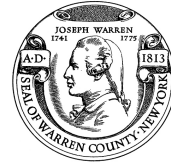


# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Thomas.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Girard, McDevitt, Braymer, Brock, MacDonald, Frasier, Simpson, Merlino, Strough, Seeber, Beaty, Montesi, Sokol, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 18; Supervisor Vanselow and Dickinson absent -2.

Supervisor Dickinson entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Geraghty noted the purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to present the 2017 Tentative County Budget. Privilege of the floor was extended to Frank Thomas, Budget Officer, who proceeded to make the 2017 Budget Message, as follows:

“Good Morning, I’m grateful to have this opportunity to present my proposed 2017 Warren County budget to the Board of Supervisors. Again, thank you to Chairman/Administrator Geraghty for the opportunity to serve as the County’s Budget Officer. Thank you to the Budget Team, Chairman Geraghty, Assistant to the County Administrator JoAnn McKinstry, Deputy Treasurer Rob Lunch and Confidential Secretary Kristy Miller, for your guidance, work and advice in preparing this budget.

“Our Department Heads and staff are Warren County’s greatest assets. Each of the past four years, I have had the privilege to interact with the very talented and experienced people we have working in and leading the County’s departments. I appreciate and thank each one of them for their knowledge, suggestions and guidance in preparing this budget.

“This budget increases the County tax levy by \$692,435 or 1.7% to \$42,473,886 and is under the mandated tax cap by \$213,590. Within the budget is a 2% salary increase and some salary adjustments for non-union employees at a cost of \$123,126. Estimated funds for Union employee pay increases, which are currently being negotiated are also accounted for.

“New positions have been created in this budget, most noteworthy is a 7<sup>th</sup> Assistant District Attorney and a clerk and funding for a 7<sup>th</sup> Public Defender. An 8<sup>th</sup> Public Defender was requested but is not included. The need for these additional positions was brought about by a court decision in the Herill Haring case requiring legal representation for all defendants at their arraignments and the need and desire for the people to be represented also. Related to this, is \$96,000 increase in the cost for Indigent defense, due to changes in New York State’s eligibility guidelines increasing from 135% to 250% of the Federal poverty income numbers, due to take effect in April of 2017. These mandated expenses alone account for more than one third of the levy increase under the 2% tax cap.

These actions should be delayed or stopped altogether until such time as the State provides the funding needed to pay for their desires, this is simply unacceptable.

“In the Planning Department the new position of Senior Planner is funded along with \$30,000 for one half year salary for an Assistant Director position, anticipating the retirement of the current Director.

“Health insurance for active employees is funded at a 4% increase in premiums, down from 5.38% using a small portion of the reserve funds. Medicare Advantage has increased approximately \$185,000. This budget includes money for retirement payouts, the two that stand out are \$89,000 for the Sheriff’s Department and \$22,000 for Department of Social Services.

“Cornell Cooperative Extension funding has been increased by \$49,000 enabling their return to a five day per week operation. They have been closed on Friday’s since 2009. The contract with SPCA for animal control has been increased by \$20,000 from \$80,000 to \$100,000 per year. The computer reserve continues to be funded at \$145,000 and the vehicle reserve is at \$392,000, \$240,000 for the Sheriff’s Department.

“The Warren County Economic Development Corporation contract is increased by \$14,000, money to be used to study and inventory available properties near the Northway exits in the northern part of the County. This will enhance the possibility of business start-ups and expansions as developers seek available locations.

“The appropriation for paving of highways has increased from \$2.3 million to \$2,556,190 due to an increase in Capital Highway Improvement funds through PAVE New York Program.

“The budgeted amount of sales tax dollars remains the same for 2017 as 2016 at \$50,197,467. The report at the end of the third quarter has the County up 1.9% or about \$750,000 over last year and I hope this holds or better yet increases, but past experience makes me want to see the money first before I believe it. An increase will contribute to replenishing the general fund surplus as 2016 is closed in April.

“This proposed budget will not fulfill everyone’s desire, nobody will like every decision made within this budget, but I think it is a responsible budget that will fund the operations of Warren County and is below the States imposed two percent tax cap. I respectfully ask for your support for this 2017 budget”.

