

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

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Haggard moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION:

June 2, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2025

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ELOISE JUNE
(FINLEY) KROEGER**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including older adults, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Eloise June Finley was born on June 3, 1925, in Gouverneur, to her parents, Arthur L. and Edith Edna (Beals) Finley, and

WHEREAS, Eloise attended the Marshville/Heacher one-room schoolhouse in the hamlet of Marshville, near Hermon, until grade eight (8), and she attended high school at Hermon, Eloise loved school and graduated as the Valedictorian of her class of about fifteen (15) students, she remembers that there was no yearbook or prom for her class due to WWII, her favorite subjects were English and History, and she also loved basketball and attending the games, and

WHEREAS, she remembers having fun socially by going to square dances, she especially remembers a member of the band who had a crush on her and wrote a song for her to the tune of the Yellow Rose of Texas, the first stanza was, “There’s a little girl in Marshville”, and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Eloise went to live with her grandmother in Massena because there were no job opportunities in Marshville, Eloise worked at the ALCOA mill for a wartime job, the job was temporary until the men came home from the war, Eloise would go to the mill each day with telegrams from customers who were looking for their shipments as everything was always shipped late because the war orders were sent first, and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Eloise enlisted in the Cadets Nursing Program for the US Department of Health, the program ran through the State Hospital in Ogdensburg, her first and third (senior) years were at the St. Lawrence State Hospital and the second year was hands-on training in general nursing at the Morrisania Hospital in the Bronx, Eloise graduated in 1947 as the Valedictorian of her class, and

WHEREAS, Eloise didn’t get assigned to a war zone because the war ended before she finished her schooling, the Cadet Nursing program for the US Department of Health ended the following year, and

WHEREAS, Eloise entered employment with the St. Lawrence State Hospital and she eventually went on to be the Supervisor of the Center East Building at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center during a time when women didn’t work outside the home, let alone have positions of power, she continued working there for 33 more years and retired in 1983, and

WHEREAS, while Eloise was working at the St. Lawrence State Hospital she met William Kroeger, he worked in the kitchen after his return from his service as a pilot and navigator in the Naval Air Corp, William had asked Eloise to go on a date with him several times, but she refused each time, William’s friend had to convince Eloise that he did not have a steady girlfriend before Eloise would agree to go on a date with him, and

WHEREAS, after marrying, Eloise and William moved into a house at Vets Village in Ogdensburg, which was government housing for WWII Veterans returning from the war, then they moved to Hamilton Street to raise their seven (7) children; William Arthur, Michael John, Gerald (Jerry), Margaret Louise, Ann Elizabeth, Kevin John, and Karen Sue, and

WHEREAS, while working and raising their children, Eloise enjoyed belonging to clubs such as the Writers Club, North of Upstate, and doing things with her husband, who was a member of the Elks Club of Ogdensburg, and the American Legion in Lisbon, Eloise also enjoyed gardening, flowers, writing poetry, knitting, and spending time with family at their camp on the St. Lawrence River, and

WHEREAS, Eloise has nine (9) grandchildren, and six (6) great-grandchildren, she is known to her family, friends, and community, as a spunky, strong-willed, intuitive, direct woman, with a heart bigger than the County she lives in, and

WHEREAS, her honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, and strong work ethic make her a role model, exhibiting strong moral character, and

WHEREAS, Eloise had one goal in her later life, to outlive the Queen of England, which she has, she states that the secret to a long life is to keep breathing and refuse to die, her next goal/dream is to see her most wonderful family all find happiness, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Eloise June Finley Kroeger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators wishes to honor the newest centenarian in the County with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 166-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION:

June 2, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2025

PROCLAIMING JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH AND THE ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DAIRY FESTIVAL DAYS' THEME IS "RED, WHITE, AND MOO"

By Mr. Fay, District 9

WHEREAS, since 1937, National Dairy Month has been celebrated in June to recognize the important role of the dairy industry, with this year marking the eighty-eighth anniversary of National Dairy Month, and

