the tax rates are ascertained for the various towns and the City of Ithaca, the Clerk shall print such rates in the 2007 Proceedings of the Legislature following the budgets of the several towns and City.

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RESOLUTION NO. 239 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATING BUDGET

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, this Legislature has heretofore and by resolution approved the 2007-2008 operating budget for the Tompkins Cortland Community College and appropriated the necessary funds to pay the Tompkins County proportionate share of the operating budget of said college, and

WHEREAS, to accommodate Tompkins Cortland Community College's fiscal year and cash-flow needs, it is important that Tompkins County's share be paid during the first half of the calendar year, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized and directed, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law of the State of New York and within the authorization provided by this Legislature, to pay Tompkins Cortland Community College an amount up to but not to exceed the Tompkins County budgeted share of the operating costs of said college for the fiscal year 2007-2008 on the following dates in the following amounts:

January 1, 2008	\$ 599,976
March 1, 2008	\$ 599,976
May 1, 2008	\$ 599,976
July 1, 2008	<u>\$ 599,976</u>
Total:	\$2,399,905

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RESOLUTION NO. 240 - AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE YEAR-END TRANSFERS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, it is necessary, annually, to balance Tompkins County's financial books, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That during 2008 the County Finance Director be and hereby is authorized and directed to make year-end transfers, appropriations, and budget adjustments required to clear credit balances from the books at year-end,

RESOLVED, further, That any such additional entries made by the County Finance Director shall be reported back to the Tompkins County Legislature.

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RESOLUTION NO. 241 - AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN DRAFTS - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, it is necessary, annually, to authorize a Tompkins County official to sign all Tompkins County drafts, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That during 2008 the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to sign all drafts of the County of Tompkins and to

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delegate this authority.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 242 - WORKER'S COMPENSATION BUDGET AND APPORTIONMENT -
MUTUAL SELF-INSURANCE PLAN**

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the Budget and Capital Committee estimates that the sum of \$2,000 will be required during the year 2008 for the payment of compensation in old and pending cases on behalf of the County and participating municipalities under the Mutual Self-Insurance Plan and for the expenses of administering same, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That there be raised from the County and participating municipalities in 2008 the total sum of \$2,000, the same to be apportioned to the County and the participating municipalities in the proportion that their equalized valuation bears to the aggregate valuation of the County and all participating municipal corporations, as follows:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Taxable Full Value</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>
Caroline	\$146,416,224	\$28.09
Danby	\$187,524,354	\$35.97
Dryden	\$596,782,683	\$114.48
Enfield	\$133,794,159	\$25.67
Groton	\$136,167,851	\$26.12
Ithaca (Town)	\$721,228,827	\$138.35
Lansing (Town)	\$695,576,704	\$133.43
Newfield	\$195,460,490	\$37.80
Ulysses	\$263,984,352	\$50.64
Ithaca (City)	\$1,192,396,081	\$228.74
Dryden (Village)	\$85,075,995	\$16.85
Freeville (Village)	\$18,012,316	\$3.46
Trumansburg (Village)	\$87,824,782	\$16.32
Lansing (Village)	\$353,369,607	\$67.79
Groton (Village)	\$66,345,766	\$12.73
Cayuga Heights (Village)	\$332,939,999	\$63.87
County of Tompkins	<u>\$5,212,900,190</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total		\$2,000.00

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**RESOLUTION NO. 243 - APPROVING COMPLETED TAX ROLLS AND DIRECTING THE
EXECUTING AND DELIVERY OF WARRANTS**

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

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WHEREAS, it is necessary annually to provide for property tax collection in Tompkins County to meet expenses and the cost of county governments in Tompkins County, and to direct that upon the tax rolls of the several towns and City, the several taxes will be extended, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That the tax rolls be approved as completed and that there shall be extended and carried out upon the roll the amount to be levied against each parcel of real property shown thereon,

RESOLVED, further, That there be annexed to each of said rolls a tax warrant prepared by the Director of Assessment as provided for in Section 4.00(b) of the Tompkins County Charter, that such warrants shall be the respective amounts theretofore authorized to be levied upon each of said rolls, that the several warrants be signed by the Chair and the Clerk of the Legislature under seal of the Legislature and by the Director of Assessment, and that said rolls with said warrants annexed are to be forthwith delivered to the respective collectors of the nine towns and City districts of the County.

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RESOLUTION NO. 244 - AUTHORIZATION TO DISBURSE FUNDS - COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to specify annually the manner of disbursement of appropriated funds, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized and directed to disburse all appropriated funds up to the amount of the appropriation included in the 2008 budget, provided that whenever a contract is required funds will be disbursed in accordance with the terms of said agreement.

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RESOLUTION NO. 245 - DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN TAX AND SOLID WASTE FEE REFUNDS UNDER \$500

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes a tax-levying body to delegate the payment of tax refunds due to a clerical error or an unlawful entry (an unlawful entry is any information on the tax roll that violates the Real Property Tax Law), and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Fee refunds are authorized under Resolution No. 181 of 1996, and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Budget and Capital Committee, that such delegation would be more efficient in processing said refunds and therefore beneficial to the taxpayer, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That the County Director of Assessment shall transmit refund recommendations to the County Administrator,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to make payments of any refunds of less than \$500 as if the Tompkins County Legislature had performed this audit in compliance with Paragraph 1-7 of Section 566 of the Real Property Tax Law,

RESOLVED, further, That any refund of \$500 or more must be approved by the Tompkins County Legislature pursuant to Paragraph 8(b) of Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator shall transmit on or before the 15th day of each month a report to the Tompkins County Legislature of all the refunds processed,

RESOLVED, further, That this resolution shall only be in effect during the calendar year 2008.

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RESOLUTION NO. 246 - BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

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:

Youth Services

<u>Revenue Acct</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amt</u>	<u>Approp Acct</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
7022.43820	Programs for Youth	\$7,933	7022.54400	Program Expenses

Explanation: The County Youth Services Department has been recently notified of a small pot of increased Runaway Homeless Youth State aid available to Tompkins County for use in 2007. The increase will be passed onto the currently funded Youth Outreach Program.