Supervisor Thomas then proceeded to make a powerpoint presentation on the 2017 Tentative Budget, a copy of which is on file with the items distributed at the Board meeting. At the conclusion of the powerpoint presentation, Supervisor Thomas opened the floor to any comments or questions on the Budget proposal.

Supervisor Dickinson suggested that they ensure that the County-owned property adjacent to the Municipal Center Building was included in the study being conducted by the Warren County Economic Development Corporation pertaining to vacant properties available for development which were located within close proximity to the Adirondack Northway.

Supervisor Montesi questioned why two separate amounts were listed for occupancy tax, with one

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containing \$4 million and the other containing \$124,000. Rob Lynch, *Deputy County Treasurer*, responded that the \$124,000 was the portion of occupancy tax funds allocated to the County Treasurer's Office for administering the fund.

Supervisor Leggett questioned why the funding provided to the Warren County SPCA was increased from \$80,000 to \$100,000 and Supervisor Thomas replied he had increased their allocation this year to the amount they had requested last year but was not given to them. He added that they had assured him they would not be requesting any additional increases over the next few years. Supervisor Leggett inquired what the funding would be used for and Jim Fitzgerald, *President, Warren County SPCA*, responded that the funding the SPCA received to cover costs associated with cat control measures such as immunizations, euthanasia, surgeries, flea and tick treatments, adoption, etc. He mentioned going forward in order to control the costs their organization had worked with Glens Falls Animal Hospital to reduce the costs of the vaccinations substantially. He added another measure implemented to control costs was to partner with Hope Rescue and some national organizations to offer a free spay and neuter program which was referred to as the "North County Initiative". He stated the program supplied those who could not afford the cost of spaying or neutering their cats with coupons to allow them to have their cats spayed or neutered for a reduced rate which was affordable to the owners and he noted they were available to guide those interested through the process. He informed the cost of dealing with the cat issue within Warren County was rather substantial and required a significant amount of work.

Supervisor Montesi questioned how successful the adoption program was and Mr. Fitzgerald replied that the adoption rate was 95% with the exception of the animals who had terminal illnesses or cancer. He stated their organization dealt with many animal hoarding cases and police impounds. He stated just one of the animal hoarding cases can cause their expenses to skyrocket.

Supervisor Braymer commended Supervisor Thomas for his efforts in preparing the 2017 Tentative County Budget; however, she noted, she was disappointed with the \$25,000 reduction to the funding provided to East Field in the City of Glens Falls. She said efforts were on-going to work with Senator Little's Office on securing grant funding to allow them to make improvements to the stadium seating and building there which was why she would like to see the \$25,000 in funding reinstated for East Field. She pointed out the individual charged with managing the facility had secured a number of college programs, as well as Green Jackets Football Team, youth baseball program, etc. She remarked she believed East Field provided a significant amount of value to the City of Glens Falls. She suggested they use \$15,000 that was set aside for unemployment costs associated with the former Westmount Health Facility and the remaining \$10,000 from a portion of the funding set aside for the Warren County SPCA.

Supervisor Seeber thanked Supervisor Thomas for commencing the budgeting process earlier than that of previous years and she noted she looked forward to this continuing into future years. She mentioned in regards to contracts, she was concerned that the County was holding the Warren County SPCA to a different standard than other contractors and she felt contract terms should be uniform. She stated any time the County provided funding to an entity for a contract an after action report and benchmarks should be required. She pointed out the Warren County SPCA contract was so specific that it required them to categorize where they purchased their gasoline from; she commented she felt that this was over cumbersome and she noted this was not required for any other contracts. She stated it was her understanding that other contracts were paid on a voucher system and did not require any documentation which supported what the funding was used for. She informed it was easy to state how the money would be used; however, she said, she was interested in learning what these organizations would like to use the money for and then what it was actually used for. She apprised she felt the Board, as a body of elected officials, was responsible for ensuring the funding was used as it was intended. She advised going forward she would like to see benchmarks set and after action reports provided for all

County contracts; however, she noted, not to the same extent currently required for the contract with the Warren County SPCA.