WHEREAS, milk and dairy foods provide health benefits and valuable nutrients, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Department of Health and Human Services released the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which reinforce the importance of consuming three daily servings of dairy foods like milk, yogurt, and cheese, and

WHEREAS, dairy farming is a family tradition, one that has been a way of life for many generations, and St. Lawrence County is fortunate to have at least eighteen family-owned farms that have been in operation for more than 100 years, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers, milk processors, and support industries make significant contributions to the economy of the region, and

WHEREAS, the annual St. Lawrence County Dairy Festival Days, including the annual parade, will be held in Canton this year on June 6th and June 7th, with this year's theme being "Red, White, and Moo,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims June as Dairy Month and the annual St. Lawrence County Dairy Festival Days' theme is "Red, White, and Moo."

Mr. Fay moved to adopt Resolution No. 167-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

1. A letter from Senator Daniel Stec expressing thanks to the Board of Legislators for forwarding copies of Resolution No. 139-2025.
2. An email from Tony Arquiett of Brasher.
3. An email from Janet Rich of Canton.
4. An email from Donald Lucas of Massena.
5. An email from David Mudry of St. Lawrence.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Kevin Hammond – Homeless

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR HUMAN RESOURCES FOR
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the importance of continuous learning and development of employees, and Human Resources focuses on growth and development by coordinating comprehensive training for leaders, and

WHEREAS, investing in leadership training leads to increased productivity, innovation, and employee engagement, and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive training enhances leadership, communication, conflict resolution, decision-making, and managerial skills, ensuring leaders can effectively support their teams and contribute to the success of the County, and

WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2025, the county has expanded the training program from internal trainers presenting on mandatory topics such as sexual harassment and workplace violence prevention, to supplemental online training, to outside professionals conducting in-person sessions, resulting in increased training opportunities from approximately ten (10) per year in 2018 to thirty-three (33) per year in 2024 with a cost of approximately \$5,000 per year for the past three (3) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Human Resources for Professional Development as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CP014304 41101	C PERS County Wide Training Program	\$10,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$10,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 168-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ABS SOLUTIONS, INC. AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENT MICROSOFT 365 CLOUD SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Microsoft is discontinuing security updates for its Exchange email product in October 2025, which is currently run by the County on-premises, and this action will put the County at significant risk, and

WHEREAS, Microsoft is changing the licensing model for its Office suite (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and other products) to a cloud-based version that will shift from one-time purchase to an annual subscription model, and

WHEREAS, significant gains are to be made in transitioning document sharing and email to the cloud, including simpler access to information from anywhere, and superior collaboration, and

WHEREAS, ABS Solutions, Inc. is a trusted consultant for St. Lawrence County and possesses great knowledge in the implementation of cloud-based Microsoft systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Contract with ABS Solutions, Inc. for the purchase and implementation of Microsoft 365 cloud services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Information Technology to purchase and implement Microsoft 365 Cloud Services before October 2025 as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 42004	C Computer Software	\$260,000
CD016804 43007	C IT Other Services	<u>25,575</u>
		\$285,575

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$285,575
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 169-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2025

**ADDING TWO PARCELS TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 1
TOTALING 97.6 ACRES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has established Agricultural Districts to help protect and enhance its agricultural resources, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the County consolidated the Agricultural Districts into one (1) district called Agricultural District 1, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators established March 1 to March 30 as the annual 30-day review period to receive requests to add land to this district, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the County received requests to add two (2) parcels, totaling 97.6 acres, to Agricultural District 1, and

WHEREAS, based on criteria specified in Agriculture and Markets Law, the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed each request at its meeting on April 3, 2025 and recommends adding all requested parcels to Agricultural District 1, and

