

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

August 19, 2013

Chairperson Martinez called the meeting to order at _____ p.m.

Finance Committee members: Chairperson Martinez; Legislators Lawrence, Hitchcock, Gardner and K. Lennon.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Proposed Resolution “Adopting 2013 – 2014 Operating Budget Columbia-Greene Community College.”
2. Proposed Resolution “Amending Resolution No. 242-11 Authorizing Contract – Greene County With Greene County Emergency Medical Services, Inc.”
3. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing The County Of Greene To Commence Litigation Against The Association Of Property Owners Of Sleepy Hollow Lake, Inc. (“APO”).”
4. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing Commencement Of Legal Action Against Timothy N. Ralph, D/B/A The Sirius Dog Food Company, Inc.”
5. Proposed Resolution “Authorize Agreement – Greene County And Milliman For Retiree Drug Subsidy Services.”
6. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing The County Of Greene To Enter Into An Asset Transfer Agreement (ATA) With Motorola Solutions, Inc.”
7. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 1 Necessary For The Construction Supervision And Inspection For The Rehabilitation Of The CR47 Bridge Over The Kaaterskill Creek, Town Of Catskill, (BIN 3-30282-0), PIN 1759.52.”
8. Proposed Resolution “Awarding County Route 2 Roadway Stabilization And Reconstruction, Town Of Prattsville; (PW9903926).”
9. Proposed Resolution “Awarding Food And Supplies Bids – Greene County Department Of Human Services (Department For The Aging) And Sheriff’s Department.”
10. Proposed Resolution “Approving Reimbursement To Community Colleges.”
11. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing Chargeback Of Assessment Roll Related Services And Materials.”
12. Proposed Resolution “Negative Declaration For Sale Of In Rem Properties.”

13. Proposed Resolution “Budget Amendment – Greene County Public Health.” Backup Attached.
14. Proposed Resolution “Establish Capital Project #82 – 911 Communication Project.”
15. Proposed Resolution “Authorization To Pay Claims – Highway Department.”
16. Proposed Resolution “Authorization To Pay Claims.”

TREASURER’S REPORT.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

HURRICANE IRENE – TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- A. FEMA Recap: Update Given By County Administrator Shaun S. Groden – See “FEMA – RECAP” Sheet Attached.
- B. Disaster Assistance: Update Given By Karl Heck Of Economic Development, Tourism And Planning Department – See “Special Disaster Assistance Reporting” Attached.
- C. Flood Buyout Mitigation Program: Update Given By Jeff Flack, Executive Director, With Michelle Yost, From Greene County Soil And Water Conservation Attached.
- D. Recap On County Repair Work: Update To Be Given By Gary Harvey And Robert Van Valkenburg From The Greene County Highway Department.

August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTING 2013 – 2014 OPERATING BUDGET
COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Legislator offered the following resolution
and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Columbia-Greene Community College have submitted a Proposed Operating Budget in the amount of \$17,380,000 for the fiscal year from September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014 to the legislative bodies of Columbia and Greene Counties for their approval; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on said Proposed Budget was held on August 21st, 2013 pursuant to notice duly published;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Proposed Operating Budget in the amount of \$17,380,000 be and hereby is adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature include the Greene County share of the said Operating Budget, in an amount of \$2,337,192 in the 2014 Budget for Greene County and that it be raised by taxation in Greene County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be in effect only after a resolution approving said College Operating Budget has been enacted by the Columbia-Greene Community College Board of Trustees and the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Legislator

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by County Resources Comm.:
Approved by Finance Comm.:

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 242-11
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT – GREENE COUNTY WITH
GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 242-11, adopted on July 20, 2011, a three year contract was authorized between Greene County and Greene County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. wherein Greene EMS is to be paid a certain amount for each of the three years: 2012, 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, through no fault of their own, Greene County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. unexpectedly received a bill for workers' compensation insurance for approximately \$80,000 more than they usually pay; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to raise these funds, Greene County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. has made changes to their original plans, such as delaying funding of an additional fly car and crew, and as a result they have been able to raise \$40,000 toward the workers' compensation insurance bill; and

WHEREAS, the County of Greene recognizes the importance of this service to county residents and in fairness would like to assist Greene County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. with the payment of this workers' compensation insurance bill by increasing the 2014 payment to them in the amount of \$40,000.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 242-11 be amended to increase the amount of the payment for the year 2014 from \$1,004,710 to \$1,044,710; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to sign an amendment to said contract, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other aspects of Resolution No. 242-11 shall remain the same.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Public Safety Comm.:

Approved by Finance Comm.:

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST
TIMOTHY N. RALPH, D/B/A THE SIRIUS DOG FOOD COMPANY, INC.