Next, Supervisor Seeber voiced her concerns that salary increases were provided within the proposed County Budget to non-bargaining employees without supporting documentation such as a performance review. She reminded the Board about the conversation that took place the same time last year pertaining to performance work plans, pay increases and how they were related. She informed performance work plans not only reinforced those who were doing a good job but also provided feedback to employees as to what they could improve upon. She stated that due to some unforeseen circumstances the Performance Evaluation Committee which was established by Chairman Geraghty this year had been placed on hold; however, she noted, she had been working with the Human Resources Department to develop a form for Department Heads to use when conducting performance reviews on employees. She commented she was concerned that the total amount of salary increases granted to employees outside of the 2% was significant and yet there was no supporting documentation such as a performance work review plan for any of those raises. She informed she felt it was the Board's responsibility to ensure there was documentation available which supported granting those pay increases. She clarified she was not stating the pay increases were not warranted but rather there should be back-up documentation which provided affirmation for giving those employees the pay increases. She advised the Human Resources Department had assured her that as long as approval was received from the full Board the forms they developed could be put into place and distributed to all Department Heads.

In regards to the email that was distributed to the Supervisors from Richard Schermerhorn concerning the Airport budget and his formal request that he could save the County \$400,000 there, Supervisor Seeber advised she was fully supportive of his efforts to reduce the Airport Budget significantly. She said she felt this should be something that should be considered, as well. She commented her hope was collectively in 2017 they were looking at a different type of budgeting process.

In response to Supervisor Seeber's comments regarding the pay increases given to the non-bargaining employees outside of the 2%, Supervisor Thomas informed a significant amount of thought was given to it and he noted the majority were not given the amount that was requested. He pointed out there had never been a performance review plan during his tenure on the Board. He added that he believed it was misleading to characterize it like they were handing out raises, as this was not the case.

Supervisor Seeber stated that she understood the full requests were not granted which she was appreciative of; however, she noted, her point was that the pay increases granted were not based upon performance. She remarked she felt pay increases should be based upon work performance and longevity and Supervisor Thomas concurred.

Supervisor Thomas stated that he did not believe the issue concerning the Airport would be solved today. He said the overall operating budget for the Airport was reduced from \$624,680 to \$585,230 which was about \$200,000 less than what it was a few years ago.

Supervisor MacDonald advised as a first term Supervisor who was new to the process he felt compelled to commend Supervisor Thomas and the Budget Team for their efforts, as he was aware that it was not an easy task to take on with everything that needed to be accomplished. He informed that he felt putting into process some sort of performance review that would lead into a County-wide process to assist with determining whether salary increases were warranted and if so what that amount should be was a necessity. He pointed out large businesses in the private sector used the performance review process for these specific reasons. He indicated employees would also benefit from them, as it allowed

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them to have a better understanding of what they needed to accomplish to gauge their level of success in an official capacity, as well as to serve as a goal for them. He remarked it was his hope that this process would move forward so that it could be used in the coming year.

Supervisor MacDonald stated although the City of Glens Falls was awarded grant funding to be used in 2017 for East Field, he felt it would be worthwhile to reinstate the \$25,000 in funding to ensure the progress there continued moving forward. He commented that he thought East Field could become an asset for the entire County with the upgrades and improvements that were being made there. He noted there was a definitive need for the funding.

Supervisor Montesi remarked he supported Supervisor Seeber in her efforts to move forward with developing a performance review and questioned whether action by the Board was required in order to do so. Supervisor Seeber informed that Chairman Geraghty had created the Performance Evaluation Committee in 2016 but due to a number of issues that were brought to light earlier this year it was placed on hold. She reminded them their first course of action had been to apply a performance work plan for the County Administrator position which was subsequently vacated at the end of April and she noted this was why the matter was not pursued. She continued, another reason this had been placed on hold pertained to a staffing change within the Human Resources Department and a request to place the performance review document developed by them on hold until after the budget season is over at the end of November. She said this would allow them to distribute the forms in the beginning of 2017 to assist with making determinations on salary increases in October of 2017. She mentioned it was her understanding that the Chairman intended to implement the Performance Evaluation Committee this year and she asked Chairman Geraghty to comment.