Office for the Aging

<u>Revenue Acct</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amt</u>	<u>Approp Acct</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
6787.41650	PERS Income	\$15,960	6787.52219	PERS Units

Explanation: Money received over the estimated income to be used to purchase Personal Emergency Response System machines for PERS Program.

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RESOLUTION NO. 247 - ADOPTION OF REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY – 01-21 - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, there is a need to update Administrative Policy 01-21 pertaining to Surplus Equipment to clarify responsibilities and to maximize waste reduction, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure and the Government Operations Committees, That the following Administrative Policy is hereby revised:

01-21 – Surplus Equipment

RESOLVED, further, That staff is expected to further delineate internal reuse,

RESOLVED, further, That the staff shall report back to the appropriate Committee annually on the implementation of procedures.

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RESOLUTION NO. 248 - APPROVAL OF TOMPKINS COUNTY WORKFORCE DIVERSITY TAGLINE

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

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WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature has made a commitment to improving its culture of diversity and inclusion throughout county government, and

WHEREAS, in January 2005 the Legislature formed an ad hoc advisory committee called "Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee" and charged this Committee with assisting the Legislature to moving forward an agenda of diversity and inclusion, and

WHEREAS, the County's commitment to diversity and inclusion should be in the forefront whenever we communicate with the public, and

WHEREAS, a tagline that is carried on all County communications reinforces that commitment, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee recommends the adoption and regular use of the tagline "Inclusion through Diversity", now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion and the Personnel Committees, That the Tompkins County Legislature hereby approves the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion tagline, *Inclusion through Diversity*, and directs that it be used on County letterhead, websites, and other appropriate materials.

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RESOLUTION NO. 249 - CORRECTION OF ERRORS

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, it is important that official minutes and reports be accurately written, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Clerk of the Legislature be and hereby is authorized to correct any manifest errors in the 2008 minutes of the Legislature or in reports of any committees.

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RESOLUTION NO. 250 - AUTHORIZING A MULTIPLE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH VENESKY & COMPANY, FOR THE PREPARATION OF *THE* ANNUAL INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION REPORT FOR THE YEARS 2007-2009

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, Federal OMB Circular A-87 requires the preparation of an annual indirect cost report in order to recover indirect cost reimbursement for certain Federally assisted programs, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Venesky & Company, is unique in its specialized practice in the area of Federal and State program cost reporting, and

WHEREAS, over the past three years with the assistance of Venesky & Company, the Indirect Cost Reports have generated \$3,227,000 in reimbursement as compared to the consultants fees totaling \$38,700, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has recommended that it would be in the best interest of the County to renew the Cost Allocation agreement with Venesky & Company, because of cost and time efficiencies developed as a result the consultant's familiarity with the County's operations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Departments of Finance, Health, and Social Services are authorized to enter into a multi-year contract

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with Venesky & Company, for the preparation of the annual indirect cost allocation report for the years 2007-2009, at a fee of \$12,900 annually.

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RESOLUTION NO. 251 - TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007- DETERMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY CLERK'S ALLOWANCE - ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTERING MORTGAGE TAX

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 262 of the Tax Law, recording officers and treasurers are entitled to receive all their necessary expenses for purposes of administering mortgage taxes in their offices on approval and allowance by the New York State Tax Commission, and

WHEREAS, the State Tax Commission, by resolution duly adopted July 1, 1946, did determine that such mortgage tax expenses be approved at the amount certified to the State Tax Commission by County Board of Representatives [Tompkins County Legislature] provided it is a reasonable and necessary allowance for such expenses, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has conducted a cost analysis and has recommended that the allowance for mortgage tax expenses be increased from \$152,483 per annum to \$166,680 per annum, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has conducted a cost analysis and has recommended that the allowance for the treasurer's expense for administering the mortgage tax be set at \$15,000 per annum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the sum of \$166,680 per annum be, and the same hereby is, determined as a reasonable and necessary allowance of the Tompkins County Clerk, the recording officer of the County of Tompkins, for the hire of clerks and assistants and other expenses to assist in the administration of the mortgage recording tax law in her office, and that the sum of \$15,000 per annum be, and the same hereby is, determined as a reasonable and necessary allowance of the Tompkins County Finance Director, to assist in the administration of the mortgage tax funds, and that said sum of \$181,680 is hereby certified to the State Tax Commission as the reasonable and necessary allowance for such expenses,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution, with her original signature thereon, to the State Tax Commission,

RESOLVED, further, That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION NO. 252 - FUNDING OF TOURISM MARKETING AND ADVERTISING GRANTS

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for the marketing and advertising of tourist-generating events using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County, through its Strategic Tourism Planning Board, has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, and

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WHEREAS, within the Room Occupancy Tax budget, sufficient funds were allocated for this program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following grants are approved:

Tap Legacy Foundation	2008 Finger Lakes Tap Dance Festival	\$1,815
Social Ventures, Inc.	2008 Dragon Boat Festival	2,500
Ithaca Downtown Partnership	Finger Lakes Wine Center	5,000
Cayuga Lake Triathlon	Cayuga Lake Triathlon 2008	\$2,500
	TOTAL	\$9,315

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

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RESOLUTION NO. 253 - FUNDING OF TOURISM NEW INITIATIVES GRANTS

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for the tourism new initiatives of tourist-generating events using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following grants are approved:

Social Ventures, Inc.	2008 Finger Lakes International Dragon Boat Festival	\$13,000
Tap Legacy Foundation, Inc.	2008 Finger Lakes Tap Dance Festival	5,000
Center for Environmental Sustainability	Earth Day Ithaca 2008	6,000
Ithaca Downtown Partnership	Finger Lakes Wine Center	<u>14,370</u>
		\$38,370

RESOLVED further, That since there is only \$28,500 budgeted in the 2007 Room Tax budget for this grant program, \$9,870 will be used from the 2008 Room Tax budget to fund these grants,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

