

St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room

Full Board
Monday, February 3, 2025
6:00 PM

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Gennett.

Mr. Denesha offered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence was observed to honor County Employee Victoria Alexander

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hull, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hull moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

COMMUNICATIONS: The following correspondence was read by the Deputy Clerk:

1. A letter was received from Senator Daniel Stec's office confirming the receipt of Resolution #28.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Mr. Kevin Beary, Town of Colton

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION WITH THE
NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 21/22 (FY21/22) STATEWIDE
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORMULA GRANT (SICG)**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 314-2022 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY21/22 Statewide Interoperable

Communications Formula Grant (SICG) having an award of \$1,604,582 to Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, this grant allows New York State to provide aid to county, local, and municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications, and

WHEREAS, a one-year extension has been approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through December 31, 2025 (X2Z33895 56000 SI),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one-year extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 21/22 (FY21/22) Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG), and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE SECTION 5311 FUNDING
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is submitting a request for grant funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, for projects to provide public mass transportation service for St. Lawrence County for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years and has secured resources to satisfy the local share, and

WHEREAS, the County and the State of New York have entered into continuing agreements, or will enter into successor continuing agreements, which authorize the undertaking of projects and the reimbursement of the Federal and applicable State shares, and

WHEREAS, the County is contracting with third-party subcontractors to complete the projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Section 5311 funding application for Public Mass Transportation Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 33-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS TO THE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY FOR THE NORTHERN BORDER
REGIONAL COMMISSION 2023 CATALYST PROGRAM FOR BROADBAND
EXPANSION AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution 186-2023 was adopted supporting the application of Development Authority of the North Country to the 2023 Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program for broadband infrastructure, and committed up to \$250,000 in County funds as a portion of the required matching funds for the application, and

WHEREAS, the application was successful, and work has begun on the development of approximately twenty (20) miles of new fiber optic cable and one hundred (100) new broadband connections in multiple parts of the County, and

WHEREAS, these funds are required to pay for expenses associated with the broadband infrastructure deployment in 2024, 2025, and 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the payment of matching funds to the Development Authority of the North Country for the Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst program for broadband expansion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 St. Lawrence County Budget, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$250,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B LB Other Fees & Services	\$250,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW PARADIGM
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC, FOR COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has determined that the purchase of rehabilitative and supportive services can be an effective and efficient means to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, is a practice in which its partners are New York State Licensed Psychologists and Clinical Members of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) with the experience and capacity to provide counseling to juveniles and adults identified as sexual offenders, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is required as part of the enhanced services for the Sex Offenders Block Grant under the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to ensure that all sex offenders are assessed by a trained treatment provider using a sex offender specific assessment instrument, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is seeking to continue services with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for individual and group counseling sessions, as well

as assessments (Q1031404 43000 SOM), with the terms of the contract beginning on the date of signing through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is responsible for the rates, as follows, if a client does not have insurance coverage: \$35 (was \$25) per client for group sessions, \$60 (was \$50) per client for individual therapy, and \$300 (was \$200) for each sex offender assessment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for counseling services for the Probation Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING
PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report to be eligible to submit requests for federally forfeited property or proceeds, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2025

**CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
INVESTIGATE PETROLEUM PRICE DIFFERENTIALS IN THE TRI-COUNTY
REGION OF THE NORTH COUNTRY FOR POTENTIAL PRICE GOUGING**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, for the past year, St. Lawrence County residents have observed big differences in gas prices throughout the tri-county region, and

WHEREAS, gas prices in St. Lawrence County have been observed as, on average, significantly higher than those experienced in neighboring Franklin County and Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, according to publicly accessible data through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority as well as the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance: 1) Each gallon of gas or diesel has a \$.173 petroleum business charge added by the State; 2) Each gallon of gas has a \$.08 motor fuel tax assessed by the State; and 3) Each gallon of gas has sales and use tax of 7 or 8 % depending on the County, and

WHEREAS, since January of 2023, St. Lawrence and Jefferson have imposed the same percentages and rates of taxation per gallon of gas, and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the taxing percentages are identical, the cost per gallon in St. Lawrence County comparatively to its neighbors remains significantly higher, and

WHEREAS, according to AAA, the price difference comes down to supply and demand and competition, and

WHEREAS, the price gouging statute of New York State, Section 396-r of the New York General Business Law, prohibits unconscionably excessive pricing of necessary consumer goods and services during any abnormal market disruption, and