Legislator offered the following resolution
and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Greene entered into a Quantum Fund Agreement with Timothy N. Ralph, d/b/a The Sirius Dog Food Company, Inc. on the 17th day of August, 2012 for the sum of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Timothy N. Ralph, d/b/a The Sirius Dog Food Company, Inc., is in default of said agreement in that he has failed to provide documentation of the use of the money as mandated in the Agreement and has failed to repay \$14,500.00 drawn down on the loan despite due demand therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee has unanimously recommended that legal action be commenced against Timothy N. Ralph to collect the sums unpaid; and

WHEREAS, the office of the County Attorney has given notice of default to the debtor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said mortgage, the County demanded payment of all principal owed in the amount of \$14,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the debtor has failed to make said payment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreement and security agreement, the County of Greene may commence a legal action against the said Timothy N. Ralph, d/b/a The Sirius Dog Food Company, Inc., for non-payment of said loan and non-compliance with loan terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is hereby authorized to commence appropriate legal action against the said Timothy N. Ralph, d/b/a The Sirius Dog Food Company, Inc. to recover the outstanding loan balance plus costs and fees.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Economic Development And Tourism Comm.:
Approved by Finance Comm.:

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT – GREENE COUNTY AND MILLIMAN FOR RETIREE DRUG SUBSIDY SERVICES

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature be authorized to execute an Agreement, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney, between Greene County and Milliman, Inc. to complete certain necessary tasks, including applications, reconciliations and certifications, associated with Retiree Drug Subsidy Services, for the term of September 10, 2013 to September 9, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of said services shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000.00.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Gov. Ops. Comm.:

Approved by Finance Comm.:

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF GREENE TO ENTER INTO
AN ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT (ATA) WITH
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.

Legislator offered the following resolution
and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County of Greene is currently in the process of improving
and/or expanding its telecommunications 911 dispatch system; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve and/or expand said dispatch system it is
necessary to acquire certain frequencies from Motorola Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc. has FCC authorizations to acquire the
necessary frequencies and grant to the County certain channel use rights; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to become the FCC licensee and license holder
of the frequencies offered by Motorola Solutions, Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Greene is hereby
authorized to enter into an Asset Transfer Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc.
for the purchase of a license agreement for the necessary communication
frequencies to fulfill the improvements and/or expansion of the 911 dispatch
system by paying a non-refundable deposit of \$50,000. Said deposit will be
applied towards the total project cost which will be determined with the final
evaluation of broadband capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all contractual documents shall be subject
to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Public Safety Comm.:
Approved by Finance Comm.:

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CR47 BRIDGE OVER THE KAATERSKILL CREEK, TOWN OF CATSKILL, (BIN 3-30282-0), PIN 1759.52

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, this is a locally administered federal aid project (HBP); and

WHEREAS, Creighton Manning Engineering LLP has prepared design plans and specifications in a timely manner to receive federal highway bridge program (HBP) funding; and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Highways, did request and receive a proposal from Creighton Manning Engineering LLP, for construction supervision and inspection services for the said rehabilitation of the CR47 Bridge; and

WHEREAS, this modification is beyond the original scope of services; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has authorized the funding for said additional services; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Department, with the assistance of the New York State Department of Transportation, has negotiated with and reached agreement with Creighton Manning Engineering LLP, a prequalified NYSDOT Region 1 consultant, for compensation of services for construction supervision and inspection of said project; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of said supplemental agreement is not to exceed \$175,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to approve said Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Creighton Manning Engineering LLP for construction supervision and inspection of said project, subject to approval as to form by the Greene County Attorney and to be paid from Project 79.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Public Works Comm.:
Approved by Finance Comm.:

