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**Tompkins County Legislature  
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**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call of Members**

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

Present: 14 Legislators. (Legislator Booth arrived at 5:47 p.m.).

**Privilege of the Floor by the Public**

Bernie Hutchins, Hanshaw Road, submitted the following statement:

“I am here to speak about the Hanshaw Road project.

“On June 13, 2005, the Ithaca Town Board passed a resolution concerning County improvements to Hanshaw Rd., recommending that sidewalks “be included when wanted by the majority of adjoining residents”. At a September 2005 Public Hearing the adjoining residents presented a petition that was 94% against sidewalks. When reminded of the June resolution, Supervisor Valentino said, “We can rescind that resolution – we do it all the time.”

“At the November 17, 2005, Town Board meeting, 14 of 14 residents spoke against the sidewalks. At the Town Board meeting on January 26, 2006, 8 of 11 residents (73%) spoke against the sidewalks. Nonetheless the Town Board, except for Peter Stein, who thought it more important for the board to keep its word and hold an official poll, voted to rescind the June resolution and approve the inclusion of sidewalks.

“On March 27, 2007, (8 days ago) the County Highway Department presented its plan for Hanshaw Rd. at the DeWitt School. The plan included sidewalks on the north side. In a show of hands (instigated by a savvy resident), it was clear that the adjoining residents were still opposed to sidewalks by 80% (20 to 5). A follow-up vote of those not “impacted” was just about exactly the opposite. Those who did not have to sacrifice for the sidewalk didn’t mind if we did. This is all on tape by the way. Ms. Kiefer was there. I think you folks are scheduled to see the tape before you approve the plan.

“Aside from individual homeowners demanding their basic property rights, is there more to it than this? In fact, is the plan with the sidewalks a good idea? No it’s not – the plan is way too wide. All that is needed is resurfacing and wider shoulders. Is it possible that the residents know more about it than the Highway Department?

“At a September 12, 2006 meeting of your Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, your Highway Manager, Mr. Sczesny “..... indicated it is always assumed that when an improvement is completed to a road speeds have a tendency to increase between 5 and 8 miles per hour.” Your design report indicates that at present there is already speeding exceeding 10 mph. With a smoother road, and super-wide vista provide by the shoulders and sidewalk, we can expect at least this. When asked by a resident on March 27 what “traffic calming” measures were to be included, Mr. Lampman was unable to provide any answer. There were none included in the plan, nor any that anyone could think of. You are building a more hazardous situation.

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“Further, if the link to Cayuga Heights is completed, the north side of Hanshaw Rd. sidewalk will direct and funnel pedestrian traffic to the Village at about the Mobile station, trying to get across to the west side Pleasant Grove sidewalk, most of you know that intersection, and it is mentioned as dangerous in the draft report. There are no crosswalks or signals. It will be an accident that won’t need to wait very long to happen.

“Is there a solution that takes care of all these problems and more? Yes. Get rid of the sidewalks that the residents don’t want. This will tighten up the vista and perhaps minimize the speeding increases. Wider pedestrian/bicycle shoulders, as you already use on nearby Warren Rd., will still be a vast improvement over the current situation. Without the north side sidewalks, the cross-fire in the Village will not be created. You will probably then have enough money for the rest of the project’s road and drainage improvements. And, you won’t have the problems with the right-of-way issues, which you are still ignoring, which I have mentioned here before.”

Richard Ehrhardt, Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, spoke of the Board’s work particularly with regard to examination of parcels to include in agricultural districts. He referred to the resolution on the agenda that includes the parcels within the Village of Dryden, owned by Ken Miller. Mr. Ehrhardt reported that subsequent to the Village of Dryden’s opposition to the inclusion of the parcels, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board again reviewed their decision. He noted that Mr. Miller had voluntarily removed his parcels from the agricultural district three years ago due to extremely wet conditions as well as an indication from the Village of Dryden that the property could be used as a potential development area. Over the past three years, the Village has moved in a different direction, developing a comprehensive plan that now has open space zoning. Mr. Miller’s twelve-acre property is surrounded by other agricultural district property, and is intended to have farming operations that would be permitted under the comprehensive plan. Mr. Ehrhardt stated the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board takes offense at the characterization made by the Village of Dryden regarding appearances of farmland. In addition he said if there were to be a conflict in the future, removal of this property from the agricultural district could occur. The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, upon review would like to have the parcels added to the agricultural district and believe it would benefit the Village and follows the open space plans.

