

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019
1:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

The roll was called showing all members present except Mr. DiPasquale (Mt. Morris), Mr. Knapp (Ossian) and Mrs. Babbitt Henry (Springwater).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Administrator Ian Coyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of 1/9/19 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. There is an invitation on your desk for the February 6 CASA-Trinity Wellness Center Open House on site at 45 Maple Street, Dansville. Please RSVP directly to Rachel Pena.
2. The next Conversation with the County will be on Monday, February 11, 2019--8:30 a.m. at the Portage Town Hall.
3. The clerk is still collecting for the Sunshine Fund.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29 APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #1B-JANUARY 23, 2019**

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approves the Abstract of Claims #1B dated January 23, 2019 in the total amount of \$2,053,537.20.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

DAVID DIPASQUALE & REBECCA SCHROEDER-BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS

- DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Mr. DiPasquale and Mrs. Schroeder reviewed the presentation showing duties and responsibilities of the Livingston County Board of Elections office. Livingston County prints their own ballots, assists in elections for 8 school districts and 3 local libraries. Presentations are done at local schools and senior groups. Early voting will now be allowed at the Government Center starting with the 2019 November election. Mr. DiPasquale reviewed the state combination of the local and state primary. There will be no more September primaries. The primary is now in June beginning this year. Everything will be pushed ahead so petition times for County offices, Town offices and caucuses will now be in the spring instead of summer. This will be a significant savings to the county. With ten town supervisors up for reelection this year, Mrs. Schroeder stated that it is very important to take this information back to their towns now for anyone planning to run this November. Mr. DiPasquale explained that the amendment to the Constitution for same day registration passed but will not be enacted until all the procedures are passed and will then be on the ballot in 2020 for possible 2022 implementation. Absentee ballots no longer require some sort of excuse to have a ballot mailed to you.

PREFERRED AGENDA REQUIRING ONE ROLL CALL VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30 APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE LOCAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BEING CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A JOINT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY – DIANE M. DEANE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2018-322 authorized Livingston County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with a consortium of counties to create a local land development corporation for purposes of establishing, operating and maintaining a new joint county juvenile detention facility; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Incorporation is now being prepared for filing with the New York State Department of State for purposes of creating said corporation; and

WHEREAS, as part of finalizing the Certificate of Incorporation, each county in the consortium must appoint one member to the corporation's Board of Directors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints Diane M. Deane to said Board of Directors.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31 DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY – HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston owns surplus personal property that is no longer necessary for public use, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the following item(s) as surplus property to be disposed of as determined by the County Administrator:

Highway

Quantity	Item Description (Year, Make & Model)	Mileage, Hrs, etc.	Serial #
1	72" Skidsteer-mounted Sweepster Model HB72PBD Pickup Broom	NA	9906087
1	1999 Case Model 95-XT Skidsteer Loader	1,221 Hrs.	JAF0257416
1	Coats Baseline Model 225 Tire Balancer	NA	14093000303
1	Coats Model 5040A Tire Changer	NA	071110994-1
1	1997 Ford F-350 Truck w/Utility Body	79,617 miles	1FDKF37G9VEB66518

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

PREFERRED AGENDA VOTE

There being no further discussion on the foregoing resolutions, Chairman LeFeber asked for a motion to present the Preferred Agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Deming and seconded by Mr. Davis to move the Preferred Agenda. Carried.

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING A SEPARATE ROLL CALL VOTE

County Administrator/Budget Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS - VETERANS

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested transfers per the Budget Transfer Request Forms on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33 AMENDING 2019 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET – HIGHWAY & WORKFORCE

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested Budget Amendments per the Budget Amendment entries, which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-34 ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT - PLANNING

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to establish a new account per the electronic entries, which have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY: VENESKY & COMPANY

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the following contract for Livingston County, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Venesky & Company	1/1/19-12/31/21	\$36,000.00

6114 Route 31

Cicero, New York 13039

For: Indirect Cost Recovery Project

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Local Share</i>	<i>Budgeted?</i>
County Budget	Varies	Yes X No

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

Mr. Coyle explained that for the purposes of intergovernmental funding that comes back to the county we have to produce a series of reports on our building square footage, occupancy and our maintenance in lieu of rent in order to get back some of the Medicaid dollars associated with state funding back to the county. This is a cost we have incurred for ~20-25 years. Same contract amount and contractor as prior years.