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RESOLUTION NO. 254 - FUNDING OF COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS GRANTS

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for community celebrations using funds drawn entirely from Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following grants are approved:

Town of Enfield	Women’s Christian Temperance Union Celebration	\$ 300
City of Ithaca	Rededication WWI Veteran’s Memorials at Dewitt Park	2,000
City of Ithaca	Lunar New Year Celebration	1,500
Town of Lansing	Celebrating Community Stewardship for Cayuga Lake	1,500
Town of Ithaca	Permanent Historic Information-Tutelo Park	2,000
City of Ithaca	Armenian Folk Music Workshop & Performance	<u>1,000</u>
		\$8,300

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

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RESOLUTION NO. 255 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ARTS AND CULTURE STABILIZATION - COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, Community Arts Partnership (CAP) recognizes that the local arts and cultural community is a valuable and unique asset, and that a need exists to harness the power of the arts to develop tourism growth, and if strategically managed, that would stabilize and develop these assets to better serve tourists through well-planned marketing efforts, and

WHEREAS, CAP was appointed to create a comprehensive arts marketing plan and develop and implement a plan for financial and operational stabilization of arts and cultural entities, and

WHEREAS, the arts and cultural community could better position itself in the marketplace to attract more visitors to and enhance visitors’ stay in Tompkins County, thus generating more dollars into the local economy, and

WHEREAS, funding exists within the Room Tax Occupancy budget for the Arts and Cultural Stabilization Plan program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, with the advice of the Strategic Tourism Planning Board, That the following Arts and Cultural Organization Stabilization Grants be awarded in 2008:

	<u>2004 Amount</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Hangar Theatre.....	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$30,000	\$32,500	\$37,500
Cayuga Chamber Orchestra.....	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$23,275
Kitchen Theatre.....	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$35,000	\$39,680	\$34,000
The History Center.....	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$23,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
PRI/Museum of the Earth			\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
Historic Ithaca (State Theatre).....	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Light in Winter					<u>\$22,000</u>
Grants Total	\$125,000	\$140,000	\$158,000	\$179,180	\$176,775

RESOLVED, further, That CAP is paid an amount up to \$17,676 (10 percent of program) for administrative evaluation and oversight services,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign any agreements with the recipients and CAP pertaining to this program.

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RESOLUTION NO. 256 - AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF UP TO \$670,000 OF STATE TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE (STOA) TO TOMPKINS CONSOLIDATED AREA TRANSIT (TCAT)

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit Inc. (TCAT), was originally formed under a partnership agreement among Tompkins County, Cornell University, and the City of Ithaca effective January 1, 1999, and

WHEREAS, each party makes an annual contribution of equal amounts to support TCAT, and

WHEREAS, the timing of State Aid payments severely impairs the financing of operations, and

WHEREAS, the 2007 County Budget provides for the pass through of Four Quarterly State Transportation Operating Authority (STOA) payments to TCAT, and

WHEREAS, the fourth quarter STOA payment is anticipated to be received in early January 2008, which creates a hardship in financing the 2007 transit operations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is authorized to advance the anticipated Fourth Quarter STOA payment in an amount not to exceed \$670,000,

RESOLVED, further, That the County will recover the loss of investment income from the advance of STOA funds by billing TCAT for the actual lost earnings based upon the application of the average monthly investment applied against the average monthly balance of advanced STOA payments.

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RESOLUTION NO. 257 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRAM FOR THE LUDLOWVILLE STORMWATER CONTROL PROJECT

MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Planning Department submitted an application for a Water Quality Improvement Project in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the application requested funding for a project to address stormwater issues in Ludlowville, and

WHEREAS, the County, after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the “Project”, is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the project, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded grant funds from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for this program in the amount of \$240,000, and

WHEREAS, the Water Quality Improvement Project funding requires a 50:50 match, and

WHEREAS, the required match will come from a combination of staff time and equipment, and

WHEREAS, said match will be provided by the Tompkins County Planning Department, the Tompkins County Highway Division, the Town of Lansing Planning Department, and the Town of Lansing Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”) authorizes State assistance to municipalities for water quality improvement projects by means of a contract and the Tompkins County Legislature deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into such a contract

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therewith, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the County in all matters related to State assistance under ECL Articles 17, 51, and 56 and/or any applicable federal grant provisions. The representative is also authorized to make application, execute the State Assistance Contract, submit Project documentation, and otherwise act for the County in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance,

RESOLVED, further, That the County agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the Project and that funds will be available to initiate the Project's field work within twelve (12) months of written approval of its application by the Department of Environmental Conservation,

RESOLVED, further, That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the Albany office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation,

RESOLVED, further, That this Resolution take effect immediately.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-21

Approval of Appointment(s) Under the Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the following appointment(s) under the Consent Agenda:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Advisory Board</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Larry Roberts	Mental Health Subcommittee	MH Recipient	12/31/11
Larry Roberts	Community Mental Health Services Board	-	12/31/11
Carol Booth	Community Mental Health Services Board	-	12/31/11
Janette Lynch	Community Mental Health Services Board	-	12/31/11
Auguste Duplan	Mental Retardation/Develop.Disabilities Subcomm.	MH Board	12/31/11
Carol Booth	Mental Retardation/Develop.Disabilities Subcomm.	MH Board	12/31/11
Janette Lynch	Mental Retardation/Develop.Disabilities Subcomm.	MH Board	12/31/11
Amy Carcioggia	Mental Retardation/Develop.Disabilities Subcomm.	MH Board	12/31/11
Christine Decker	Mental Health Subcommittee	Community Member	12/31/11
Ardith Bennett	Office for the Aging Advisory Committee	-	12/31/10
Betsy Doling	Workforce Diversity Inclusion Committee	County Staff	12/31/10
Chantalise DeMarco	Workforce Diversity Inclusion Committee	County Staff	12/31/10
Thomas Niederkorn	Ethics Advisory Committee		12/31/11
Jacalyn C. Spoon	Environmental Management Council	Village of Groton	12/31/09
Lucia D. Tyler	Environmental Management Council	Town of Ulysses	12/31/09
Stanley Marcus	Environmental Management Council	Town of Dryden	12/31/09
Roger Yonkin	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/09
Lara Kimber	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/09
Ashley Miller	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/09
Gary Stewart	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/09
Mark Whitmore	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/09
Neha Khanna	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/09
Henry Spencer	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/08
Clifford Babson	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/08
Amy Risen	Environmental Management Council	At-Large	12/31/08
Steve Nicholson	Environmental Management Council	Chair	12/31/08