Mr. Ken Miller, owner of the farmland within the Village of Dryden, requested his property be added to the agricultural district. He believes it to be compatible with the Village of Dryden’s plans and would like to work cooperatively to come to an agreement. Mr. Miller spoke of his discussions with the Village to determine how to improve sight lanes for traffic and believes he is proving his willingness to be a good citizen and farmer.

### **Privilege of the Floor by Legislators**

Ms. Mackesey, District No. 2 Legislator, called attention to the 150-year-old “Lone Star” quilt on display that was crafted by Anna Marie Louise LePine Treman of Trumansburg. The quilt is part of The History Center’s quilt loan program; she recommended individuals take time to visit the display.

Ms. Robertson, District No. 13 Legislator, shared information on Mr. Ray McKane, who had been portrayed in *The Ithaca Journal* incorrectly.

Mr. Booth arrived at this time.

Ms. Robertson said she and Legislator Dennis attended Mr. McKane’s memorial service and saw that firefighters were in attendance, as well as many other individuals from various walks of life. Mr. McKane, at the time of his death, was employed in a local pizza shop. Upon speaking to family members, Ms. Robertson was informed that Mr. McKane, a former volunteer firefighter, had resided in an apartment until September 2006, when a rent increase prevented him from remaining. Although Mr.

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McKane was invited to live with family, he chose to be independent and reside in a tent, and passed away with his Bible near him. Ms. Robertson reported the journalist was at the services and she hopes a follow-up article will appear in the newspaper that more accurately reflects the person Mr. McKane was.

Ms. Robertson reported the *Syracuse Post Standard* featured an article that was entitled, "Solar Power Shines in Ithaca", which was hailed to be the Solar Capital of Upstate New York. The article noted that there are 41 installations with solar power, producing 176 kw of power, not including outlying areas of the County. Ms. Robertson then announced there will be a National Climate Action event on April 14<sup>th</sup> entitled "Step It Up 2007 rally", with a variety of activities occurring between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The event is hosted by the Climate Change Action Group.

Mr. Proto, District No. 7 Legislator, reported on a meeting held April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Dryden Veteran's building, during which Mr. Carl Bullock, Service Officer for the Regional Veterans' Benefits, spoke of unclaimed veterans' benefits. He recommended that individuals who would be eligible to seek assistance should contact the VA to claim the thousands of dollars they may be entitled to. Mr. Proto then recommended reviewing consumer billings from New York State Electric and Gas Corporation to be certain the electric credit has been received.

Mr. Shinagawa, District No. 4 Legislator, announced that the Lifelong senior citizen center will hold its annual meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> and that he has fundraiser raffle tickets available for the agency. Also, the Human Rights Commission annual dinner will take place on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Beverly J. Martin school. Mr. James. L. Stowe, President of the International Association of Human Rights Agencies and Executive Director of the City of Columbus, Community Relations Commission, will be the keynote speaker. In addition, nominations for a variety of Human Rights Commission awards will be accepted until April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Joseph, Chair, asked that the Agricultural District resolution be moved up on the agenda to accommodate members of the public in attendance.

**Presentation of Resolution from the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

**RESOLUTION NO. 53 - ADDING PARCELS TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 1 (EAST SIDE OF CAYUGA LAKE)**

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr.

Mr. Proto spoke of Mr. Ehrhardt's comments regarding inclusion of Mr. Miller's land in the agricultural district, noting that the Village of Dryden did not have a representative present to address their concerns. He stated the County Comprehensive Plan speaks well of open space as well as preserving agricultural areas. Mr. Proto is disappointed that conversations between the landowner and the Village had not taken place prior to voicing concerns. He said the larger issue is that the owner desires to farm the property and the municipality is not interested in allowing it.

Ms. Robertson said Mr. Miller currently has an agricultural assessment on the parcels and therefore being in the Agricultural District would result in no change in taxation. The primary difference in belonging to the agricultural district is that the State Agriculture and Markets would have authority over the way the land is used compared to the village. She believes it is proper in rural areas to have this authority, however she feels when the property is inside an incorporated village it is different. Ms. Robertson also said Mr. Miller would be required to make a commitment to keep the agricultural assessment for seven years; the agricultural district requirement is five years. She indicated that the Planning Advisory Board had made a decision to ask the Village for their input, which resulted in the Planning Advisory Board's request not to include the parcels.