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-36 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) XEROX D136 COPIER/PRINTER FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to transfer from Reserve Account A0882.2050 in the amount of \$85,666.00 to Board of Elections Equipment Account A1450.2050 in the amount of \$85,666.00, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Elections Office is authorized to purchase through State Contract #072705600PEPPM using available funds in the BOE Equipment Reserve Account A0882.2050 from Xerox Corporation one (1) new Xerox D136 Copier/Printer at a cost not to exceed \$85,666.00.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

County Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37 AUTHORIZING TOWER LEASE WITH THE CITY OF ROCHESTER FOR THE JACKMAN HILL TOWER IN THE TOWN OF LIVONIA

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a lease for Livingston County, according to the term designated, subject to review by the County Attorney and County Administrator:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City of Rochester City Hall-Room 300-B 30 Church Street Rochester, NY 14614-1290	4/1/2019-3/31/2020 with four one-year extensions	\$173.89 for first year with 3% annual escalator

For: Tower lease for Jackman Hill Tower in the Town of Livonia.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

Personnel

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38 AMENDING THE 2019 LIVINGSTON COUNTY SALARY SCHEDULE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC DEFENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the 2019 Livingston County Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Board of Supervisors:

- Correct the 2019 Rate to \$175.00/call for County Coroners effective 1/1/19 on the Department Head Salary Schedule.

Emergency Medical Services:

- Correct 2019 Rate for Advanced Life Support Technician Meghan Kiefer to the base rate amount of \$21.56 per CSEA Contract effective 1/1/2019.

Public Defender:

- Correct spelling for Assistant Public Defender Michael W. McNelis effective immediately.

Social Services:

- Correct 2019 Rate for Senior Typist Mary C. Casaceli to the base rate amount of \$17.07 per CSEA Contract effective 1/1/2019.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39 AMENDING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-453

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2018-453 adopted the 2019 County employee salaries and established certain compensation and benefits for other employees; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has approved an annual stipend in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Livingston County Code Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, a Livingston County Code Enforcement Officer was last appointed by Resolution No. 2017-121; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Code Enforcement Officer will receive a 12 month stipend of \$5,000 for Code Enforcement Officer work in 2019 to be paid one-half in the first payroll in June and one-half in the first payroll in December; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this portion of Resolution No. 2018-453 is hereby amended.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total

249; Adopted.

Real Property Tax Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40 CORRECTING TAX ROLL – MULTIPLE PARCELS - TOWN OF CONESUS

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has transmitted a written report of his investigation and recommendation with regard to one (20 parcels) application for correction of the tax roll, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, as prepared for the Town of Conesus on the tax rolls for the years hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, said parcels were incorrectly assessed and/or taxed for reasons set forth in the application for correction requested from the Director of Real Property Tax Services attached hereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Real Property Tax Services is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the officer(s) having jurisdiction of the tax roll so that the roll(s) can be corrected; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and/or Town Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the tax roll corrections and forward the corrected tax bill. The County Treasurer is authorized to issue refunds and/or make the appropriate chargebacks as hereinafter set forth for the application.

	Owner(s) Address Tax Map Number	Original 2019 Total Tax Amount	Corrected 2019 Total Tax Amount	Erroneous Water Chargeback Co. Water #1 Z1 Imp
1.	Parsons, Lynne M 6103 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-42	\$1,781.21	\$1,307.21	\$474.00
2.	Wixom, Robert, Jr 6111 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-43.12	\$1,948.81	\$1,474.81	\$474.00
3.	Gabriele, Rosalie 6097 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.5	\$1,430.03	\$956.03	\$474.00
4.	DeGaugh, James 6095 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.6	\$1,304.65	\$830.65	\$474.00
5.	Latimer, Junior M 6093 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.7	\$2,123.21	\$1,649.21	\$474.00
6.	Wood, Richard W. Wood, Elizabeth A. 6161 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.21	\$2,266.47	\$1,792.47	\$474.00
7.	Smith, James F. Smith, Paula A. 6167 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.22	\$2,139.00	\$1,665.00	\$474.00
8.	Minton, Stephen C. Minton, Dana E. 6173 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.23	\$2,289.65	\$1,815.65	\$474.00
9.	McCafferty, David W. McCafferty, Susan M. 6179 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.24	\$2,505.48	\$2,031.48	\$474.00
10	Angelo, Jennifer M. 6185 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.25	\$2,635.84	\$2,161.84	\$474.00