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Craig Schutt	Water Resources Council	Soil & Water C.D.	12/31/10
Daniel E. Karig	Water Resources Council	Recreation.	12/31/10
Roxanne L. Johnston	Water Resources Council	Water Purveyor	12/31/10
Darby K. Kiley	Water Resources Council	At-Large	12/31/10
Linda P. Wagenet	Water Resources Council	Environment	12/31/09
Francis Shattuck	Water Resources Council	Municipal Govt.	12/31/10
Cindy Schulte	Water Resources Council	Municipal Govt.	12/31/08
Joan Jurkowich	Water Resources Council	Planning Department	12/31/09
David A Herrick, PE.	Planning Advisory Board	Infrastructure/ Utilities	12/31/10
Fred T. Wilcox III	Planning Advisory Board	Urban	12/31/10
Gary Stewart	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	University/ College	12/31/10
Pam Gueldner	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	Restaurant	12/31/10
Stuart W. Stein	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	At-large	12/31/10
Paul Tatar	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	Recreation/ Agriculture	12/31/10
Renata M. Ballard	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	Retail	12/31/10
Scott Wiggins	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	Hotels/Bed & Breakfast	12/31/10
Jon Reis	Strategic Tourism Planning Board	Arts	12/31/10

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Health and Human Services Committee

Mr. Shinagawa, Chair, reported the Committee met on December 5th and discussed the present situation with the Request for Proposals being made for both municipal services for dogs and the County's contract for cats. In addition, Youth Services reported that they would be profiled and present at the National Coalition Conference to be held in Washington. Youth Services is assisting on a Youth Court initiative, which he personally found interesting when participating in them. Mr. Shinagawa said the Department of Social Services would be one of five pilot projects to provide food stamp applications online. The Committee also received an update on Lakeside Nursing Home, noting that two meetings have been held with New York State Department of Health to describe the present situation and proposals. It now appears that the State Department of Health better understands the needs of Tompkins County and will be engaged in discussions about the situation.

RESOLUTION NO. 258 - AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM FEES FOR 2007 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Ms. Kiefer. Ms. Robertson requested that information relating to the cost of services reported at the Committee be provided to all Legislators. A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 10; Noes – 2 (Legislators Proto and Robertson); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3).

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has received a decision regarding the Community System Water Fees from the State of New York, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, and

WHEREAS, the adopted fees for 2007 (which have not been billed) would not be sustained because of this ruling, and

WHEREAS, it is fair and desirable to collect some fee for the services provided, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Tompkins County Board of Health, Health and Human Services and Budget and Capital Committee, That the Tompkins County Health Department implement a fee of one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00) for the year 2007 for each Community Water System.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

RESOLUTION NO. 259 - AUTHORIZING CHANGES IN CHARGE STRUCTURE - TOMPKINS COUNTY HOME HEALTH CARE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Proto said with regard to the Home Health Aide fee, the amount is set by the State Department of Health. He wanted to state the Home Health Aides in the County are one of the most underpaid positions in the County; anything that could be done to increase wages for this work group would be appreciated. A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County’s accounting consultant, Michael McCarthy, CPA, of McCarthy & Conlon, LLP, has recommended changes in the Certified Home Health Agency fee structure to maximize Medicaid and Medicare revenues, and

WHEREAS, New York State currently promulgates rates on the day the County Legislature approves them and it is therefore desirable for Tompkins County to adopt the 2008 rates in December 2007, for implementation on January 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, all changes proposed were made to align charges with actual costs per unit of service as determined during Mr. McCarthy’s most recent review of our financial and statistical data, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the Tompkins County Health Department implements the charge structure below, as recommended by Michael McCarthy, CPA, in order to maximize Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party revenues:

2008 Tompkins County Home Health Care Fee Schedule

	<u>2004/2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Skilled Nursing	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$175.00
High Tech Nursing	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$190.00	\$200.00
Physical Therapy	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$112.00	\$115.00
Speech Therapy	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Occupational Therapy	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$115.00
Medical Social Work	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	
Home Health Aide	\$ 45.00/hr	\$ 45.00/hr	\$ 45.00/hr	\$ 45.00/hr
	\$ 90.00/visit	\$ 90.00/visit	\$ 90.00/visit	\$ 90.00/visit

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II - 20

RESOLUTION NO. 260 - APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENT FUND FOR REPLACEMENT PAY AND TERMINAL PAY – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Mr. Stevenson. A short roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Health Department had an Account Clerk Typist resign his employment effective October 12, 2007, and

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WHEREAS, the Health Department had a Community Health Nurse retire effective September 29, 2007, and

WHEREAS, a Community Health Nurse in the Division for Community Health has been absent from work for longer than two months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of unbudgeted replacement pay in the amount of \$6,717 plus fringes (\$2,620) for the period of September 6, 2007, through November 13, 2007, has been incurred by the Department, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Policy of Tompkins County allows for reimbursement of terminal pay and replacement pay through the Contingent Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation:

FROM:	A1990.54440	Contingent Fund	\$13,277
TO:	A4016.51000513	Salary – Account Clerk Typist	\$ 204
	A4016.51000580	Salary – Community Health Nurse	\$ 9,348
	A4016.58800	Fringes	\$ 3,725

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

Ms. Herrera, Chair, spoke of having admiration and respect for the staff and Committee members she worked with this past year. She said having the position of Chair provided her with the complexity and dimensions of what takes place within the divisions and she is impressed and proud of the employees. Ms. Herrera reported that the Committee met on December 11th and had a variety of reports including shared highway equipment agreements and updates on the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) renewable energy initiatives. It was noted municipalities are allowed to determine their choice of energy alternatives at any time. She also reported on the collaborative LED light project MEGA and Cornell Cooperative Extension with assistance from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), undertook for holiday lighting in eight communities that will assist in energy reduction. Ms. Herrera reported the Committee reviewed information regarding the solid waste annual fee as well as information on the proposed Reuse Center that will assist in reducing waste within the County. As a result of Governor Spitzer's announcement regarding a broadband initiative, it was requested to discuss the information at a future Facilities and Infrastructure meeting. Ms. Herrera expressed appreciation to minute takers for their work throughout the year.