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It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hattery, to remove the following parcels within the Village of Dryden: SWSS: 502401 parcels Nos. 8.-1-14.1 and 8.-1-14.2 from inclusion in Agricultural District No. 1 (East Side of Cayuga Lake).

Ms. Herrera said that subsequent to information shared this evening she is reluctant to remove the parcels. She stated that the Village's desires are important, however, there is an existing agricultural parcel within the Village, and Mr. Miller has indicated a willingness to work with the municipal officials. She believes having conversations will assist to find a manner for farming and villages to co-exist. Ms. Herrera stated that the comments regarding junk equipment and unlicensed vehicles being present on farms is not an accurate portrayal, not all farms undertake this practice. Ms. Herrera will not support the motion to remove the properties from the resolution and believes such a recommendation should have come before the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee.

Mr. Hattery stated that removal of the properties would not prevent inclusion at a later date. He indicated respect for Mr. Miller and noted the action to change the current status would impact the ability to put animals on the land as an agricultural practice. Mr. Hattery said the Village expressed concern regarding this due to a potential impact on residential property. He explained that as part of the Village's Comprehensive Plan process amended zoning regulations could include agricultural designations. Mr. Hattery feels it is good to respect local land use control, particularly when it involves a village.

Mr. Stevenson is not certain the Village has been persuasive enough or identified adequate objections to remove the parcels from the resolution. He does not believe their argument compelling enough and will not support the motion to amend.

At Mr. Proto's request, Monika Roth, from Cornell Cooperative Extension, clarified what the designation would mean. She said the Village's open space designation would not conflict with Mr. Miller's intended use of the farm, which does not have any animal agriculture pending. The primary difference is that if it were felt the local laws caused an undue burden to the owner of a property in the agricultural district, an opinion could be requested of the State Agriculture and Markets. Ms. Kiefer inquired when the 120-day period to make a determination would be reached. Ms. Roth said it ended in March, and notification has been made to the State Agriculture and Markets. She further explained that other steps regarding agricultural assessment designations would be entailed, and that the village zoning regulations would need to be followed.

Ms. Kiefer stated that she would prefer to have more time to review the matter; since that is not an option she will support the motion to remove the properties from the resolution. She does not believe it would create a disadvantage to Mr. Miller and would enable a thorough review, during this year, with the possibility of adding the properties early next year.

Mr. Booth said the situation deals with two positives: (1) protecting agriculture, and (2) encouraging local land use decisions. Generally the County, local governments, and the local agricultural industry have cooperated well with regard to establishing agricultural districts. He stated the County has been supportive of agricultural districts and County comprehensive plans encourage core settlements. Because the Village has indicated they do not feel the two in-village parcels should be included, and because these parcels could be included at a later date, he will support the amendment to remove the parcels from the resolution.

Mr. Joseph allowed Mr. Miller to readdress the topic. Mr. Miller said although he understands the matter may be considered again next year, he is concerned that amendments to Village Local Law could prohibit more and more of his farming operation without providing him any form of protection.

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It was noted that the property may be added at any time, however removal of properties from agricultural districts only occurs once every eight years, with the eight-year review.

Mr. Proto noted that there is also a five-year pay-back of agricultural tax credits in certain situations.

A voice vote on the motion to remove the Village of Dryden parcels resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Legislators Booth, Dennis, Hattery, Joseph, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Robertson, Sigler, and Shinagawa); Noes – 6 (Legislators Herrera, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Proto, Randall, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

A voice vote on the resolution as amended resulted as follows: Ayes – 14; Noes – 1 (Legislator Stevenson). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 25 of 2004 designated November as an annual review period when landowner proposals for inclusion of viable agricultural lands within existing certified agricultural districts will be accepted for review and action by the Tompkins County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, three landowners have requested addition of parcels totaling 67.6 acres to Tompkins County Agricultural District 1 and no landowners have requested addition of parcels to Tompkins County Agricultural District 2, and

WHEREAS, these requests have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the Planning Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, these requests have been reviewed by the Planning Advisory Board, which recommended addition of parcels in the Town of Lansing and Town of Dryden and, based on objections expressed by the Village of Dryden, recommended not approving addition of parcels in the Village of Dryden, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature held the required public hearing on such proposals on March 20, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature is required to act on such proposals within 120 days under New York State Agriculture District Law, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That approval is granted for the requested additions to Agricultural District 1 of Tompkins County, as specified in the Explanatory Note below.