11.	Ellison, Ryan J. Ellison, Sari S. 6191 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.26	\$2,590.93	\$2,116.93	\$474.00
12.	Finazzo, Vito Finazzo, Vicki 5765 Sliker Hill Road 110.-1-44.27	\$2,476.50	\$2,002.50	\$474.00
13.	Monroe, Richard T. Monroe, Wendy 5769 Sliker Hill Road 110.-1-44.28	\$2,590.93	\$2,116.93	\$474.00
14.	Shafer, Shelby 5773 Sliker Hill Road 110.-1-44.29	\$2,869.05	\$2,395.05	\$474.00
15.	Hussain, Arshad 6105 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.123	\$2,718.40	\$2,244.40	\$474.00
16.	Koch, Jamie L. Koch, Kathleen R. 6101 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.125	\$1,710.24	\$1,236.24	\$474.00
17.	Loucks, Dale E. Loucks, Nancy C. 6113 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-44.311	\$2,052.09	\$1,578.09	\$474.00
18.	Johnson, Samuel, III Beachel, Lori 6149 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-81.1	\$2,366.42	\$1,892.42	\$474.00
19.	Davis, John W. Davis, Lena M. 6117 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-82	\$2,049.41	\$1,575.41	\$474.00
20.	Wixom, Phyllis L 6119 Dacula Shores Road 110.-1-45.1	\$2,650.33	\$2,176.33	\$474.00
	TOTAL	\$44,498.65	\$35,018.65	\$9,480.00

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,760; Noes-0; Absent-DiPasquale, 144; Knapp, 26; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 249; Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41 CORRECTING TAX ROLL - VARIOUS TOWNS

Mr. Pangrazio presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has transmitted a written report of his investigation and recommendation with regard to six (6 parcels) applications for correction of the tax roll, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, as prepared for the Towns of Avon, Conesus, Geneseo, Livonia and York on the tax rolls for the years hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, said parcels were incorrectly assessed and/or taxed for reasons set forth in the applications for correction requested from the Director of Real Property Tax Services attached hereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Real Property Tax Services is authorized and directed to forward a copy of

this resolution to the officer(s) having jurisdiction of the tax roll so that the roll(s) can be corrected; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and/or Town Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the tax roll corrections and forward the corrected tax bill. The County Treasurer is authorized to issue refunds and/or make the appropriate chargebacks as hereinafter set forth for the application(s).

Year, Municipality Owner(s) Parcel	Taxing Jurisdiction	Original Tax Bill	Corrected Tax Bill	Refund to Owner	Chargebacks to Taxing Jurisdictions
1. 2019 Avon	Livingston County	\$ 799.35	\$ 799.35	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Welch, Dennis H.	Avon Town Tax	403.86	403.86	0.00	0.00
Welch, Paula J.	Avon Fire 1	169.84	169.84	0.00	0.00
Tax Map Number	Unpaid Avon Water	<u>992.63</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>992.63</u>
34.18-1-13	Total	<u>\$2,365.68</u>	<u>\$1,373.05</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$992.63</u>
2. 2019 Conesus	Livingston County	\$199.17	\$199.17	\$0.00	\$199.17
Beardslee, Timothy	Conesus Town Tax	188.78	188.78	0.00	188.78
Beardslee, Chrisanne	Conesus Fire1	19.08	19.08	0.00	19.08
Tax Map Number	Cty Wtr #1 Zone 1	<u>479.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
101.30-1-25	Total	<u>\$886.03</u>	<u>\$417.03</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$417.03</u>
3. 2019 Geneseo	Livingston County	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
DePaul Geneseo	Geneseo Town Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hous. Dev Fund Corp.	School Relevy	<u>8,702.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,702.55</u>
Tax Map Number	Total	<u>\$8,702.55</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$8,702.55</u>
81.10-1-1.117					
4. 2019 Livonia	Livingston County	\$ 239.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 239.89
Orchard Park	Livonia Town Tax	157.59	0.00	0.00	157.59
Homeowners Assoc.	School Relevy	821.36	0.00	0.00	\$821.36
Tax Map Number	Livonia Fire 3	<u>40.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.80</u>
83.62-1-33	Livonia Light 2	<u>2.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2.99</u>
	Total	<u>\$1,262.63</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,262.63</u>
5. 2019 York	Livingston County	\$1,195.04	\$1,195.04	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Lubberts, Dean	York Town Tax	553.96	553.96	0.00	0.00
Lubberts, Kathleen	York Fire1	100.20	100.20	0.00	0.00
Tax Map Number	Linwood Wtr Ext	<u>544.82</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>344.82</u>
49.-1-4.2	Total	<u>\$2,394.02</u>	<u>\$2,049.20</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$344.82</u>
6. 2019 York	Livingston County	\$ 10.29	\$ 10.29	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Vitale, Paul A.	York Town Tax	4.77	4.77	0.00	0.00
Fernandez, Rueben R.	York Fire1	0.86	0.86	0.00	0.00
Tax Map Number	York Light 1	<u>0.12</u>	<u>0.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
62.-1-11.22	York Swr Dist# 2	<u>338.59</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>288.59</u>
	Consolidated Wtr	<u>222.86</u>	<u>49.79</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>173.07</u>
	Total	<u>\$577.49</u>	<u>\$115.83</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$461.66</u>