Ms. Kiefer, Vice Chair, spoke of Mr. Marx's report from the Health Department Building Construction Committee that the consultant has been working with staff on various options regarding 55 Brown Road to determine whether it will satisfy the present and future needs of the Health Department. She said the Committee would meet on Thursday, December 13th to discuss the options. Ms. Herrera spoke of the Board of Health resolution expressing a concern that 55 Brown Road lacks sufficient space for future needs and urging the Legislature to stop and re-evaluate the choice of location. In addition, Ms. Kiefer said she received an e-mail from a constituent asking for information of whether MEGA provides gas supply to individual customers and she would like direction provided to her to forward on to the individual.

Mr. Shinagawa reported for the Air Service Board that the airport numbers are as high as those in 2001. The latest report received December 10th indicate load factors and enplanements at the end of November 2007 were as high as the end of December 2006. The Air Service Board also received information that Senator Schumer added \$80,000 in omnibus appropriations to cover the shortfall the airport would have for the Federally mandated law enforcement services at the airport.

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RESOLUTION NO. 261 - ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 06-15 – WASTE REDUCTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr. Ms. Herrera said the purpose of the resolution is to set forth a policy to reduce waste in County government to the maximum extent possible in a cost-effective manner. It makes sense for County government to start looking at buying more recycled products when practicable based on cost and quality. It is also important to continue to buy other environmental products including less toxic cleaning products to protect the health and safety of our employees. Over the past 15 years since the adoption of the 20-year Solid Waste Management Plan, our community has reduced its waste by more than fifty-five percent. With this policy, by 2015 we could reduce our waste by seventy-five percent.

Mr. Wood said that since the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee approved the resolution and policy editorial changes were made to make the process clearer and at this time highlighted those changes.

Ms. Robertson stated she believes best value purchasing to be important and would like to see the resolution go back to Committee for further deliberation. Ms. Kiefer agreed that the resolution could be referred back to Committee but noted that the version that passed the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, rather than this version introduced by Mr. Hattery could be considered now instead. Ms. Herrera spoke of this being an opportunity to pass a policy that has been worked on a great deal by staff and would like to see the policy move forward.

Mr. Wood indicated he has no strong legal issue with either version of the resolution and policy presented, that it is important to pass a waste reduction policy.

Mr. Proto asked if the resolution and policy were sent back to Committee would it prevent the County from practicing waste reduction. Ms. Eckstrom said without a policy in place there would be limitations to what could be done. She stressed a policy needs to be in place to make it clear what the goal of the County is.

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to offer the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee version of the resolution as a substitute. A voice vote to approve the substitute resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). AMENDMENT CARRIED.

It was noted the policy could be revised at a later date.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, and unanimously approved by voice vote by members present, to amend the resolution to replace “County Facilities” with “Facilities Division disposal services” in sections “b” and “c” of the policy. AMENDMENT CARRIED.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 370 of 1993 adopted a County Solid Waste Management Plan to maximize waste reduction in accordance with the hierarchy set forth in the Solid Waste Management Act of 1988, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 198 of 2006 created a County Sustainability Team to develop an action plan including a waste reduction and environmentally preferable purchasing program, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee and the Government Operations Committee, That policy 06-15 - Waste Reduction and Resource Management is hereby adopted for inclusion into the Tompkins County Administrative Manual.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

RESOLUTION NO. 262 – ESTABLISHING A UNIT CHARGE FOR THE 2008 SOLID WASTE ANNUAL FEE

MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the unit charge for the 2008 Solid Waste Annual Fee has been recommended by the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the Unit Charge for the 2008 Solid Waste Annual Fee be established at \$54.00 per billing unit, which is a \$2 per unit increase from the 2007 Solid Waste Annual Fee.

ATTACHMENT A: SCHEDULE OF RATES

CODE	PROPERTY CLASS	'USED AS'
(A)		
Single-family residences	210,240,241,242,250,280	
Mobile Homes	270,271,416	
Churches		Z32
Unit Charge:	One billing unit per Church or living unit	
(B)		
Two-family residences and other residences with two living units	All 220's	
Unit Charges:	Two billing units, except if verified as owner occupied and used as a single unit, the charge is one billing unit.	
(C)		
Multi-unit residences		
3 or more units	230's	
Apartments		A01 - A07
Rooming houses:	418	
2.5 beds = 1 billing unit		
Unit Charges:	One billing unit per living unit	
(D)		
Colleges:	All tax-exempt parcels owned by the colleges	
Unit Charges:	Tompkins Cortland Community College	\$5,412.41
	Cornell University	\$180,250.20
	Ithaca College	\$33,536.10

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BOCES	<u>\$33,438.74</u>
Total Colleges:	\$252,637.00

(E) Recreation and Warehouse (except row storage)	All K's, Z01-Z11, Z19-Z26, F01- F04, F06, F07, F08, F10, F11
Unit Charges: \$0.0191/sq.ft.	

(F)	
Wholly Exempt Homes for the Aged	633
Wholly Exempt Other HealthCare Facilities	642
Unit Charges: \$0.0212/sq.ft.	

(G)	
All other	All property classes and 'used as' codes not listed elsewhere in a specific category
Unit Charges: \$0.0386/sq.ft.	

(H)	
Seasonal Residences	260
Property must be classified as a seasonal residence by the Tompkins County Assessment Dept.	
Unit Charge:	One-half (1/2) billing units per living unit.