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Explanatory Note: New total acreage of District 1: 102,358 acres  
(District 2 remains at 65,594 acres)

Owners of these parcels have requested they be added to the Agricultural Districts:

**Town of Lansing (Agricultural District #1)**

<u>SWSS:</u> 503289	<u>Parcel:</u> 12.-1-15.34	6.57 acres	400 Old Orchard Road
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**Town of Dryden (Agricultural District #1)**

<u>SWSS:</u> 502489	<u>Parcel:</u> 28.-1-19.2	26.74 acres	West Dryden Road (no street# assigned)
<u>SWSS:</u> 502489	<u>Parcel:</u> 38.-1-25.51	17.72 acres	Spring House Road (no street# assigned)
<u>SWSS:</u> 502489	<u>Parcel:</u> 38.-1-25.52	16.57 acres	Spring House Road (no street# assigned)

**Presentation – Action Plan for Sustainability for 2007**

Ms. Nelson, Public Works Administrator for the County, and Chair of the Sustainability Team, provided an update on the Team’s activities and outlined the following charge:

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“The Sustainability Team’s charge is to develop an action plan to promote sustainable practices by Tompkins County government and that it shall report progress on the sustainability plan to the Legislature annually by Earth Day.

An action plan has been developed and defines sustainability *as meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs*. The action plan identifies the following areas of need:

- ❑ Reduction of green house gases and environmental toxins through energy reduction and conservation in county facilities and fleets and utilization of alternative and renewable energy sources and applications
- ❑ Solid waste reduction through increased reuse and recycling
- ❑ Environmentally preferable purchasing programs
- ❑ Employee participation, education, and endorsement
- ❑ A comprehensive approach to efficient infrastructure design and service delivery processes
- ❑ Protection of natural resources and development of communities in accordance with the Principles and Policies of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan

### **Presentation – State of the College – Tompkins Cortland Community College**

Dr. Carl Haynes, President of Tompkins Cortland Community College, presented the Legislature with a report on the State of the College. Dr. Haynes said Phase I of the physical expansion of the athletic complex has encountered a 3-4 week delay due to the installation of ceiling tiles. It is anticipated to be occupied by graduation. Following graduation Phase 2, interior renovations, will begin. It appears the bids are under budget. In addition, bids for the student center are hoped to be awarded at the April board meeting.

Dr. Haynes highlighted various areas of interest at the college including: construction projects; self-study report as part of the re-accreditation process; determining how to achieve indicators; faculty hires for 2007; and global, diversity, and community initiatives. Dr. Haynes then briefly spoke of the success of the new TC3 Tioga Place location, the success of the TC3 Foundation campaign efforts, and the selection of the college to participate in the University of South Carolina special project regarding freshman student success.

In response to a question from Ms. Robertson, Dr. Haynes indicated an initial review of the proposed State budget shows an increase of \$150,000 in base funding. In addition, he noted the budget would provide \$1 million to be shared among the five smallest community colleges (Tompkins Cortland Community College is not a recipient) that will assist in offsetting costs.

Mr. Booth expressed interest in receiving information that would indicate a ten-year follow up on residents attending the school, and more specifically, whether they graduated, exited to employment, or entered a four-year College or University upon graduation from Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Ms. Robertson inquired about the nursing program, specifically if there was any change in student placements in area facilities as part of their training. Dr. Haynes stated that although this has historically been a factor, the number of graduates the school has appears to be adequate for our locale. He reported that as a result of the capital campaign the skills center has computerized mannequins to assist students in their nursing training.

Dr. Haynes announced that next fall will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the college and he will be providing information regarding special events.

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Mr. Booth inquired whether it would be possible for nursing students from other areas of the state to receive training at the college to assist in filling the need for skilled nurses in their area; Dr. Haynes said this has been done in the past.

### **Chair's Report and Appointment(s)**

Mr. Joseph reported on receiving a notice from Onondaga County Executive Nick Pirro for a Sustainability Conference to be held May 9<sup>th</sup>. He said reviewing the website indicated it may be of interest to members of the Legislature and other staff and he will provide copies of the notice.

### **Report from the County Administrator**

Ms. Younger, Deputy County Administrator, reported things are running smoothly during Mr. Whicher's absence. Mr. Proto inquired if there will be an overall assessment of the State budget by administration and was told it will be reviewed and the information provided at the budget retreat.

### **Report from the County Attorney**

Mr. Wood was not present.