Dated at Geneseo, New York

January 23, 2019

Ways and Means Committee

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. County Administrator Update-The County Administrator stated that he has distributed a County Impact Report from the Association of Counties. This is a synopsis of the impacts, both positive and negative, to the County governments from the State budget and the State of the State platform. Some of these items will form our own County legislative agenda that we will push out in the next couple weeks.
2. RECOGNITION OF LONG TERM CARE DIRECTOR FRANKLIN BASSETT-Mr. Pangrazio requested Privilege of the Floor for County Administrator Ian Coyle.

Mr. Coyle Comments: *Before I begin, I would like to que up a video we produced a little over a year ago for an application for a Community Hero Award for Frank Bassett. It was called "The Life Well Run Community Hero's" put out by the International City/County Management Association. They were looking for people that exemplify what a community hero is and was and their working life. Those were department leaders, managers and directors across the nation. There were thirteen award winners that year across the nation and our own Frank Bassett was one of those award winners. As part of that award package, a video interview of Frank was put together with a montage of scenes at the nursing home. The IIMC video interview was played.*

While we will be celebrating Frank for the next few days, let's not forget someone else who should be in our thoughts, and that's Linda, Frank's wife. Remember, we in Livingston County and the CNR have had our Frank for 26/27 years and the really long days and nights and the round the clock presence and the round the clock availability. Linda, now, he is all yours, and remember what they say, a retired husband is often a wife's full time job. Good lunch and God's speed. With time, and enhanced by passion, confidence and the utmost dedication, certain names and faces become synonymous with a County department and its operations. In our case, that is Frank Bassett. Frank is forever linked to the CNR, to a building, to positive outcomes and to a defined and lasting legacy of service, care and managerial excellence that is and was second to none. Transformational leaders do not come around that often but when they do you just know it. I will give you a variation of an old adage, for those that understand what Frank represents, there is no explanation necessary for those that do not, I am not sure an explanation is possible. As you saw in the video, this is someone born and raised in Livingston County, service is in his blood, at age 14 he wanted to be involved in nursing. Not all 14 year old career dreams come true. Frank made his dream come true. He aligned it with his passion for the care of the elderly. And now, looking back on an illustrious career, he has cemented his reputation as a regional and national leader all in his childhood backyard. Who else can say that? When he wasn't burning the midnight oil at the CNR, you could find Frank pushing reforms at state level or more visibly, being a champion for the County employee United Way Worker Campaign. Frank's goal was simple; try to leave the place in a better position than when he found it. While I was not here at the time, I hear the stories still to this day, of the uncertainty around the future of public nursing home care in Livingston County in the late 1990s. Do we close one or both, do we build new, if we build new what does the model of care look like, traditional or, at the time, cutting edge neighborhood model? While Frank is quick as you saw to transfer credit and kudos to others, and for sure the Board and Nick Mazza must be acknowledged for their pivotal roles, I am here to say that building project, and most importantly the success that the project produced in terms of a sustainable, innovative, financially stable and, most importantly, still standing public nursing home would not have happened without drive and ingenuity of Frank Bassett. Frank is synonymous with the CNR. He has been a rock, an institution an essential leader with a laser-like focus on community and care that can only come from someone that knows this county; from someone that grew up in this county and came back home to help and lead a County's efforts at improving and enhancing what it means to provide public nursing home care. We will always be grateful as County employees for Frank's leadership and his passionate steady presence in his position as Director of Long Term Care and it is safe to say that hundreds and hundreds of residents, past, present and future are likewise grateful for his dedication and commitment to service, commitment to excellence and leading from the front. While we joke around a lot about giving Frank a mike or giving Frank the floor and what sort of timeline we might be in store for, I myself could not think of a greater right now than respectfully asking that my privilege of the floor time be granted to Mr. Frank Bassett as we honor and celebrate his years of service to Livingston County.