WHEREAS, the statute applies to goods and services that are vital and necessary to the health, safety, and welfare of consumers and the general public, and these include the essentials: 1) Consumer goods and services provided primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; 2) Medical supplies and services used for the care, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of illness or disease; and 3) Goods and services used to promote the health or welfare of the public, and

WHEREAS, the statute prohibits price gouging by all parties in the distribution chain, including retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers, and distributors, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Attorney General enforces the statute and may promulgate rules and regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon the New York State Attorney General to investigate petroleum price differentials in the Tri-County Region of the North Country for potential price gouging, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Senator Dan Stec.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 38-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Reagan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CITIZEN
ADVOCATES, INC., TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY-WIDE CRISIS
INTERVENTION AND/OR RESPONSE SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board (CSB) has recognized the need to improve the behavioral health crisis response for St. Lawrence County, and therefore issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Comprehensive County-wide Crisis Services, and

WHEREAS, these Comprehensive Services will include twenty-four (24) hours per day mobile crisis response services, available licensed/certified staff able to practice in New York State, an electronic health record and the ability to bill Medicaid Managed Care for both telephonic and mobile responses, an appropriate level of crisis follow-up services, and provide the current community provider (if indicated) documentation of the crisis contact the following day, and

WHEREAS, these comprehensive services are focused to support and assist law enforcement who are too often tasked with the majority of in-person behavioral health crisis contacts, and

WHEREAS, after forming an ad hoc committee to bring forth recommendations, the CSB convened and unanimously awarded the contract and the associated pass-through funding from New York State to Citizen Advocates, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Citizen Advocates will receive \$150,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for start-up costs to include the purchase of a vehicle, staffing, and electronic health record enhancements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Citizen Advocates, Inc., to provide Comprehensive County-Wide Crisis Services for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2742304 465CA OSF	Citizen Advocates OSF Payments	\$150,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A2727355 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$150,000
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE
LOCUM TENENS STAFFING AGENCY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, Resolution No. 260-2024 was adopted authorizing an amended contract agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies for continuity of care, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is responsible for providing care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addictions Clinics in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH, OASAS and DOH, and

WHEREAS, the Department needs continued support by a medical provider for three (3) months to provide care to the individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics due to unanticipated leaves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 43007 DSRP	A CACD Other Fees & Services	\$35,000
A1342504 43007 DSRP	A OGCD Other Fees & Services	<u>35,000</u>
		\$70,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$35,000
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	<u>35,000</u>
		\$70,000

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2025

**URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF
EARLY INTERVENTION TO ENSURE FUNCTIONALITY OF
THE EARLY INTERVENTION HUB**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention transitioned from the New York State Early Intervention System (NYEIS) to the Early Intervention (EI) Hub as the system required to be utilized by counties for data entry pertaining to Early Intervention Services and billing, and

WHEREAS, both systems were offline effective October 5, 2024, and the EI Hub was to take effect on October 14, 2024, creating an initial backlog of data entry and billing, and when the EI Hub went into effect numerous issues precluded counties and providers from being able to effectively complete data entry and billing, and

WHEREAS, such issues included extending data entry time by 30-45 minutes per task (e.g. referral/intake, individualized family service plan (IFSP)), adding hours of additional work for each child enrolled and these extended data entry times have not been resolved, and

WHEREAS, additional issues included incorrect or incomplete data migration from the NYEIS to the EI Hub, for example incorrect therapist roles were assigned to providers, cases were closed incorrectly, prescriptions for children to receive services were not accurate, and

WHEREAS, these issues result in significantly increased and unreimbursed administration time for county staff as well as providers, which compounds the ongoing issue of data entry not correctly migrating to billing for vouchering, resulting in delayed payment to providers, and

WHEREAS, this impacted the services of the children to date in that one agency placed a temporary hold on multidisciplinary evaluations and one service provider continues to not accept new Early Intervention referrals, which further delays existing waitlists for services to children, and

WHEREAS, the county anticipates that if these issues remain unresolved we may lose additional Early Intervention Providers which would be a grave disservice to children and families in an area where we are already lacking providers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention to ensure functionality of the Early Intervention Hub, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Dan Stec; Senator Mark Walczyk; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 41-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA
AND ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF THE PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL
SUPPORTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (SSHSP) ANNUAL MEDICAID COST REPORT
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 1, 2024
TO JUNE 30, 2025 PROGRAM YEAR**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file an annual
Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Medicaid Cost Report, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates has been providing this
service to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA &
Associates to continue providing these services (PK040504 43003) for \$4,500 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes
the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for preparation of the
Preschool/School Supportive Health Services (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for the
Public Health Department for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 Program Year, upon approval of
the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, and
Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote
(Gennett).