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AWARDING FOOD AND SUPPLIES BIDS –
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
(DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING) AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Legislator offered the following resolution
and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Greene County Department of Human Services did advertise for bids for food and supplies for the Greene County Department for the Aging and the Greene County Sheriff's Department in the official newspaper of Greene County, the Catskill Daily Mail on Tuesday, May 28th, 2013; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and opened publicly on Tuesday, June 18th, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids be awarded to the lowest and most qualified vendors for the period July 1st, 2013 through September 30th, 2013:

- Ginsberg's Inc.
- Perkins-Mt. Ellis
- Calico Industries
- Leeds Wholesale
- Central Poly Corp.
- All American Poly Corp.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes	Noes	Absent	CARRIED.
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Approved by County Services Comm.:
Approved by Finance Comm.:

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Community College Chargebacks for the Summer '13 Semester amounted to \$13,935.64;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said expenses from Account No. A2490.4000 Community College Contractual Expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said County Treasurer is authorized to charge forty percent to the following towns in said County in the amounts set opposite the name of said town hereinafter listed:

		Town 40%	County 60%
Ashland	\$1,678.00	\$671.20	\$1,006.80
Athens	561.00	224.40	336.60
Cairo	1,238.66	495.46	743.20
Catskill	1,865.00	746.00	1,119.00
Coxsackie	1,688.00	675.20	1,012.80
Durham	743.66	297.46	446.20
Greenville	1,437.33	574.93	862.40
Hunter	2,516.33	1,006.53	1,509.80
Jewett	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lexington	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Baltimore	2,090.66	836.26	1,254.40
Prattsville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Windham	<u>117.00</u>	<u>46.80</u>	<u>70.20</u>
TOTAL:	\$13,935.64	\$5,574.26	\$8,361.38

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by County Resources Comm.:
Approved by Finance Comm.:

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Appendix C

State Environmental Quality Review

SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

For UNLISTED ACTIONS Only

PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION (To be completed by Applicant or Project sponsor)

1. APPLICANT/SPONSOR Greene	2. PROJECT NAME Sale of Properties
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3. PROJECT LOCATION:
Municipality Entire County County Greene

4. PRECISE LOCATION (Street address and road intersections, prominent landmarks, etc., or provide map)
Properties are located throughout Greene County

5. PROPOSED ACTION IS:
 New Expansion Modification/alteration

6. DESCRIBE PROJECT BRIEFLY: Greene County will sell properties that it has obtained as a result of failure to pay taxes. The purchase of these properties has no environmental significance. If anything, the purchase of several of these properties will result in the upgrade of deteriorated structures.

7. AMOUNT OF LAND AFFECTED:
Initially 100+ acres Ultimately _____ acres

8. WILL PROPOSED ACTION COMPLY WITH EXISTING ZONING OR OTHER EXISTING LAND USE RESTRICTIONS?
 Yes No If No, describe briefly

9. WHAT IS PRESENT LAND USE IN VICINITY OF PROJECT?
 Residential Industrial Commercial Agriculture Park/Forest/Open Space Other
Describe:

10. DOES ACTION INVOLVE A PERMIT APPROVAL, OR FUNDING, NOW OR ULTIMATELY FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL)?
 Yes No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals:

1. DOES ANY ASPECT OF THE ACTION HAVE A CURRENTLY VALID PERMIT OR APPROVAL?
 Yes No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals:

2. AS A RESULT OF PROPOSED ACTION WILL EXISTING PERMIT/APPROVAL REQUIRE MODIFICATION?
 Yes No

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Applicant/sponsor name: Peter Markou, Greene County Treasurer Date: 8/9/13
Signature: *Peter Markou*

If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with is assessment

A. DOES ACTION EXCEED ANY TYPE I THRESHOLD IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.4? If yes, coordinate the review process and use the FULL EAF.
 Yes No

B. WILL ACTION RECEIVE COORDINATED REVIEW AS PROVIDED FOR UNLISTED ACTIONS IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.6? If No, a negative declaration may be superseded by another involved agency.
 Yes No