The audience presented a standing ovation.

Mr. Bassett's comments: *I'm glad to have the next hour with all of you. In recent months I have experienced a number of lasts, and today among them is the last time I will have the opportunity to say these words; County Administrator Coyle, Chairman LeFeber, members of the Board, fellow Department Heads, and on this occasion, my family, residents of the CNR who have been brought to attend, thank you for the privilege of not only addressing this body today, but being entrusted with keeping the promise that the elderly of this and all communities deserve - to grow aged in an environment where they are respected.*

As a child I had the occasion to visit both nursing homes having had a family member and a close family friend in each. They were the first experiences that I had with a nursing home and they made a lasting impression. When I cared for Nellie, I won the lottery. I was twelve years old. I had no idea that this frail wheelchair fast woman who grew up in a

JC Penny kit home, built at the end of Union Corners Road, knew so much of the world and was willing to impart some of that knowledge to me. I know many that buy lottery scratch offs and invest in the quick picks hoping to win the lottery, I have been fortunate in that I have won the lottery several times in my life. The first was Nellie. I was a child growing up on a farm on a dirt road, a middle child with two older brothers at the end of the 70s. My friends, I was still wearing bell bottoms almost five years after they were out of fashion. That's what you do when you are the third son. I didn't know that there was a life beyond the farm. There weren't expectations for much more than working at some point on another's farm. Nellie changed my life and visiting this County's nursing homes as a child changed my life. Nellie never made it to a nursing home. She was at Noyes Hospital in her final days and it was there that a nurse closed the curtain and asked us to step aside while she went in and cared for Nellie. I was inquisitive as a 14 year old. I pulled back the curtain to peek in and see what she was doing and she invited me in. She was kind, she was instructional and she was, for me, inspirational. When that curtain was drawn back and I rejoined her son, it was another occasion when I won the lottery. That nurse was a gift to me because she helped me find a path beyond the farm, find a passion that in two years of caring for this 92 year old woman, I came to understand compassion. I didn't learn it in over nine years in four different colleges. I didn't read it in a text book. It wasn't something that was gifted to me by a professor. It was a gift given to me by many people over the course of my life.