### **Report from the Finance Director**

Mr. Squires had no report.

### **Addition of Resolution(s) to the Agenda**

There were no resolution(s) added to the agenda.

### **Approval of Resolution(s) Under the Consent Agenda**

There were no resolutions approved under the consent agenda.

### **Withdrawal of Resolution(s) from the Agenda**

Chair Joseph gave the appropriate committee chair permission to withdraw the following resolutions from the agenda entitled:

- Amending County Road System to Add a Section of Krums Corners Road and Iradell Extension in the Town of Ulysses
- Removal of Agard Road and Falls Road from the County Road System to Revert to Town of Ulysses
- Amending County Road System to Add a Section of Game Farm Road and Burns Road in the Town of Ithaca
- Removal of Bundy Road from the County Road System to Revert to Town of Ithaca

### **Report from the Public Safety Committee**

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, reported the Committee has not met. The next meeting is on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Report from the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, reported the Committee has not met. The next meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Report and Presentation of Resolutions from the Health and Human Services Committee**

Mr. Shinagawa, Chair, reported the Committee has met twice since the last meeting. He reported the Committee chose not to pursue the T-19 resolution as a result of information indicating the increased staff time that would be required to implement versus no proof of a benefit from implementing. Additionally, upcoming State mandates regarding tattoo and tanning parlors will require increased efforts from the Health Department.

Mr. Shinagawa said at the meeting previous to the Legislature meeting, the Committee heard reports from various departments and approved two resolutions. The Human Services Coalition provided information on the agency review process and extended an invitation to members of the Legislature to attend site visits. The Office for the Aging received a \$10,000 grant to purchase Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS).

The Committee was also informed that effective April 9<sup>th</sup>, *The Ithaca Journal* free obituary policy will be modified and will no longer include information regarding services for individuals. This is a great concern as it is thought the new policy would be difficult for many elderly and low-income residents. Youth Services reported on participation in a variety of programs. The municipal youth services program had almost 3,000 participants last year, and the jobs program offered summer employment to 376 youth. The Mental Health Commissioner, Robert DeLuca, provided an update on the Single-Room-Occupancy project, noting construction is anticipated to begin in September 2007. Unity House has been closed and residents housed elsewhere, it is unknown what future use the building may have. The State budget indicates no cuts in State aid for Mental Health. The Committee heard concerns regarding the Civil Commitment Law that could cost approximately \$200,000 per individual, per year. Mr. Shinagawa reported there are to be 157 new positions at the State level to investigate Medicaid fraud; the target area will be documentation of clients.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 54 – IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE FUNDING FOR 2-1-1 NEW YORK IN THE NEW YORK STATE BUDGET**

It was MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Shinagawa noted that although the State budget has been completed it was important to stress the need to fund this program. At this time, Representatives Hinchey and Arcuri have not endorsed the funding. In addition, he noted that if the Federal government chose to appropriate funding there is not any information on how it would be distributed. A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 15; Noes – 0. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, for almost thirty years, the Information and Referral Service of Ithaca and Tompkins County has provided community information, as well as referral to community services to thousands of citizens and organizations, and

WHEREAS, Information and Referral for Tompkins County (through its affiliations with the New York State Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and the United Way of New York State) is an integral part of the 2-1-1 Finger Lakes Regional designation for delivery of 2-1-1 information services to the region, and

WHEREAS, the value of 2-1-1 Community Information Systems during disaster and in recovery periods in recent hurricanes and flooding has been proven, and

WHEREAS, planning, development, and implementation of the 2-1-1 NY system has been underway in New York State and the Finger Lakes Region since 1994, and

WHEREAS, the New York State government recognized the value of a state-wide 2-1-1 system by providing funds for operation and continued development in fiscal year 2006, and

WHEREAS, state funds requested for 2-1-1 operations and development have thus far not been included in budget deliberations for fiscal year 2007, and

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WHEREAS, lack of continued state support would substantially cripple further development of a state-wide 2-1-1 Information and Referral system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature thanks and urges the New York State Legislature and Governor to appropriate sufficient funds, but not less than \$10.66 million in fiscal Year 2007 in support of operations and development of a state-wide 2-1-1 Information and Referral System.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 55 – IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION AND FUNDING FOR 2-1-1 IN THE 110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**

It was MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Mr. Dennis, and unanimously adopted by voice vote.