C. COULD ACTION RESULT IN ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING: (Answers may be handwritten, if legible)
C1. Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic pattern, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems? Explain briefly:
No
C2. Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character? Explain briefly:
NO
C3. Vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species, significant habitats, or threatened or endangered species? Explain briefly:
NO
C4. A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a change in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources? Explain briefly:
NO
C5. Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be induced by the proposed action? Explain briefly:
NO
C6. Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified in C1-C5? Explain briefly:
NO
C7. Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type of energy? Explain briefly:
NO

D. WILL THE PROJECT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT CAUSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (CEA)?
 Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

E. IS THERE, OR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE, CONTROVERSY RELATED TO POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?
 Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

PART III - DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (To be completed by Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS: For each adverse effect identified above, determine whether it is substantial, large, important or otherwise significant. Each effect should be assessed in connection with its (a) setting (i.e. urban or rural); (b) probability of occurring; (c) duration; (d) irreversibility; (e) geographic scope; and (f) magnitude. If necessary, add attachments or reference supporting materials. Ensure that explanations contain sufficient detail to show that all relevant adverse impacts have been identified and adequately addressed. If question d of part II was checked yes, the determination of significance must evaluate the potential impact of the proposed action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA.

- Check this box if you have identified one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts which MAY occur. Then proceed directly to the FULL EAF and/or prepare a positive declaration.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action WILL NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts AND provide, on attachments as necessary, the reasons supporting this determination.

Greene County Legislature
Name of Lead Agency
Wayne G. Speenburgh
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Date
Chairman, Greene County Legislature.
Title of Responsible Officer

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August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.
BUDGET AMENDMENT
GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the staffing agreement with Willcare and Greene County Public Health has taken longer than expected; and

WHEREAS, 2013 Greene County Budget did not appropriate enough funding:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Treasurer be authorized to make the following budget amendment:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A 4010 1610 PH Fees \$107,000.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A 4010 4047 PH Sub-contractors \$107,000.00

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Health Services Comm.:

Approved by Finance Comm.:



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Greene County Public Health Nursing Service
411 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 300
Catskill, New York 12414
Phone# 719-3600 Fax# 719-3782

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Jo Jaeger, Deputy Budget Officer
FROM: Tanya Skinner
DATE: 7/29/13
RE: Public Health Budget Amendment

We would like to request the following amendment to A4010.4047 in order to account for the Staffing Agreement with Willcare.

Breakdown as follows:

4010.1610 - \$107,000
4010.4047 - \$107,000

Thank you.

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RESOLUTION NO.

ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT #82
911 COMMUNICATION PROJECT

Legislator offered the following resolution and
moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Greene County Legislature to establish a
Capital Project for the purpose of improving the 911 communications within
Greene County: and

WHEREAS, \$50,000.00 from Greene County's Restricted Fund Balance is to
be used to start the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Treasurer be
authorized to establish Capital Project #82 – 911 Communications Project and
to establish the following accounts:

H82 0000 2770	Unclassified local	\$50,000.00
H82 0000 5197	Project Expense	\$50,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Greene County Treasurer transfer
\$50,000.00 from A 899.1010 Restricted Fund Balance to H82 0000 2770.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Public Safety Comm.:

Approved by Finance Comm.:

August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has examined claims against the County of Greene Highway Department amounting to \$ 1,299,713.15 and has recommended that the same be allowed for the amounts shown;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following claims in the several accounts of the Greene County Highway Department be paid as allowed by the Greene County Treasurer from monies set up in the 2013 Budget of this County or as otherwise provided in the sum of:

County Road Fund:	\$	494,976.39
County Machinery Fund Pre-Audit:	\$	64,266.34
County Machinery Fund:	\$	107,806.93
9W/SR81 Intersection Project H67:	\$	51,275.00
Mtn House road/Spruce Creek Proj H69:	\$	97,071.89
Lake Mills Rd over Catskill Proj. H72:	\$	333,858.58
County Rails to Trails Proj H73:	\$	42,696.99
FEMA Project H74:	\$	107,761.03

TOTAL \$ 1,299,713.15

and that a detailed list of all vendor payments are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Finance Committee:

August 21, 2013

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has examined claims against the County of Greene amounting to \$ 2,316,291.06 and has recommended that the same be allowed for the amounts shown;

BE IT RESOLVED, that all claims be paid as allowed by the Greene County Treasurer from monies set up in the 2013 Budget of this County or as otherwise provided in the sum of:

General Pre-Audit:	\$	62,488.36
General Audit:	\$	2,054,570.07
I Love NY:	\$	39,029.00
Bataviakill Watershed:	\$	2,516.45
CDBG CD8668.4:	\$	117,396.64
Workers' Comp Benefits S1720.4000:	\$	40,290.54

TOTAL \$ 2,316,291.06
and that a detailed list of all vendor payments are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by Finance Committee:

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FEMA - RECAP Hurricane Irene August 11, 2011

Total Expense as off July 31, 2013	\$ 15,191,895.09
Anticipated expense - contract completion	\$ 1,887,839.88
Insurance received to date	\$ (362,985.83)
Federal and State Received to date	<u>\$ (7,213,297.35)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 9,503,451.79</u></u>
Audited and awaiting payment	\$ 5,769,637.60
Anticipated reimbursement at project closeout	\$ 3,565,125.36
Anticipated Insurance receipts	<u>\$ 168,688.83</u>
	<u><u>\$ 9,503,451.79</u></u>

**Greene County Department of Economic Development,
Tourism and Planning
Special Disaster Assistance Reporting
August 2013**

Summary of Activities:

- Greene County Main Street Revitalization Program Grants (MSRP) (County administered, funds provided by the IDA).
- Zero-interest loans made to businesses through the Quantum Fund. (County administered).
- Greene County IDA sales tax exemption (IDA administered).
- New York State Main Street Special Grants (State awards, County administered)
- New York State Hurricane Grants (ACRF) \$500,000 in CDBG and NYMS funding for the County to use in Prattsville, Windham, Catskill and Hunter. Additional funds were provided by the CWC (Round 2) and were administered jointly by the County in one application process.
- Working with the CWC and Empire State Development to implement grant funding for hurricane projects.
- Working with River Street Planning and Development and the consultant team assembled to assist Prattsville to re-develop and become more flood-safe.
- Assisting the Town of Prattsville, Prattsville Development Corporation, River Street Planning and Development, and Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation to implement \$1 million in special CDBG funding for Prattsville awarded for Hurricane Irene.
- Assisting the Town of Prattsville through the process of implementing \$3 million in Sandy-related hurricane funding.
- Working with the Town of Lexington on the development and implementation of their flood recovery grant.
- Under contract with New York State, the Department is working with the Soil and Water Conservation District to assist homeowners that are taking the FEMA buyout to obtain FEMA funding as well as the potential 25% State match payment.
- The Department is implementing the County's contract for over \$8 million in CDBG assistance to reimburse New York State for the cost of picking up the local share of FEMA-funded projects.

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County Main Street Grants: 22 businesses were awarded \$100,000 in funding. 13 are in Prattsville, 4 are in Windham, 2 are in Catskill, and 3 are in Tannersville. The Main Street grants were among the quickest funding sources made available to businesses affected by the hurricane.

Zero-Interest Quantum Fund Loans: The County used \$300,000 of capital from its Quantum Fund in order to assist 15 businesses with zero-interest loans using CDBG loans and relaxed underwriting criteria. The zero-interest loans went to 15 businesses, including companies in Prattsville, Halcott, Greenville, Windham, Catskill and Hunter. These loans provided immediate working capital to assist these businesses re-start their operations and are currently in repayment.

IDA Sales Tax Exemption: The Greene County IDA offered a short-form sales tax exemption on construction materials which 25 businesses utilized to reduce their cost of reconstruction. Exemptions totaling \$185,356.86 were used to support \$7,673,800 in investment.

NYS Main Street Special Grants: The Department worked with the Village of Hunter (\$372,222) and the Town of Prattsville (\$215,000) to obtain New York Main Street (NYMS) grants, which were used in part for disaster relief. The Department was also the administrator of the Heart of Catskill Association Catskill Main Street program, and some of those funds were used for disaster relief of Catskill businesses.

NYS Hurricane Grants CDBG/NYMS/CWC: \$500,000 in special CDBG and NYMS funding was provided to Greene County for disaster relief. The funding, which was implemented on an accelerated timetable, was combined with \$450,000 in funding from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) and allocated in one process. Fifty-three businesses were awarded funding from at least one funding source. All of these funds have been disbursed and the projects implemented.