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2025

**CORRECTION OF MULTIPLE PARCEL ERRORS RP-556-B RESOLUTION FOR
THE TOWN OF COLTON TO CORRECT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES ON
2025 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILL**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Town of Colton adopted 2025 Budget had water and sewer charges
which were placed on the town and county tax bill in which the town had not intended to
charge, and

WHEREAS, there are 207 parcels in the water and sewer district that have always been billed on a quarterly basis, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Article 5 allows for Correction of Assessment Rolls and Tax Rolls using the RP-556-b form for certain errors, substantial in number and identical in nature filed with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and approved by the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes correction of multiple parcel errors RP-556-B resolution for the Town of Colton to correct water and sewer charges on the 2025 Town and County Tax Bill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Colton is authorized to collect on the warrant without Colton Water and Colton Sewer lines on the 2025 Town & County Tax Bill.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO
DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO MUNICIPALITIES IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, should revenue exceed the amount budgeted, a modification to the amount authorized is necessary to provide for distribution to pay the towns and villages the additional funds the County shares with them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office to distribute additional sales tax to municipalities in St. Lawrence County as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of Sales Tax	\$1,650,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T3011105 55000	T LR Sales and Use Tax	\$1,650,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2025

**AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY-EIGHT (38) MILES OF PAVING AND
MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR PAVING PROJECTS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is required to maintain 573 miles of County roads and its infrastructure for the safety of the traveling public, and the County paves approximately thirty (30) miles of road on an annual basis through a mix of federal, state, and local tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators demonstrated a commitment to addressing the challenges with the County Road System when Resolution No. 243-2022 was adopted adding ten (10) miles (\$2.1M to the Budget) for paving, in 2023, the Board of Legislators committed \$1.2M in Resolution No. 262-2023 to add another ten (10) additional miles of paving throughout the County, and again in 2024, the Board of Legislators committed \$5M in Resolution No. 58-2024 to add another 43 miles of paving throughout the County for a third consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, the reserves for the General Fund have reached the intended level associated with the 2016 Fund Balance Policy and therefore the County has an opportunity for consideration of additional miles for paving for the fourth consecutive year to reach the goal of just over one hundred (100) additional miles paved in four (4) years, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget includes thirty-four (34) miles to be paved and the recommendation is to add an additional thirty-eight (38) miles of paving, subject to the competitive bidding process for 2025, to complete the work in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, this four-year project was pursued to provide an overall countywide benefit for the residents and visitors of St. Lawrence County to travel on safer and better maintained roads,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes an additional 38 miles of paving to complete the paving of one hundred (100) additional miles in four (4) years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for paving projects, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199019 90300	T IFT GF Transfer to CR	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6350319 90100	T IFT CR Transfer from GF	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$6,100,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES FOR BEAVER CONTROL

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Highways to maintain safe roadways in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, beaver activity has caused significant damage to County roads, including flooding of roads, erosion of roadbeds, blocked road culverts, and other related property damage as well as indirect threats to human health and safety, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has requested assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS WS) to reduce damage caused by beavers, at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 (HM351104 43007), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Inter-governmental Agreement is to establish and administer a cooperative program between the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and APHIS WS to reduce roadway damage along with the risk to human health and safety from beaver, and

WHEREAS, to mitigate damage caused by beaver, APHIS WS may install and maintain water control structures to reduce flooding and prevent beaver dams from restricting water flows where appropriate, as well as reduce local, site-specific beaver numbers at locations where beaver activities are causing or threatening to damage roads or other properties managed or identified by the Department of Highways, and

WHEREAS, this cooperative agreement shall become effective on March 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for beaver control, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 46-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is committed to assisting municipalities in responding to emergencies that affect the transportation system, and

WHEREAS, in the event that the local Highway system is impacted by an event, NYSDOT forces can normally only offer assistance when a Governor's Emergency Declaration has been made, and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a Governor's Emergency Disaster Declaration and/or suspension of Highway Law §55, NYSDOT forces can assist local municipalities with issues on the local Highway System if a Shared Services Agreement has been entered into between the Municipality and New York State, and