Chairman Geraghty advised during his entire career at International Paper his salary had been based upon his performance. He stated he had attempted to institute a Performance Evaluation Committee which was bi-partisan but was hindered by personality conflicts between members of the Committee and what they were trying to accomplish. He indicated rather than trying to accomplish a performance review plan, it turned into a "witch hunt" to get rid of certain employees within the County which was why he placed it on hold. He apprised since then he had been working with the new County Human Resources Director who was very knowledgeable on the matter to simplify the process over the next few months to develop a form which set goals for employees. He said the goal was to have something in place by 2017. He mentioned the review would include safety, performance and efficiency issues. In regards to the salary increases that were granted, Chairman Geraghty remarked he felt it was disingenuous to state that the Budget Team granted these raises without taking into consideration performance, as performance was taken into consideration for each employee who received a salary increase. He continued, more effort was given than just using the figure for the raise provided by the Department Head.

Supervisor Seeber apprised she was not stating that employees did not deserve the pay increases or that they were just handed out; however, she noted, her concern was relative to the transparency portion of it, as they were handled by the few people who were members of the Budget Team. She said she understood that they were completed based upon performance and that they were deserved but she would like documentation as to why they were given. In response to Chairman Geraghty's comment that the Performance Review Committee turned into a "with hunt", Supervisor Seeber stated this was not the case but rather it pertained to accountability of all the Department Heads and not one in particular; Chairman Geraghty responded that he respectfully disagreed with Supervisor Seeber on the matter.

Supervisor Thomas referred to the salary adjustment given to the First Assist District Attorney in the

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amount of \$1,800, as well as \$3,660 which was a stipend that has become part of the positions salary. He said although most of the pay increases were “cut and dry”, there were a few instances that were not.

Supervisor Brock advised he felt it was necessary for the Board to understand that thirty years ago professional baseball was brought to the area to use East Field which was why they had to install lighting that met professional baseball standards which were very costly. He indicated although the cost had slightly decreased due to the cost of electricity decreasing, a few years the cost of running the lights for a night game was about \$700. He apprised the City required the funding for East Field in order to continue to improve and attract individuals to East Field. He mentioned if the City was successful in obtaining grant funding, this could be used in conjunction with the funding from the County to purchase and erect more efficient lighting thereby decreasing the costs there.

Supervisor Brock voiced his concern pertaining to the fact that as per County Law 354 the Budget Committee was supposed to attend the meetings the Budget Team had with Department Heads and yet they were not permitted to attend. He indicated that allowing the Budget Team to attend these meetings would prevent arguments pertaining to who said and did what. He stated he could not comprehend why they were not being transparent when it was written in the law that they were supposed to be allowed to attend these meetings.

In regards to the comments made by Supervisor Seeber pertaining to the Warren County SPCA contract, Supervisor Conover stated while he was in favor of streamlining and simplification in terms of reporting but would also impress upon the County Attorney that it was imperative to maintain a clear segregation of those costs and those revenues associated with dog control services at the local level. He continued, it was important for them to be aware how the funding was spent, as there were many municipalities who had their own animal control officer and this would provide them with assurance that they were not paying for duplicate services.

Supervisor Simpson commended Supervisor Thomas for his efforts in preparing the proposed budget for 2017, as he was aware of all of the hard work and consideration that was associated with the work. He mentioned he understood there was no way to ensure everyone was pleased with the budget; however, he noted, collectively he felt the budget was appropriate. He suggested they consider using \$25,000 in occupancy tax funding rather than taking it away from the City of Glens Falls for East Field, as he believed this was an appropriate use for these funds since East Field promoted tourism for the area. He questioned whether the \$50,000 reduction for invasive species applied to the allocation to the Lake Georg Park Commission or to the allocation that was given to the municipalities with impacted waterbodies and Supervisor Thomas responded the reduction was to the Lake George Park Commissions portion of the allocation which was part of the effort to reduce the County’s expenses.