I was working at Genesee Memorial Hospital after becoming a nurse, when one of the physicians told me that men didn't belong in nursing they belonged in administration. Another gift when I won the lottery. I then had the opportunity and motivation to aspire to something more. I took this as a challenge to be fulfilled. When I graduated at SUNY Utica/Rome I was again a lottery winner. I had an internship offered as an administrator in training (AIT) for the First Healthcare Corporation in Massachusetts. A classmate and I got lost on the way to the interview, arriving two and a half hours late in the soaking rain at the regional headquarters for the corporation. We were fortunate that the Regional Vice President stayed and waited. In we walked soaking wet; it was a soaking rain with not an umbrella to be found for fifty dollars. We were offered AITs. I completed a six month administrator in training program and at age 26 was given my first nursing home as administrator at Forge Pond Nursing Home in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 104 beds. I received my license as administrator in February 1990. That first nursing home was another gift because it was an opportunity, with the culmination of so many life experiences and so much learned from others, that I was ready to try to change the experience of those living there. I was only there a little over six months and, if you ever want to know what I am thinking, truly, all you have to do is just ask. I'm pretty honest and I think I can be pretty candid. I've never been concerned with whether I was pleasing somebody else. My heart and my passion has always been about doing the right thing, whether it was popular mattered less to me than whether it was right. I went into that nursing home and I shook the salt shaker.... we fired the director of nursing, took her office and created a rehab program; did a renovation; brought in a wonderful therapy staff and it was successful. That first taste of success, it tells you that there may be more. I was approached to take another nursing home, Great Barrington Healthcare in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. I went in there and did the same thing, literally, fired the director of nursing and created a rehab program. New York State Medicaid recipients couldn't get into a nursing home because the beds in New York were 100% occupied, hospitals had back-ups in their alternate level of care beds and they were desperate to find placement for these New York State residents. Our nursing home was only nine miles from the New York State border. I went over there because I didn't know I couldn't. I negotiated with the New York State Department of Health, at age 27, for a contract to serve New York State Medicaid patients at my Massachusetts private pay nursing home rate. It meant for wonderful bonuses to follow. I bought my first BMW and I learned to live a life that I thought was a purposeful life with some toys. And then I was asked to move again less than a year and a half later to another facility in Vermont. If you don't accept reassignment in a corporate environment, it is considered a voluntary quit, thank you very much!

I found myself wanting to come back to New York. Another gift, I called an old college professor. When I was in college I lived in a fraternity house and I'd be lying if I said I never took vodka and orange juice to class for breakfast sometimes. I was elected President of the Student Association of Health Care Administrators much to the chagrin of the Dean of the program. It turns out mixers weren't quite in keeping with the traditions and the esteem of the Health Care Administration Program of SUNY U/R, but nonetheless it created another opportunity for me to work with experienced administrators on the challenges of the role. Gary Scurzer was Dean of the Program and he took the call and he said, "Well, if you want to come back to New York there is a blind ad with a fax number accepting resumes. I was living in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. I had a resume handy, I hand wrote a cover letter and I faxed it to this number.

I only knew it was a 716 area code so I knew it was at least in western New York. I went to New York City to have a good time with fraternity friends for a long weekend. I was free and I had a bonus check. When I returned to my apartment there was a voice mail from the Livingston County Personnel Office. What providence, I was coming home. I've been home for almost 27 years now. Those nursing homes that I visited as a child, the ones that were so off-putting to me, the ones that were institutions in the experience of the elders residing in them, they didn't represent the best of what we as local government can do for our seniors. I was blessed to have strong leadership at the County Administrator level. I can't tell you what the guidance that Nick Mazza gave in those years meant to me, his willingness to hear of a different future than what was being experienced by most county nursing homes in the State of New York and his listening was tempered with practicality. As all good governments do, it meant we had to have engineering studies, and a 21 month strategic planning process to arrive back to the original vision conveyed. We needed to close the two nursing homes and build a new one. I remember the long discussions about where that nursing home would be built, some of you were on the Board at the time, whether it be in Mt. Morris or Dansville. That was one smart move for me, I stepped aside because I didn't care where it went, I knew I was getting a new nursing home. I look back now and I can't understand why the Board voted the way they did. I can't believe at a time when other counties were closing their nursing homes and selling them, this county invested over \$39M to build a nursing home, and not just a nursing home, but a crazy new fangled nursing home. I will, for the rest of my life, look back with gratitude to the then Board of Supervisors for their receptiveness, trusting and most of all willingness to invest in the future of the elders in this community. Some of them are with us this afternoon. I want to thank Kim Kavanaugh, Leisure Time Activities Director and Cindy Canarvis, Assistant Director of Nursing and the motivation for it all, our residents, three of whom are here today, Marge Fasano, President of the Center Council, Cathy Rodstein, representative of the Center Council and Emily Wilcox, just a wonderful resident. My friends, this is your future. We will not be young and vibrant forever. As I look around this room and I think back to the Board members that I have worked with over the years, we have since served several of those Board members as a resident in the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. I think that their experience, had we chose to do nothing, would have meant a far different quality of life. I thought today that I would write words and that I would read words but as I tried that I couldn't find the right words to say, thank you. How do I say thank you for the career that you have gifted me with. I started with the County on contract because, while I did a six month administrator in training program in Massachusetts, I didn't realize that in the fall of 1991 when I was interviewing for the position of administrator for the Skilled Nursing Facility in Geneseo, the Board of Examiners in the New York State Department of Health would that January 1st change the requirements for licensure to either three years' experience as an administrator or a 9 month administrator in training program and I had 2 ½ years as an administrator and 6 months as an AIT. So I went off and I played and I spent my bonus cause hey, I'm gonna start after the first of the year. In mid-December I called the Board of Examiners and said hey that reciprocity thing, I need my New York State license; I start a job as administrator in New York State in January. I then found out that by starting on January 1, I no longer met the minimum qualifications for the job that had been offered to me. So I had to come in under a contract as an Assistant Administrator. I had to write up a 3 month Administrator-in-Training program. I drove it to Albany, submitted it in person, brought the approval letter back to the County and I started as Assistant Administrator on March 9, 1992. I finished the Administrator-in-Training requirements and I personally drove the completion records to the Board of Examiners in Albany on the twelfth of July. My first day as a licensed Administrator at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Geneseo I brought bottles of fake champagne and plastic glasses for all of the department heads that had indulged me while I had to spend time in each of their departments to satisfy the licensure requirements. The receptionist at that time, Renee Chichester, came in to the dining room and said, "Mr. Bassett there are some people in the lobby that you need to meet with". I walked out of the dining room with a champagne bottle in one hand and champagne glass in the other. It was seven members of the New York State Department of Health... How do you do! and I introduced myself as the brand new, as of that day, administrator of the facility and it was a wonderful introduction and it hasn't been boring since.