WHEREAS, by executing a four (4) year agreement beforehand, emergency needs on the County Highway System can be addressed without having unnecessary delays due to paperwork processed or an Emergency Declaration to be enacted, and

WHEREAS, without the Shared Services Agreement, requests for assistance would have to be made through the County Director of Emergency Services and the local resources of the County would need to be exhausted before NYSDOT could provide assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Shared Services Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 47-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Reagan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON &
LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE PERRIN ROAD
OVER PARKHURST BROOK, BIN 3221660**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby has caused significant damage to Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the Chair to sign a contract for engineering services for:

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D. P. C.
Contract Title:	Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook (BIN 3221660) Town of Potsdam
Engineering Fee:	Not to exceed \$90,000 HM551124 430ED B29

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D. P. C. for engineering services to replace Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, BIN 3221660, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 48-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE SILVER HILL ROAD OVER PLUM BROOK, BIN 3221740

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby has caused significant damage to Silver Hill Road over Plumb Brook, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of Silver Hill Road over Plumb Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the Chair to sign a contract for engineering services for:

Consultant: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: Silver Hill Road over Plumb Brook (BIN 3221740)
Town of Russell

Engineering Fee: Not to exceed \$79,300
HM551124 430ED B13

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace Silver Hill Road over Plum Brook, BIN 3221740, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2025

**MODIFYING THE PY24 WIOA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM
DISLOCATED WORKER ACCOUNTS TO ADULT ACCOUNTS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Notice of Authorization PY24-3 was issued with the remaining allocation of funding for Program Year 2024 WIOA Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds would provide more flexibility and ensure that WIOA is able to provide services to as many eligible participants as possible, and

WHEREAS, that all participants eligible for the Dislocated Worker program will be enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program, and no eligible participant will be denied services, including training services, due to the transfer of funds, and

WHEREAS, WIOA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking section 683.130, grants LWDBs the authority to transfer one hundred percent (100%) of a program year allocation between the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

WHEREAS, the LWDB authorized, by Resolution Number 25-A08-01, the transfer of funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY24 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA462924 461TU TRAN	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$120,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE462911 11000	Direct Service Worker	12,661
UE462911 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	6,816
UE462911 14000	Clerical	4,415
UE462911 19550	Health Insurance Buyout	332
UE462914 40700	Rent	3,000
UE462914 430OP	One Stop Operator	500
UE462914 430WI	WIB Expenses	9,000
UE462918 81000	Retirement	3,344
UE462918 83000	Social Security	2,024

UE462918 84000	Worker's Compensation	726
UE462918 84500	Group Life Insurance	47
UE462918 86000	Health & Medical Insurance	6,390
UE462918 86500	Dental Insurance	336
UE462918 89000	Eye Coverage	117
UE462924461OJ	OJT Employer Reimbursement	35,292
UE462924 461TU	Tuition/Books/Fees	<u>35,000</u>
		\$120,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA447905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$120,000
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DECREASE REVENUE:

UE447905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$120,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future years until fully expended.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2025, seconded by Mr Fay, Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2025

**ESTABLISHING THE PY23 BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE
AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (SCION)
OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) INITIATIVE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.01 expanded the three-year pilot program to a five-year program, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.02 states that each LWDB will receive up to \$30,000 in New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) funds annually through the period of performance, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the year one additional NYS OMH funding of \$30,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution #25-A08-02, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION OMH Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board meeting on January 8, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, and any year one funds unexpended at the end of the calendar year will roll over to future budgets until fully expended,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes establishing the PY23 Budget for the NY Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Office of Mental Health (OMH) Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR362901 12000 SOMH	Supervisory/Administrative	\$978
UR362901 14000 SOMH	Clerical	693
UR362904 40700 SOMH	Bldg & Property Rent	93
UR362904 41400 SOMH	Liability & Other Insurance	9
UR362904 42000 SOMH	Office Supplies & Expenses	6
UR362904 42002 SOMH	Copying Expenses	6
UR362904 42300 SOMH	Other Communication Services	6
UR362904 42400 SOMH	Postage	6
UR362904 42700 SOMH	Membership & Dues	8
UR362904 430WI SOMH	WIB Expenses	330
UR362904 47800 SOMH	DP Charges	45
UR362908 81000 SOMH	Retirement	229
UR362908 83000 SOMH	Social Security	125
UR362908 84000 SOMH	Workers' Compensation	44
UR362908 84500 SOMH	Group Life Insurance	3
UR362908 86000 SOMH	Hospital & Medical Insurance	386
UR362908 86500 SOMH	Dental Insurance	23
UR362908 89000 SOMH	Vision Insurance	10
UR362911 11000 SOMH	Direct Service Worker	16,950
UR362911 14000 SOMH	Clerical	246
UR362911 19550 SOMH	Health Insurance Buyback	1,374
UR362914 40700 SOMH	Bldg & Property Rent	1,319
UR362914 41100 SOMH	Educational Workshops	750
UR362914 41400 SOMH	Liability & Other Insurance	120
UR362914 41901 SOMH	I/D Central Printing	30