WHEREAS, no public comments were received at or before the County's April 17, 2025 public hearing about the recommended additions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the addition of two (2) parcels to Agricultural District 1 totaling 97.6 acres, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County to submit the appropriate documentation to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets as required by law.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 170-2025, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Probation has received unique funding for the 2024-2025 budget years from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for pretrial services in the amount of \$206,139, and

WHEREAS, DCJS has approved funds designated for data management, and

WHEREAS, New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID) Corporate Partner Secure Scan provided this Department with a quote for scanning, shredding, and transportation services in the amount of \$78,541, and

WHEREAS, this service will provide the Probation Department with needed digital access to old microfiche, compact disc, and paper files,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Probation Department for funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031404 43006	Q Document Management	\$78,541
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Q1031404 56000 ATI	Q SA ATI Pre Trial	\$78,541
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 171-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 172-2024 was adopted in May 2024 following a review by a Board-Appointed Committee that made the recommendation that Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County should be armed in recognition of the challenges in the environment that they work in and to provide an improved level of safety for the Officers, and

WHEREAS, the process of implementation in St. Lawrence County has been well-informed and intentional, it has included the continued work of the Board-Appointed Committee, information from staff provided to and gathered from staff to ensure that all aspects of the decision are considered carefully before a recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the Board Appointed Committee recommended that the use of body cameras be implemented simultaneously during times of client interaction in the field, so there will be an opportunity to verify activities that occur in the field, and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewing budget implications has indicated that funding has been received from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for pretrial services in the amount of \$206,139 and this would be an appropriate use of these funds to pay for the equipment and training as needed, and

WHEREAS, based on the Department being armed and the requirement to wear body cameras, the County will acquire and pay for cameras and associated costs, and

WHEREAS, AXON requires that the Probation Department enter into a five (5) year agreement for a total amount of \$59,050 (Q1031404 25000) for eleven (11) users,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement and any subsequent amendments, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acquisition of the necessary equipment and training regimen established to effectively arm Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County and supports future budgets that include necessary costs for all new hires, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Probation Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031402 25000	Q Technical Equipment	\$56,050
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Q1033105 56000 ATI	Q SA ATI Pre Trial	\$56,050
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 172-2025, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY25
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES (PTS) GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 318-2024 approved the acceptance of a FY25 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant in the amount of \$8,184 through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to add the funds that were not spent in 2024 to 2025, and

WHEREAS, this modification will align the account balances to current grant balances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY25 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 GTSC	S CRIM PTS Grant Overtime	\$8,184
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z33895 56000 GTSC	S SA CRIM State Aid	\$8,184
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 173-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY21
OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 360-2021 approved the acceptance of a FY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant (contract period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024) totaling \$300,000, and Resolution No. 285-2024 approved a contract extension through August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to add the unspent funds from 2024 to 2025, and

WHEREAS, this modification will align the account balances to current grant balances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY21 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 43007 SG1	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	\$13,667
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 SG	S SG Federal Aid	\$13,667
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 174-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY22
OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 400-2022 approved the acceptance of a FY22 Operation Stonegarden Grant (contract period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2025) totaling \$300,000, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to add the unspent funds from 2024 to 2025, and

WHEREAS, this modification will align the account balances to current grant balances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY22 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 SG2	S CRIM Supervisory/Administration	\$2,000
S1Z31101 13000 SG2	S CRIM Technical	3,000
S1Z31101 18000 SG2	S CRIM Overtime	3,384
S1Z31102 25000 SG2	S CRIM Technical Equipment	28,170
S1Z31104 43007 SG2	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	60,664
S1Z31108 81000 SG2	S CRIM Retirement	593
S1Z31108 83000 SG2	S CRIM Social Security	338
S1Z31108 84000 SG2	S CRIM Workmens Compensation	<u>117</u>
		\$98,266

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 SG	S SG Federal Aid	\$98,266
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 175-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY22
DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION (DTP) GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 401-2022 approved the acceptance of a FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant (contract period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024) totaling \$172,413, and Resolution No. 258-2024 approved a contract extension through August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to add the unspent funds from 2024 to 2025, and