WHEREAS, for almost thirty years, the Information and Referral Service of Ithaca and Tompkins County has provided community information, as well as referral to community services to thousands of citizens and organizations, and

WHEREAS, Information and Referral for Tompkins County (through its affiliations with 2-1-1 New York and the national 2-1-1 Initiative, a collaboration of the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and United Way of America) is an integral part of the 2-1-1 Finger Lakes Regional designation for delivery of 2-1-1 information services to the region, and

WHEREAS, the value of 2-1-1 Community Information Systems during disaster and in recovery periods in recent hurricanes and flooding has been proven, and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 services are available to over sixty-five percent of the United States population; 212 active 2-1-1 systems cover all or part of 41 states (including 19 states with one-hundred percent coverage) plus Washington, D. C., and Puerto Rico, and

WHEREAS, planning, development, and implementation of 2-1-1 has been underway in New York State and the Finger Lakes Region since 1994, and

WHEREAS, the New York State government recognized the value of a state wide 2-1-1 system by providing funds for operation and continued development in Fiscal Year 2006, and

WHEREAS, the “Calling for 2-1-1 Act” (HR211, S211) has been introduced in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, and

WHEREAS, a robust and professional national system of 2-1-1 Call Centers is essential to the security and quality of life of the United States citizenry, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature urges the 110<sup>th</sup> United States Congress to recognize the benefits of the national 2-1-1 initiative and to move forward on the “Calling for 2-1-1 Act” that authorizes \$700 million from General Revenues over six years to ensure universal access to 2-1-1.

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**Report from the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee**

Ms. Herrera, Chair, reported the Committee met on March 27<sup>th</sup> and refined the committee goals. Ms. Nelson shared the Sustainability Report with members of the Committee; Ms. Herrera spoke of this initiative being a good effort and she is excited that it is being employee-driven. The Committee heard of the proposed road swaps with towns which is undertaken to better-align ownership with use. Information was distributed on how the Solid Waste annual fee was determined. The County has exceeded its recycling goal and hopes to continue to recycle more products.

**Report from the Personnel Committee**

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Mr. Dennis, Chair, reported the next meeting would be April 18<sup>th</sup>. Labor negotiations have been postponed temporarily until staff has returned from vacations. He also noted a public health nurse shortage in the area.

**Report from the Government Operations Committee**

Mr. Stevenson, Chair, reported the Committee has not met. The next meeting will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Report from the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee**

Ms. Robertson, Chair, reported the Committee will meet on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30, at that time information from John Bosak from Tompkins County Local, Ken Schlather from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tim Fahey, Cornell Natural Resources Department, and the Car Share committee will be heard.

**Report and Presentation of Resolution from the Budget and Capital Committee**

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, Chair, thanked the Public Information Advisory Board for their efforts regarding the recent public budget information sessions. He reported the Committee met on May 26<sup>th</sup> at which time they reviewed the rollover policy and completed a straw poll of three options, one of which included placing twenty percent of rollover funds into the General Fund. This will be discussed further at the second meeting in April. Mr. Koplinka-Loehr announced a meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:30 between the Department Heads and Legislators regarding the budget; he requested notification of any conflicts with the date and time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 56 – APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENT FUND – CITY OF ITHACA – MUNICIPAL SALES TAX AGREEMENT**

MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Booth. A short roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 15, Noes – 0. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 87 of 1993 gave authorization for the County to enter into an agreement with the City of Ithaca for the distribution of sales tax proceeds, and

WHEREAS, the County pays for selected services provided by the City in an amount that increases or decreases yearly based on the percentage change in actual sales tax collected in the City of Ithaca, and

WHEREAS, actual collections within the City of Ithaca increased by 5.06 percent in 2006, and

WHEREAS, adjustments necessary to pay the various agencies requires an appropriation from the Contingent Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That the Director of Finance be authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation:

**BUDGET APPROPRIATION:**

**FROM:**

Unallocated Revenues A9999.41110

<u>TO:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2006 Due</u>	<u>Change</u>
OAR 6315.54400	\$ 5,909	\$ 6,307	\$ 398
HSC Agencies A6305.54400	\$255,104	\$267,909	\$12,805
Municipal Sales Tax 6901.54666	\$329,186	\$381,995	<u>\$52,809</u>
Total Change			<u>\$66,012</u>

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**Approval of the Minutes of March 20, 2007**

It was MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Robertson, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2007, as corrected.

**Adjournment**

On motion the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.