CWC, ESD and NYSANDY Grants: The Department has been a resource for businesses seeking funding from the CWC, Empire State Development (ESD) and the NYSANDY program, as Irene businesses are eligible for SANDY funding that the State is administering directly.

River Street and Prattsville Planning Team/Lexington: The Department has been directly involved with River Street Planning and the Prattsville Planning Team on the creation of the Long-Term Recovery Plan, assistance with applications for grant funding, and help with the management and administration of projects as needed.

Prattsville \$1 Million CDBG Assistance: The Department administered this grant for the Town of Prattsville until local capacity was developed to get individual projects moving. While the main work has been handed off to consultants, the Department is still active.

Prattsville Sandy \$3 Million Allocation: The Department attended the State Storm Recovery Conference, and will assist the Town as necessary to implement this funding.

FEMA Buyout: The County has been working with the Soil and Water Conservation District on the FEMA buyout of properties, as well as assisting buyout participants to access the additional 25% State share that is available.

CDBG-DR Grant: This grant is being administered by the County on behalf of 18 Greene County municipalities (the Town of Athens did not have a FEMA project), and the Department is working with all of the municipalities to complete Environmental Review Record and voucher paperwork.



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Greene County/FEMA/SEMO Flood Buyout Program

Supporting nine communities with permanent flood mitigation projects in Greene County

Greene County is facilitating a FEMA flood buyout program for 29 eligible landowners in nine communities following Hurricane Irene in August 2011. Program funds are through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. FEMA provides 75% of funding, and landowner and/or NYS or NYCDEP provide the remaining 25% non-federal match. The program is expected to take 2 years to complete. For those that go through with a buyout, all structures are removed from the property and a deed restriction is placed on the property maintaining it in perpetuity as open floodplain space, therefore eliminating future flood damage to the parcel and occupants. Either the municipality or NYCDEP will own the property.

1. Participating communities by property as of 8/19/13

- Ashland – one property
- Cairo – one property
- Catskill – seven properties
- Durham – one property
- Town of Hunter – three properties
- Jewett – two properties
- Lexington – five properties
- Prattsville – six properties
- Windham – three properties

Total number of properties – 29

2. Steps to implementing flood buyout program

- *Voluntary participation paperwork and application* by community (Greene County facilitated for landowner and community)
- *Property appraisal* to determine fair market value (FMV) before the flood
- *Duplication of Benefits review* – federal funds are used for the buyout program; any federal financial assistance received has to be deducted from the FMV offer price unless funds were spent as intended, e.g., repairing home to make livable again (does not have to be deducted)
- *Property survey*
- *Title insurance*
- *Phase 1 environmental site assessment* (note: if a property is found to be contaminated with hazardous material, the landowner is responsible for clean-



up costs before proceeding with the program). This typically comes into play with commercial/industrial properties, not residential properties

- *Establish closing date and prepare real estate documents*
- *Demolition and site restoration* – Within 90 days of closing, demolition of structures needs to take place and site restored
- *Close out forms* – final claim letter and reimbursement

3. Distinction of properties in City Watershed & outside City Watershed

The buyout program funding is structured 75% FEMA and 25% non-federal match. NYS is covering the 25% non-federal match for one to four-unit residential property, rental residential property and commercial property. For homeowners in the City Watershed who are not eligible for NYS cost-share assistance, NYCDEP is assisting with the 25% match given program parameters. For homeowners outside the City Watershed who are not eligible for the NYS cost-share, an agreement with Greene County is signed that they will cover the 25% match, minus administrative in-kind time the county is putting in.

4. Valuation of properties

- Outside City Watershed properties
 - Ten out of the 29 active properties are outside the City Watershed (Town of Hunter has one). Appraisals have been done and the total FMV for all ten properties is slightly over \$1 million (\$1,060,000).
 - Total of other expenses (appraisal, survey, title insurance, etc.) is approximately \$330,000.
- City Watershed properties
 - Nineteen properties are inside the City Watershed. Appraisals were recently completed and the total FMV for these properties is \$2,785,000.
 - Total of other expenses (appraisal, survey, title insurance, etc.) is approximately \$900,000
- The FMV total for all properties is \$3,845,000