WHEREAS, this modification will align the account balances to current grant balances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 DT	S CRIM Supervisory/Admin	\$47,281
S1Z31101 14000 DT	S CRIM Clerical	17,491
S1Z31101 18000 DT	S CRIM Overtime	24,371
S1Z31104 42000 DT	S CRIM Office Supplies	10,000
S1Z31104 43007 DT	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	51,439
S1Z31108 81000 DT	S CRIM Retirement	57
S1Z31108 83000 DT	S CRIM Social Security	30
S1Z31108 84000 DT	S CRIM Workers' Compensation	11
S1Z31108 84500 DT	S CRIM Group Life Insurance	1
S1Z31108 86000 DT	S CRIM Hospital & Medical Insurance	126
S1Z31108 86500 DT	S CRIM Dental Insurance	6
S1Z31108 89000 DT	S CRIM Vision Insurance	<u>2</u>
		\$150,815

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 DT	S FA DT Federal Aid	\$150,815
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 176-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2025

ACCEPTING AN FY25 CARES UP GRANT FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH'S SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER (OMH SPCNY) AND THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HYGIENE (RFMH)

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) has awarded a FY25 CARES UP grant, in the amount of \$42,250 (S4Z34905 56000 CARES) to St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, with a contract period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this funding is to develop a comprehensive public health prevention strategy for Correctional Officers that goes beyond access to high quality, confidential mental health services, but also includes an upstream approach that integrates resiliency and wellness training programs into the workplace to decrease the shame and stigma often present within these professions, and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Facility intends to use this funding for an in-house wellness program to include exercise equipment, computer software, workshops and training, participation incentives, printing and office supplies for training and events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the FY25 CARES UP grant from NYS Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 177-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 178-2025

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 DONATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services recognizes the increasing need for food assistance among individuals having financial struggles in our community, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of County Government Month, Community Services hosted a food drive to augment the existing clinic food pantry currently funded by the OASAS Outreach and Engagement grant which is ending soon, and

WHEREAS, this project aligns with Community Services' mission to promote the health and well-being of our community by addressing the critical issue of food insecurity, and

WHEREAS, in response to the food drive, the Edward C. Seymour VFW Post #1231 in Canton, NY generously gifted \$500,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the Edward C. Seymour VFW Post #1231 for this donation and authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 budget for Community Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 42800	A CACD Other Supplies	\$500
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A1127055 55000	A LR CHEM DEP Gifts & Donations	\$500
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 178-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 179-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY
AND INCLUSION (CAI) FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL
HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN) provides resources and referrals for children and their families in the community to ensure access to healthcare, insurance, information, and support services, and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program for the 2025-2030 funding cycle, the Public Health Department is eligible for

additional one-time funding under the newly developed Community Accessibility and Inclusion (CAI) for the CYSHCN Program, and

WHEREAS, funding is only available for year one (1) of five (5) (10/01/2025 – 9/30/2026) for the CAI aspect of the CYSHCN Program, and the Public Health Department will receive a projected one-time award amount of \$37,832 (PE044895 57000 CSHN), or more as additional funds may become available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Intent to Participate with the New York State Department of Health Community Accessibility and Inclusion (CAI) for the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 179-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 180-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 340B
DRUG PRICING PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the 340B Drug Pricing Program is a federal program that enables eligible healthcare organizations to purchase outpatient drugs at significantly reduced prices, thereby enhancing the ability of such organizations to provide comprehensive healthcare services to underserved populations, and

WHEREAS, to participate in the 340B Program, eligible organizations/covered entities must register and be enrolled with the 340B Program and comply with all 340B Program requirements, and