Supervisor Dickinson questioned where the funding for invasive species was allocated from and Supervisor Thomas replied that it was transferred from the General Fund. Supervisor Dickinson inquired whether occupancy tax funds were used to pay an annual fee to East Field and Supervisor Merlino replied in the negative. He explained that a portion of occupancy tax funds were distributed to the City to use at their discretion to promote tourism, similar to the funds distributed to all other municipalities within Warren County and then they reported to the County what the funding was expended on. He mentioned they could look into the possibility of allocating \$25,000 in occupancy tax funding for East Field; however, over the past few months they had expended a substantial amount of occupancy tax funds. Supervisor Thomas pointed out the City of Glens Falls for East Field had decreased substantially over the past few years.

Supervisor Braymer apprised due to the significance East Field had for the City of Glens Falls, she was

voicing her support of reinstating the \$25,000 in funding for it within the proposed Budget. She stated she was aware that the individuals who traveled to participate in softball tournaments there were booking rooms in area hotels which supported the use of occupancy tax funds for this purpose; however, she reiterated her statement from earlier that she would like at least \$15,000 of the expense to come from the unemployment allocation for the nursing home. She apprised that East Field was a County-wide asset that benefitted the region. Supervisor Thomas informed the funds set aside for the unemployment expense related to the former Westmount Health Facility could not be used for this purpose, as they were allocated from the reserve set-up specifically for legacy costs associated with the nursing home.

Supervisor Conover suggested using \$125,000 in occupancy tax funds to fund half of the \$250,000 allocation for invasive species in order to allow them to maintain the level of funding allocated to the Lake George Park Commission. He continued, they could restore the \$25,000 allocation to the City of Glens Falls by allocating the funds from the General Fund thereby decreasing the impact on the General Fund. He reminded the Board that in prior years invasive species had solely been funded with occupancy tax funds but the funding source had been changed a few years ago to the General Fund. Supervisor Strough asked whether it was appropriate to make the changes today or hold off on them until they moved forward and Supervisor Conover responded that he felt today was the appropriate time to make the changes through an amendment.

Supervisor Montesi voiced his support of restoring the funding for East Field and invasive species. He stated that Dave Wick, *Executive Director, Lake George Park Commission*, had indicated during their annual analysis of the Lake they located additional beds of asian clams in areas they had not anticipated them being in. He cautioned that taking funding away from them could halt the eradication efforts that were going so well.

Supervisor Dickinson stated he was apprehensive about using such a substantial amount of occupancy tax funds, as he felt it would be more appropriate to appropriate only the \$50,000 required to maintain the funding to the Lake George Park Commission.

Supervisor Brock pointed out in previous years the amount of funding allocated to the City for East Field had been \$150,000 but in recent years that had been cut back substantially to around \$99,000.

Supervisor Merlino remarked he felt they were doing a good job managing occupancy tax funds; however, he cautioned, that they could not keep depleting the reserve or they would go below the level necessary to provide them with a comfortable cushion. He stated the Tentative Budget did not need to be approved until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, he felt it would be appropriate to hold off on making a decision today to allow the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee to meet and discuss further Supervisor Conover's suggestion.

Supervisor Thomas advised a resolution would be necessary if it was the Board's desire to amend the Tentative Budget for 2017.

Supervisor Braymer stated it was her understanding the Board was passing a resolution today to authorizing a public hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2017. She said she felt today was the appropriate day to make the amendments to ensure what was provided to the public was what the Board was comfortable with to allow them to comment on it rather than possibly amending it at a later date. She apprised while she supported Supervisor Dickinson's suggestion to use \$50,000 in occupancy tax funds to maintain the funding for the Lake George Park Commission she would still like to see the

\$25,000 restored for East Field regardless of whether it came from the General Fund or not.

This concluded the comments on the 2017 Tentative Budget.

Chairman Geraghty advised he felt it was necessary to clarify even though the Warren County SPCA was categorized under dog control in the County Budget this was not their purpose, as each municipality was responsible for their own dog control. He stated their purpose was to deal with abuses cases, wild animals, cats, etc. on a County-wide basis. He stated he was pleased that their discussion today was centered around positive things and not firing employees, compost or things of a negative nature.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty stated a motion was needed either to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget as presented, amend it today or wait until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting before making any changes.