(I)	
No fee assessed:	
Row storage	F05
Non-contributive area	Z98
Local government - all tax-exempt parcels owned by the city, towns, villages, and county within Tompkins County.	

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-15

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

Ms. Robertson, Chair, reported the Committee met on December 10th. Ms. Robertson reported the Committee passed the Industrial Development Bonding Resolution to provide Tompkins Cortland Community College with \$18.5 million, which will come forward to the Legislature in January 2008. A lengthy description of the County land policy and the County land inventory occurred. In addition, the Committee received information on the walkability study for Trumansburg and the Town of Ithaca east of Community Corners, the northside waterfront traffic-circulation study by the Farmer's Market, and approved tourism grants adopted under the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hattery spoke of the Empire Zone, stating it has made remarkable progress to date. Thus far, over thirty-five businesses have been certified, with nineteen receiving State approval. These certifications and approvals involve commitments within the next five years to growing 700 jobs and \$90 million in capital investments within the areas, providing a positive impact to the County and progress.

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Ms. Robertson said the State reimbursed \$15,000 for expenses relating to the Empire Zone reviews and has indicated the results are so exceptional the State would double the reimbursement in 2008. Mr. Hattery spoke of Ms. Filiberto's excellent skills in completing her duties and the survey of works within the County. Mr. Whicher also recognized the County Assessor's office for their efforts in the Empire Zone endeavor as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 263 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE, AS THE OFFICIAL ELECTED LEGISLATIVE BODY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOMPKINS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF UP TO \$70,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT CIVIC FACILITY REVENUE BONDS (CORNELL UNIVERSITY PROJECT), SERIES 2008

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Proto. A short roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature (the "Legislature"), as the official elected legislative body of Tompkins County, New York (the "County"), has been advised by the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (the "Issuer") that, in order to assist in the financing of a certain Project (as defined below) for the benefit of Cornell University (the "Institution") the Issuer proposes to issue, contingent upon the adoption of this Resolution, its Civic Facility Revenue Bonds (Cornell University Project), Series 2008, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$70,000,000 (the "Bonds"), and

WHEREAS, the project (the "Project") shall consist of: (A) the financing or refinancing of certain improvements located on the Institution's main campus in Ithaca, New York (the "Campus"), including (i) the acquisition, construction and equipping of an approximately 15,000 square-foot addition (the "Addition") to the existing approximately 20,000 square-foot central heating plant building, known as the "Humphries Service Building," located on Dryden Road (the "Existing Improvements"), in order to house two gas turbine and heat recovery steam generators (the "Turbines") and related equipment; (ii) the general renovation, expansion and up-grading of the Existing Improvements to accommodate the Addition (collectively, the "Humphries Improvements"); and (iii) the construction, reconstruction, upgrading and re-routing of the gas delivery line, located throughout the Campus and surrounding area for the Campus gas distribution system (the "Gas Line Improvements" and, together with the Humphries Improvements, the "Improvements"); (B) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain machinery, equipment and other items of tangible personal property, including, but not limited to, the aforementioned Turbines (the "Equipment" and, together with the Improvements, the "Facility"); (C) the refinancing of up to \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt Commercial Paper Notes (Cornell University 1998 Issue), issued by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (the "DASNY CP") to finance certain start-up expenses in connection with constructing the Improvements; (D) the payment of certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Bonds; (the costs associated with items (A) through (D) above being hereinafter referred to as the "Project Costs"); and (E) the acquisition by the Issuer of a leasehold interest in the Facility and the lease (with an obligation to purchase) of such interest in the Facility back to the Institution, and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes a "Type I" action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted thereto at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SEQR") and requires the designation of a "lead agency" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQR), and

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WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on September 7, 2007, the Agency approved the designation of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the "DEC") as lead agency with respect to the Project, and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the Application and other documents submitted by the Institution, the DEC, as "lead agency", has made a negative determination of environmental significance pursuant to SEQR, 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 the issuance of the Bonds has been conducted following reasonable public notice, and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, 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 Institution's application to the Issuer for financial assistance; and (b) the notice of public hearing published by the Issuer in the *Ithaca Journal*, along with the affidavit of publication of such newspaper, 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, that, 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, Tompkins County, New York, and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof including, without limitation, the Tompkins County, New York 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 Planning, Development & Environmental Quality Committee, the Legislature hereby gives its approval of the issuance by the Issuer of its 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, New York and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof including, without limitation, Tompkins County, New York 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 I (Negative Declaration issued by NYSDEC)

RESOLUTION NO. 264 – AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXTEND A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON ELMIRA ROAD IN ITHACA

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Will-Ridge Associates, LLC (a company associated with Benderson Development Corporation) has constructed a retail commercial development on Elmira Road in the City of Ithaca including a road providing access to the development and a sign for advertising purposes, on an irregularly shaped .25 acre parcel, which parcel is owned by Tompkins County and located in a heavily developed corridor, and

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WHEREAS, the County and Will-Ridge executed a lease Agreement commencing January 1, 2006, for a period of one year, and extended the lease Agreement through 2007, and

WHEREAS, the County desires fair compensation for the use of its property, now therefore be it RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County Administrator is authorized to enter into an agreement to extend the lease for up to one year.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-16

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Personnel Committee

Mr. Dennis, Chair, had not report.

RESOLUTION NO. 265 – ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES, 2008

MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa. Ms. Kiefer indicated she did not support the resolution at Committee as she feels that since negotiations are taking place to set a number may affect the negotiation process.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer seconded by Ms. Robertson, to amend the resolution to indicate the percentage of salary increase would be the 2008 Social Security Cost-of-Living Allowance, changing the numbers to 1.75 percent and 2.3 percent to correlate with the present amounts, and that once negotiations are complete management positions will be made whole as a result of those negotiations.

Ms. Herrera said union members recognize the impact of making decisions on the community; with falling wages, high cost of living, and efforts to maintain a standard of living occurring, she would not support the amendment.

Ms. Robertson said she will not support the resolution as she believes it takes away from the efforts of the negotiating team.