UR362914 42000 SOMH	Office Supplies & Expenses	30
UR362914 42002 SOMH	Copying Expenses	20
UR362914 42300 SOMH	Other Communication Services	24
UR362914 42400 SOMH	Postage	9
UR362914 42700 SOMH	Membership & Dues	101
UR362914 430WI SOMH	WIB Expenses	240
UR362914 47800 SOMH	DP Charges	924
UR362918 81000 SOMH	Retirement	2,317
UR362918 83000 SOMH	Social Security	1,364
UR362918 84000 SOMH	Workers Compensation	480
UR362918 84500 SOMH	Group Life Insurance	63
UR362918 86500 SOMH	Dental Insurance	462
UR362918 89000 SOMH	Vision Insurance	<u>177</u>
		\$30,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR347905 57000 SOMH	NY SCION OMH Revenue	\$30,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2025

**ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE AND
INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (NY SCION) INITIATIVE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.01 expanded the three-year pilot program to a five-year program, and

WHEREAS, each Local Workforce Development Board will receive up to \$100,000 annually for five (5) consecutive years to assist with the implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the fourth-year funding of \$100,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution #25-A15-04, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee on January 15, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes establishing the Budget for the NY SCION Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR362901 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	\$3,260
UR362901 14000	Clerical	2,310
UR362904 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	310
UR362904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	30
UR362904 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	20
UR362904 42002	Copying Expenses	20
UR362904 42300	Other Communication Services	20
UR362904 42400	Postage	20
UR362904 42700	Membership & Dues	25
UR362904 430WI	WIB Expenses	1,100
UR362904 47800	DP Charges	150
UR362908 81000	Retirement	762
UR362908 83000	Social Security	418
UR362908 84000	Workers' Compensation	147
UR362908 84500	Group Life Insurance	11
UR362908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	1,287
UR362908 86500	Dental Insurance	78
UR362908 89000	Vision Insurance	32
UR362911 11000	Direct Service Worker	56,500
UR362911 14000	Clerical	820
UR362911 19550	Health Insurance Buyback	4,580
UR362914 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	4,396
UR362914 41100	Educational Workshops	1,000
UR362914 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	400
UR362914 41901	I/D Central Printing	50
UR362914 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	50

UR362914 42002	Copying Expenses	65
UR362914 42300	Other Communication Services	80
UR362914 42400	Postage	30
UR362914 42700	Membership & Dues	338
UR362914 430WI	WIB Expenses	390
UR362914 47800	DP Charges	2,600
UR362918 81000	Retirement	7,610
UR362918 83000	Social Security	4,480
UR362918 84000	Workers' Compensation	1,576
UR362918 84500	Group Life Insurance	105
UR362918 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	3,568
UR362918 86500	Dental Insurance	770
UR362918 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>592</u>
		\$100,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR347905 57000	NY SCION Revenue	\$100,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2025

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "SETTING SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES"

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2025 will establish salaries for certain County Employees, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that said Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2025, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" will be held on March 3, 2025. at 5:50 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025,
"SETTING SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES"**

BE IT ENACTED by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators as follows:

Section 1. That salaries for the Year 2025, effective January 1, 2025, for the following employees shall be increased three percent (3%) as set forth below and shall be paid retroactive:

Commissioner of Social Services	\$126,952	Conflict Defender	\$121,398
County Administrator	\$177,020	County Attorney	\$174,210
County Clerk	\$106,096	County Treasurer	
Director of Real Property	\$106,096	Elections Commissioner	\$81,530
Highway Superintendent	\$139,151	Director of Human Resources	\$121,398
Public Defender	\$117,063	Sheriff	\$119,208

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 54-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2025