A motion was made by Supervisor Conover and seconded by Supervisor Braymer to amend the 2017 Tentative Budget to appropriate \$125,000 of occupancy tax funds to fund half of the \$250,000 allocation for invasive species in order to maintain the level of funding to the Lake George Park Commission and authorize the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the General Fund to restore the funding to the City of Glens Falls for East Field.

Supervisor Leggett apprised that he was uncomfortable moving forward with the motion, as he believed it would be more appropriate for the matter to be referred back to the Budget Committee to determine the best course of action pertaining to the restoration of funding.

Supervisor Conover informed that the Board could determine whether they wanted to move forward with the motion as presented or approve the Tentative Budget for 2017 as presented by Supervisor Thomas. Supervisor Leggett re-stated his discomfort with moving forward with the motion as presented without having a thorough understanding of the impact it would have on the occupancy tax fund.

Supervisor Merlino remarked that he concurred with Supervisor Leggett, reminding the Board there had been a lot of criticism expressed by the lodging industry within Warren County pertaining to how occupancy funds were being expended by the County. He stated he thought it would be more appropriate for them to schedule a meeting of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee and work with the County Treasurer to determine whether it was appropriate to use occupancy tax funds for that purpose. He opined that it would be more secure to use transfer funding from the Unappropriated Surplus to fund invasive species, as well as to restore the \$25,000 in funding for East Field. He pointed out there was time to make changes to the Tentative Budget for 2017 before it had to be finalized thereby allowing them more time to determine what the best course of action was to restore the funding for both of these items.

Supervisor Dickinson advised he was fully supportive of Supervisor Conover's motion and he noted that he had assured his constituents that the health of Lake George was a primary concern of his. He mentioned he had no issue with providing East Field with the \$25,000 in funding from the General Fund; however, he noted, he objected to the use of occupancy tax funds for this purpose.

Supervisor Wood apprised that she was in favor of referring the matter back to the Budget and Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committees for further discussion. She said one thing that had not been brought up today was Supervisor Thomas statement that they would run into issues financially if they continued to expend money like they had been and end up in the same position they were in during 2009.



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A motion was made by Supervisor Wood and seconded by Supervisor Montesi to table the matter and refer it back to Committee for further discussion.

Chairman Geraghty called for a roll call vote on the motion to table which failed due to a lack of simple majority vote with a vote of 323 in favor (*Supervisors Leggett, Frasier, Simpson, Merlino, Montesi, Sokol and Wood*) and 641 against (*Supervisors Conover, Girard, McDevitt, Braymer, Brock, MacDonald, Dickinson, Strough, Seeber, Beaty, Thomas and Geraghty*) (*Absent- Supervisor Vanselow- 36*).

Chairman Geraghty called for a roll call vote on the aforementioned motion to amend the 2017 Tentative Budget which was carried by majority vote with a vote of 797 in favor (*Supervisors Conover, Girard, McDevitt, Braymer, Brock, MacDonald, Frasier, Simpson, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Seeber, Beaty, Montesi and Geraghty*) and 167 against (*Supervisors Leggett, Sokol, Thomas and Wood*) (*Absent- Supervisor Vanselow- 36*).

During the roll call vote, Supervisor Seeber asked Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, whether it was legally permissible for occupancy tax funding to be used for invasive species eradication and Mr. Reichenbach replied in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Supervisor Girard, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried unanimously to bring proposed Resolution No. 451, *Amending and Adopting Tentative Budget Providing Appropriations for the Conduct of County Business for the Fiscal Year 2017 and Authorizing Public Hearing on the Budget*, as previously amended to the floor.

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, announced a roll call vote was necessary for proposed Resolution No. 451 of 2016. The roll call vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Braymer advised she was appreciative of the support for the amendments to the 2017 Tentative Budget. She stated she was also cognizant of Supervisor Wood's concerns pertaining to the spending and she reaffirmed that she felt the County should look into implementing a County Transfer Tax to increase revenue similar to what other Counties had.

Chairman Geraghty acknowledged the Information Technology Department staff for the installation of a new projector in the Board Room to modernize the facility.

Mr. Reichenbach informed that he continued to work on defending the County against the lawsuit brought by five plaintiffs concerning the form of government practiced based upon the direction he received from the Board earlier in the year.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Simpson and seconded by Supervisor Frasier, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.