Mr. Joseph said he would not support the amendment; he recognizes negotiations are taking place but he does not believe it would undercut negotiations. He said the purpose of the resolution is to state that although the increase is tied into the White Collar negotiations, they would not have to start the year without any increase. He does not believe the resolution would cause a significant impact on negotiations.

Ms. Mackesey will not support the original resolution, noting she would not have brought it forward.

Mr. Dennis will not support the amendment as he feels the original figure was appropriate.

A voice vote on the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Legislators Hattery, Kiefer, Proto, Robertson, and Sigler); Noes – 7 (Legislators Dennis, Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). MOTION FAILED.

In response to Mr. Proto's inquiry, it was noted the difference in the percentage of increase is to provide two positions to be at the same level as other positions in 2009. Mr. Whicher noted salary increases were fully budgeted within the 2008 budget.

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A roll call vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Legislators Dennis, Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 6 (Legislators Hattery, Kiefer, Mackesey Proto, Robertson, and Sigler); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION LOST.

WHEREAS, from 1988-2007, the Legislature has reviewed the salary schedules for Management, and

WHEREAS, the schedule developed during that time period to bring management salaries into alignment is anticipated to be completed no later than 2009, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Personnel Committee, That all incumbents in Management positions on January 1, 2008, shall receive an increase of 2.25 percent if their salary exceeds the relevant salary schedule or 3.0 percent if their salary is equal to the relevant salary schedule.

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RESOLUTION NO. 266 - AUTHORIZING EQUAL BENEFITS AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS WITH SALARIES SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO BE ABOVE THE ASSIGNED GRADE

MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Stevenson. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Legislators Dennis, Hattery, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Robertson, Shinagawa, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 3 (Legislators Herrera, Kiefer, and Mackesey); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the “Point-Factor Rating System” that is applied to all job descriptions and utilized by Tompkins County to assign labor grades and corresponding salaries to all titles is unable to reflect the market-rate salaries of certain highly specialized professional positions, and

WHEREAS, by prior resolution of the Legislature, incumbents in the titles of Psychiatrist, Medical Director – Mental Health, and Deputy County Attorney have been assigned salaries at a rate above that provided in the Management salary schedule, and

WHEREAS, salary increases for all management titles, except those mentioned above, are included in, and authorized by, one annual resolution of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the fringe benefits and annual salary increase for incumbents in the three titles mentioned above should be equivalent to the increases and benefits provided to all other management staff, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Personnel Committee, That effective January 1, 2008, incumbents in the titles of Psychiatrist, Medical Director – Mental Health, and Deputy County Attorney, will be eligible to receive the same fringe benefits and will receive the same annual salary adjustments as those provided to other management staff without requiring a separate resolution of the Legislature,

RESOLVED, further, That effective immediately, whenever there is a vacancy in one of these titles, a base salary will be set for the newly hired incumbent on an individual basis by a resolution of the Legislature taking into consideration CPI, market analysis, and County fringe value..

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Motion to Reconsider

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to reconsider Resolution No. 265. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Legislators Dennis, Herrera, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 5 (Legislators Hattery, Kiefer, Mackesey, Proto, and

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Sigler); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED.

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Government Operations Committee

Mr. Stevenson, Chair, reported the Committee met on December 14th, with the majority of the work appearing on the agenda. The Committee received an update from the Core Performance Subcommittee, with information on the quality assurance process provided. This subcommittee met many times and has a great deal of work yet to be completed. Mr. Stevenson also reported the Policy Maintenance Team provided information on the Administrative Policy Manual, with the Committee considering some of the work completed; it is anticipated the work will appear on a subsequent Legislature agenda. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Proto whether the Legislature does not approve procedures, it was noted that the Legislature approves policy and the Departments/Divisions implement procedures.

RESOLUTION NO. 267 - DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER

MOVED by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr.

Ms. Kiefer MOVED a substitute resolution adding an additional whereas to read: WHEREAS, that designation must be of a daily newspaper when one exists locally, now therefore be it. The Motion failed for lack of a second.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature must annually designate an official newspaper, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the official newspaper for the County of Tompkins for the publication of all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published pursuant to County Law, Article 5, Section 214, Subdivision (2), and Local Law No. 1 of 1992 be designated from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, as follows:

The Ithaca Journal, Ithaca, New York

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RESOLUTION NO. 268 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ARMORY ASSOCIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ACTUARIAL STUDY OF THE COST OF POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OFFERED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES

MOVED by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer. Mr. Proto suggested a written explanation as backup would be useful to provide more detailed information on the resolution. He inquired whether the firm would be completing an historical review and projection. Mr. Squires said the work would be completed by the end of 2008 and based upon the current workforce and those presently receiving benefits as active retirees. This work will create a calculation to be utilized for the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting. Mr. Squires said most governments are not funding this amount but are reporting it.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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WHEREAS, Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45 requires the disclosure of the cost of post employment benefits of county employees to be reported within the financial statements of the county beginning in 2008, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Armory Associates of Syracuse, New York, is specialized in the practice of actuarial valuation of post employment benefits for municipalities, and

WHEREAS, Armory Associates has conducted GASB 45 studies for many municipalities throughout Central New York, including Ithaca City School, Lansing Schools, Tioga County, Chemung County, Cayuga County, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has recommended that it would be in the best interest of the County to negotiate an agreement with Armory Associates, because of their location, experience with Governmental employee benefit plans, and their familiarity with the County's operations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Departments of Finance is authorized to enter into a contract with Armory Associates, for the preparation of GASB 45 Liability Study, at a fee not to exceed of \$10,000.

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Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Budget and Capital Committee

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, Chair, reported the Committee met on December 10th and received a report on Core Performance and reviewed the Committee's goals.