I want to thank my wife and I want to thank my family. This job, if you try to do it right, doesn't take 40 hours a week, it certainly doesn't take 35, it owns you if you do it right. I'm retiring because I have influenced the changes that I felt I could contribute to, and there are changes occurring in the market and in the workplace that I may be unable to influence. I never thought I would reach a point in my career that I would have to say, this younger generation needs younger leadership. But for me I think that as part of the baby boomer generation where the majority of my workforce was baby boomer there was a greater sense of ownership, passion and a willingness to participate in something bigger

than yourself. It's different now, I don't say that as a fault, but it is certainly different. My wife has, over the last 15+ years, watched me soar with excitement over changes within the industry and saw me struggle with the challenges that presented from time to time. The vacations, interrupted. The plans, not executed. Those are the parts of the job that I leave behind, I look forward to what will be on the other side of the page called Chapter 2. I have no idea. I'm jumping without a net. I have her as my partner and that will provide support. To my wife, thank you for the gift that you have been to me. Nick, thank you for the leadership and the responsibility for that leadership that you instilled in me. It's hard to leave something you love. People ask me if I'm excited with only two days remaining. It's bitter sweet to realize that in two days I leave the badge that I have worn for all those years, the first key 11-1, the first key cut for the CNR is mine and I will leave that behind on Friday. And when I go down that hill on Friday for the last time as an employee of the Center, I leave behind a lot of friends, the residents, present and past and the staff. Noah didn't build the Ark alone and I certainly am given credit for what is due to an amazing staff that I have been gifted to serve and work with over the years. The department heads suffered through my insistence, my impatience and the expectation that if you can do one thing well at a time, you can do ten. And so it will be an opportunity for them to take a breath, maybe not operate at the same pace of change that I have always pushed for. I have always been aware that I wouldn't have forever to affect the sorts of changes that I envisioned for the elderly of our community. I remember telling a Board member to be careful that the bed you build may be the bed you one day lie in. Adding to that, the tenure of a career isn't forever in the ability to effect change. So, I was a man on a mission and I didn't waste a day, I'm grateful. I close by saying to the residents of the CNR, the life that you live today is better than what it was twenty five years ago and I hope if I have any legacy that it's what you experience today will remain if I one day need care. Thank you to each of you. My wife, my love, thank you. God's speed.

County Administrator Coyle presented Mr. Bassett with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in a framed pen and ink rendition of the Livingston County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center done by Donna Kelsey. The audience presented a standing ovation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Pangrazio and seconded by Mr. Mahus to adjourn until Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Carried.

The Board adjourned at 2:31 p.m.