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B,
(NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW SUPERSEDING THE
PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 3(1) AS TO THE RESIDENCY OF CERTAIN
PUBLIC OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Officers Law § 3(1), "No person shall be capable of holding a civil office who shall not, at the time he or she shall be chosen thereto, have attained the age of eighteen years, except that in the case of youth boards, youth commissions, recreation commissions, or community boards in the city of New York only, members of such boards or commissions may be under the age of eighteen years, but must have attained the age of sixteen years on or before appointment to such youth board, youth commission, recreation commission, or community board in the city of New York, be a citizen of the United States, a

resident of the state, and if it be a local office, a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen, or within which the electors electing him or her reside, or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, or who shall have been or shall be convicted of a violation of the selective draft act of the United States, enacted May eighteenth, nineteen hundred seventeen, or the acts amendatory or supplemental thereto, or of the federal selective training and service act of nineteen hundred forty or the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto,” and

WHEREAS, County Law § 400 requires that a County appoint certain officers, to include public health directors, where applicable, and community services directors, where applicable, and

WHEREAS, due to rural nature of our County finding qualified individuals to serve in certain official roles and simultaneously be residents of the County is becoming increasingly difficult, and

WHEREAS, a recent vacancy and job search in the Public Health office ultimately secured several very well qualified candidates, none of which were residents of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the County is mandated to provide these various services but is constrained by population limits in finding available candidates, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, a County may seek authorization from the State to supersede the residency restrictions imposed on officers of the municipality through the adoption of a local law superseding Public Officers Law Section 3, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that a Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law B (No. __) for the Year 2025, “Adopting a Local Law Superseding The Public Officers Law Section 3(1) as to the Residency Of Certain Public Officers In St. Lawrence County” will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:45 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO. ____) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “ADOPTING A
LOCAL LAW SUPERSEDING THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 3(1) AS TO
THE RESIDENCY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby finds that in order to assure an adequate pool of qualified applicants for the positions of Public Health Director and Community Services Director and to retain such applicants if hired, it is necessary and advisable that all personnel holding said offices within the County of St. Lawrence be permitted to reside within the County of St. Lawrence or any county contiguous to the County of St. Lawrence. Therefore, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the following exemption from any provision of the New York State Public Officers Law imposing a more restrictive residency qualification for holding the offices of Public Health Director and Community Services Director within the County of St. Lawrence.

Section 2. EXEMPTION

In the County of St. Lawrence, the provisions of Section 3(1) of the Public Officers Law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the State for which such person shall be chosen or within which such person's official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent any person from holding office of the Public Health Director or Director of Community Services, provided, however, that such person performing the duties and functions of Public Health Director or Director of Community Services resides in Lewis, Franklin, Jefferson, Herkimer or Hamilton Counties. Any contrary provision of the Public Officers Law is hereby superseded by this local law.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this local law shall be judged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder hereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 55-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2025

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense exceeded the 2024 budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, with eligibility standards changing, and the State-mandated rate increasing, the cost of providing indigent defense continues to rise, and

WHEREAS, revenue for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense has surpassed the 2024 budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	\$100,000
IA011704 430AC	IA AC Appeals Cases	50,000
IA011704 430FC	IA AC Family Court Cases	<u>50,000</u>
		\$200,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

IA030895 56000 CFA	Counsel at First Appear SA	\$140,000
IA030255 56000	IA AC SA Indigent Legal Serv	<u>60,000</u>
		\$200,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 57-2025, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FROM THE
TOWN OF WADDINGTON ON A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY HAVING A ST.
LAWRENCE COUNTY TAX MAP NO. OF DISTRICT 0200 SECTION 710.00 BLOCK
01.00 LOT 001.006 (P/O) FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURPOSES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 72-H OF THE NEW YORK STATE
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington, St. Lawrence County, New York, is the fee owner of a certain parcel of real property more fully described in “Schedule A” annexed hereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Subject Premises”), and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence, by and through its Emergency Management Services Department, is desirous of obtaining a Permanent Easement covering a portion of the Subject Premises for the municipal purpose of erecting and maintaining an Emergency Services Transmission Tower, a map and description of said easement being annexed hereto as “Exhibit 1” (hereinafter referred to as the “Subject Parcel”), and