RESOLUTION NO. 269 - DELEGATING TO THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF TOMPKINS, NEW YORK, THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AND TO SELL \$8,000,000 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID COUNTY IN ANTICIPATION OF RECEIPT OF STATE AID DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF SAID COUNTY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2008

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Robertson. It was noted that the \$8,000,000 is not associated with the Brown Road Project. Mr. Proto disclosed that he is presently working for HSBC bank, who may bid on the issuance of the Revenue Anticipation Notes, and inquired if he should abstain from the vote. Mr. Joseph did not believe it was necessary to abstain.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 12; Noes – 0; Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, it is prudent to allow for the possible issuance of revenue anticipation notes should there be a cash-flow problem resulting from delays in State Aid during 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, by the Legislature of the County of Tompkins, New York as follows:

Section 1. The power to authorize the issuance of and to sell \$8,000,000 revenue anticipation notes of the County of Tompkins, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the receipt of State Aid due said County during the fiscal year of said County commencing January 1, 2008, is hereby delegated to the Finance Director, the chief fiscal officer of such County. Such notes shall be of such terms, form, and contents, and shall be sold in such manner as may be determined by the Finance Director, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION NO. 270 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2008 BUDGET - DEPARTMENTAL FEES

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Hattery. Mr. Proto indicated he would not support the resolution as it affects the 2008 budget, which he did not support. A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 11; Noes – 1 (Legislator Proto); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, various departments are authorized to charge assorted fees for various services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That all changes and increases in fees and changes in methods of charging fees specifically identified in the departmental budget requests, recommended by the Budget and Capital Committee for 2008, and included in the 2008 budget adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature, are hereby authorized and approved.

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RESOLUTION NO. 271 - IMPLEMENTATION OF 2008 TOMPKINS COUNTY BUDGET - MEMBERSHIPS

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Ms. Robertson. Mr. Proto indicated he would not support the resolution as it affects the 2008 budget, which he did not support. A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 11; Noes – 1 (Legislator Proto); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to have County personnel be members of a variety of organizations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That memberships in all municipal and professional organizations specifically listed in 2008 budget requests, approved by the appropriate program committee, and included in the 2008 budget adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature, are hereby authorized and approved.

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RESOLUTION NO. 272 - CREATION OF, ABOLITION OF, AND CHANGES IN POSITIONS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Hattery. Mr. Proto indicated he would not support the resolution as it affects the 2008 budget, which he did not support. In answer to his inquiry, it was noted the Project Assistant titles are the ones discussed during budget deliberations. A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 11; Noes – 1 (Legislator Proto); Excused – 2 (Legislators McBean-Clairborne and Randall); Vacancy – 1 (District No. 3). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the adopted 2008 Tompkins County Budget included creation of new positions, and adding additional persons into existing job titles, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Expanded Budget and Capital Committee, That the following positions be created effective January 1, 2008:

Assessment

4.0 Project Assistants, (76/049), labor grade F (76), 40.0 hours per week

County Administration

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1.0 Project Assistant, (76/049), labor grade F (76), 40.0 hours per week

Health Department

1.0 Community Health Nurse, (15/580), labor grade O (15), 35.0 hours per week

1.0 Public Health Sanitarian, (14/599), labor grade N (14), 35.0 hours per week

2.0 Project Assistants, (76/049), labor grade F (76), 40.0 hours per week

Planning Department

1.0 Project Assistant, (76/049), labor grade F (76), 40.0 hours per week

Sheriff's Office

1.0 Criminal Investigator, (46/413), labor grade 46, 40.0 hours per week

1.0 Corrections Officer, (34/406), labor grade D (34), 40.0 hours per week

Social Services Department

1.0 Case Aide, (08/511), labor grade H (8), 35.0 hours per week

4.0 Project Assistants, (76/049), labor grade F (76), 40.0 hours per week

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2.0 Project Assistants, (76/049), labor grade F (76), 40.0 hours per week

RESOLVED, further, That the hours of the following positions are changed as follows effective January 1, 2008:

County Administration

1.0 Public Information Officer, (64/340), labor grade N (64), increase the position and approved hours from 35.0 to 40.0 hours per week

District Attorney

1.0 Assistant District Attorney, (88/228), labor grade R (88), increase the position and approved hours from 25.0 to 40.0 hours per week

Tompkins Workforce New York

1.0 Transition Workforce Specialist, (12/783), labor grade L (12), increase the approved hours from 21.0 to 24.0 hours per week

Information Technology Services Department

1.0 Programmer/Analyst (13/622), labor grade M (13), decrease the position and approved hours from 40.0 to 35.0 per week

Tompkins Workforce New York

1.0 Workforce Development Coordinator, (14/790), labor grade N (14), decrease the position and approved hours from 37.5 to 35.0 hours per week

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Mr. Koplinka-Loehr said the December 24th meeting was cancelled.

Report from the Public Safety Committee

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, Vice Chair, reported the Committee has not met; the next meeting is December 21st.

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RESOLUTION NO. 273 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – RICHARD S. BOOTH

MOVED by Mr. Dennis and unanimously seconded and adopted, by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, Richard “Dick” Booth was elected in 2001 and began his term of office on January 1, 2002, representing District No. 3 in the City and Town of Ithaca, and

WHEREAS, Dick served on many standing and special committees including serving as Chair of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, and

WHEREAS, Dick was an outstanding member of the Budget and Capital Committee throughout the years, often inserting his own brand of fiscal responsibility into many of the discussions and decisions of Budget and Capital Committee, and

WHEREAS, he always sought to shorten discussions during Legislature meetings, and Dick’s sometimes glib comments would help to cut off discussion and bring the focus back to the issue, and

WHEREAS, during debates of certain resolutions at Legislature meetings Dick was sometimes heard to say four words “Isn’t this committee work?”, and

WHEREAS, Dick is well known for infusing his own personal honesty and integrity in every vote he took and we know these characteristics will benefit all the citizens of the immediate Adirondack Park area, as well as Statewide, as Dick applies his knowledge and expertise on all issues affecting the future of the Park, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Legislature extends its appreciation to Dick Booth and wishes him the best of luck in his new position as Commissioner of the Adirondack Park,

RESOLVED, further, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dick Booth.

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Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2007

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007, as submitted. MINUTES APPROVED.

Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, Deputy Clerk