WHEREAS, Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law permits the sale of real property between Municipal Corporations, or between a Municipal Corporation and the State of New York or the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with established St. Lawrence County procedures, the County of St. Lawrence determined that the fair market value of the Permanent Easement described in “Exhibit 1” is Eighteen Thousand & 00/100 (\$18,000) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington by Adopted resolution did approve of the sale of the Permanent Easement for the sum of Eighteen & 00/100 (\$18,000) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence, New York, is aware that the Subject Parcel shall be conveyed subject to the following restrictive covenants that will run with the land so conveyed: (1) That the Grantee shall not sell, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the subject premises; and (2) That the Grantee shall use the property as an Emergency Management Services Tower Easement, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence is aware that the restrictive covenants described above will run with the land and shall bind the heirs, successors, and assigns of the County of St. Lawrence, and in the event of any violation of the restrictive covenants stated above, the Permanent Easement over the Subject Parcel so conveyed shall be void ab initio and title in and to the Permanent Easement so conveyed shall revert to the Town of Waddington,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the acquisition of the permanent utility easement as described in “Exhibit 1” is for the proposed construction of the St. Lawrence County Emergency Management Services tower Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED St. Lawrence County as State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Issued a Findings Statement for Emergency Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to the 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review, SEQRA has been completed for the acquisition of a permanent utility easement as described in “Exhibit 1” via the completed SEQRA review for the Emergency Management Services Project and as such, this Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this purchase is authorized pursuant to Section 72-H of the General Municipal Law permitting a sale of real property between Municipal Corporations, or between a Municipal Corporation and the State of New York or the United States of America,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute any documents necessary for the acquisition of the Permanent Easement from the Town of Waddington, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 58-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2025

**CORRECTION OF ERRORS TO THE 2025 TOWN & COUNTY REAL PROPERTY
TAX BILLS AND AUTHORIZING CHARGEBACK CREDITS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each December, the St. Lawrence County Real Property Office prepares tax bills for taxing jurisdictions within the County, and

WHEREAS, bills are prepared in December to be mailed to property owners in the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, on or about January 3rd, 2025, errors were discovered in the preparation of tax bills in fourteen of the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, some of the errors resulted in overcharges to several taxing jurisdictions while several of the errors resulted in undercharges to the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 556-b, overcharges may be remedied through a correction of errors or through a chargeback credit which is reflected in the negative amounts shown in the chart, and

WHEREAS, for those taxing jurisdictions in which there was an overcharge, an election of remedies has been made by the impacted municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the County determined that eight towns have errors in the 2025 Town and County Real Property Tax Bills due to clerical mistakes resulting in undercharges, and

WHEREAS, there is no mechanism in the New York State Real Property Tax Law that allows for recouping undercharges, and

WHEREAS, the undercharges for 2025 total \$198,856.82, and overcharges total \$151,735.08, which includes the Town of Massena Workers' Compensation bill, and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that the undercharges shown will be uncollectable for the 2025 Town and County Real Property Tax Collection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Treasurer to credit these various items to the municipalities identified in the chart below,

**2025
Charges & Credits to Towns & Districts**

<u>2025 CHARGEBACKS</u>	<u>NEGATIVE AMOUNTS ARE CHARGEBACK CREDITS DUE TO MUNICIPALITIES IN 2026</u>
BRASHER	
BRASHER-WINTHROP FIRE DISTRICT	\$10,753.00
HELENA LIGHT DISTRICT	\$50.00
CANTON	
CANTON COUNTY CHARGEBACK	\$0.05

DEKALB	
DEKALB COUNTY CHARGEBACK	\$0.06
HAMMOND	
HAMMOND COUNTY CHARGEBACK	-\$2,877.20
MASSENA	
WORKERS' COMPENSATION CHARGEBACK*	-\$128,890.00
MORRISTOWN	
MORRISTOWN COUNTY CHARGEBACK	-\$7,603.96
OSWEGATCHIE	
TOWN	\$0.20
PIERREPONT	
PIERREPONT COUNTY LEVY	\$135,843.01
HIGHWAY	-\$115.72
HIGHWAY	\$44,733.00
FIRE PROTECTION (FD032)	-\$27.96
FIRE PROTECTION (FD032)	\$3,000.00
TOWN	-\$36.04
TOWN	\$3,774.00
POTSDAM	
NORWOOD LIBRARY DISTRICT - NL001	\$703.00

NORWOOD LIBRARY DISTRICT - NL003	-\$425.00
POTSDAM COUNTY LEVY	-\$0.20
ROSSIE	
ROSSIE FIRE PROTECTION	-\$728.00
ROSSIE COUNTY CHARGEBACK	\$0.33
STOCKHOLM	
NORWOOD LIBRARY DISTRICT	-\$278.00
BRASHER WINTHROP FIRE DISTRICT	-\$10,753.00
WADDINGTON	
SCHOOL RELEVY	\$0.17

**This will not be a credit for the 2026 Town and County Real Property Taxes*

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 59-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE
FOR FLEET APPROPRIATIONS**

By Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, annually the Budget for the fleet appropriations is created in three separate funds; general (01), highway (04), and solid waste (05), and

WHEREAS, the majority of the county fleet is paid out of the Treasurer's Budget and for 2024, the total amount appropriated was \$225K in the general fund and the total for the year came in above budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for fleet expenses as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

TF013254 421FL	Fleet Leasing Program	\$30,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$30,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 60-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Public Safety Complex is nearing completion, approximately 30 days out. Dates are being considered to invite the public and agencies to visit. Special thanks were extended to Pearl Street residents, the State Police, and the Sheriff's Office for their cooperation and flexibility during the process.

Ms. Doyle provided an update on the courthouse window replacement, improvements to the Surrogate Building and Sheriff's House, and the courthouse remodel for the creation of a new courtroom. The chiller system is also being addressed.

The District Attorney's office will relocate across the street, allowing for cleanup of current spaces. The Public Defender and Probation departments will then move into the available spaces.

Ms. Doyle expressed gratitude for the support received for the road paving projects, ensuring that the highway budget remains unaffected.

Ms. Doyle provided an update on the new vacancy process stating that positions are being filled more promptly. A process will be developed to track approvals and maintain efficiency, with updates to be provided during each finance meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2025

THANKING GOVERNOR HOCHUL FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS BY ADDING \$45 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE PROPOSED 2025 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored By Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers contribute \$719 billion (43%) to the State's GOP, along with \$72 billion (41%) of state and local taxes, and

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers' spending supports almost 6 million jobs, along with generating \$482 billion in wages and salary, and

WHEREAS, more than 4.1 million New Yorkers provide uncompensated care to someone else, most of whom are older adults caring for older adults, with an economic value of \$39 billion, if paid at the market rate, and

WHEREAS, allocating an additional \$45 million in new funding for non-medical in-home services recognizes the critical needs of almost 5 million older New Yorkers; as well as more than 4 million caregivers, and

WHEREAS, this significant increase in funding will assist local Area Agencies on Aging to help their most vulnerable population by reducing waitlists for services, providing lifesaving in-homes services; as well as supporting older adults to age in place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators thanks Governor Hochul for prioritizing the needs of older adults by adding \$45 million of additional funding in the proposed 2025 New York State Budget to the New York State Office for the Aging, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and Senator Dan Stec.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-2025, seconded by Mr Reagan, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Mr. Reagan moved to adopt a resolution urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to refrain from interfering with the congressional election for New York's 21st District, seconded by Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Webster, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), one (1) abstained vote (Forsythe), and one absent vote (Gennett).

Mr. Smithers motioned to send an objection to the Governor for making it a state wide cancellation of all schools for the Chinese Lunar New Year, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with nine (9) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Haggard, Burke, Terminelli), two (2) abstained votes (Curran, and Lightfoot), and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Ms. Curran expressed concerns in regards to the Governor passing a law today protecting a practitioner who prescribed abortion pills to a patient via telehealth, despite the practitioner not being a GYN. This situation arose due to complications with the patient, who was in another state (Louisiana). Ms. Curran emphasized the need for safe and regulated abortion care, arguing that telehealth prescriptions without in-person visits do not meet the standard of care needed for women undergoing abortion procedures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Fay moved to go to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m., to discuss negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagan, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Mr. Forsythe moved to appoint the following individual to the **Soil and Water Conservation Board** seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagan, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

- Patrick Smith, Canton, (Term to expire: 12/31/2027)

Mr. Forsythe moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Workforce Development Board** seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagan, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

- Katelyn Autry-Agen, Lisbon (Term to expire: 11/5/2027)
- Benjamin Dixon, Canton (Term to expire: 1/3/2028)
- Dale Rice, Canton (Term to expire: 12/31/2027)
- Marijean Remington, Canton (Term to expire: 12/31/2027)

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Perkins as Chair for the Time and Attendance Committee, and Mr. Webster and Mr. Forsythe to the Local Government Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the February Full Board Meeting at 7:48 p.m., as there was no further business.