WHEREAS, once enrolled, covered entities are assigned a 340B identification number that vendors verify before allowing an organization to purchase 340B discounted drugs, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health requires a Memorandum of Understanding for continued participation in the 340B Program to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and their sequelae,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Health Department and the New York State Department of Health for participation in the 340B Drug Pricing Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 180-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-12-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 181-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR THE CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG) Child Care Assistance Program informed the Department of Social Services that their FFY 2025 allocation amount for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, any portion of a Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) NYSCCBG allocation for FFY 2024, October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 that is not claimed by the LDSS by March 31, 2025, will remain available to the LDSS through the end of the FFY 2025 (September 30, 2025), and

WHEREAS, the appropriations and revenue will be higher than anticipated for 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Social Services for the Child Care Block Grant as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSD60554 46500 CCBG	D NYS Child Care Block Grant Ind	\$1,400,912
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DSD36555 56000 CCBG	D SA NYS Child Care Block Grant	\$1,400,912
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 181-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 182-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR TOURISM PROMOTION**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, residents and visitors to the visitor center inquire about local souvenirs and unique merchandise to commemorate their visit and experience in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, a line of branded merchandise specifically designed by St. Lawrence County artists will promote tourism brand for the County as well as supporting and promoting the local talent and artistry of the region, and

WHEREAS, stocking this type of inventory and providing merchandise sales on-site at the Visit STLC Visitor Center as well as online will generate a direct tourism-driven revenue stream to offset costs, which could potentially provide options to continue improving the investment in the visitor center to make it more sustainable for the County, and

WHEREAS, revenue generation through exclusively licensed merchandise can extend beyond a single physical location to be sold not only at the Visit STLC Visitor Center, but at other locations throughout the County as well as other retail locations, and

WHEREAS, it is requested by the Chamber of Commerce that the County provide \$15,000 for tourism promotion purposes specifically related to establishing a line of exclusively branded and locally designed promotional merchandise to be sold in the Visit STLC visitor center and online,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for special

project funding for tourism promotion purposes related to the design, production, and sales of exclusively licensed merchandise to be sold at the Visit STLC visitor center, and

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$15,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1064104 465CC	B Partner Agency - COC	\$15,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any of the funds remaining be rolled over to future years until fully spent and that the Board of Legislators will be provided updates on progress with this Special Project by the end of 2025.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 182-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Reagen, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 183-2025

ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mortgage Tax Report as submitted by the County Clerk and the County Treasurer is hereby accepted, and the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue the amounts as set forth in the report to the various tax districts in this County.

<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$11,631.46
Canton:	
Village of Canton	8,595.32
Village of Rensselaer	391.05
Town of Canton	30,457.28
Clare	337.16
Clifton	8,345.59

Colton	6,314.49
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	240.22
Town of Dekalb	6,619.05
DePeyster	1,419.07
Edwards	4,665.51
Fine	6,595.23
Fowler	13,585.40
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	6,771.91
Town of Gouverneur	19,538.15
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	185.07
Town of Hammond	8,423.66
Hermon	3,831.57
Hopkinton	4,706.30
Lawrence	108,053.99
Lisbon	18,375.78
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	907.37
Town of Louisville	10,017.73
Macomb	3,507.04
Madrid	5,781.11
Massena:	
Village of Massena	17,588.30
Town of Massena	37,942.28
Town of Morristown	14,331.94
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	174.15
Village of Massena	23.87
Town of Norfolk	20,552.00
Ogdensburg	21,901.65
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	853.89

Town of Oswegatchie	16,259.77
Parishville	11,617.48
Piercefield	1,390.63
Pierrepont	14,991.83
Pitcairn	6,917.67
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	9,642.98
Village of Norwood	2,144.08
Town of Potsdam	38,569.84
Rossie	2,635.02
Russell	2,281.61
Stockholm	21,880.68
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	4,209.20
Town of Waddington	<u>16,160.29</u>
Total	\$551,365.67

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 183-2025, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2025

AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL AN ADDITIONAL COORDINATOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX III POSITION IN THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the current Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III, Position No. 108400001, was most recently filled on November 1, 2022 and with the departure of long-tenured staff, the workload has been reviewed with a determination that support for this role would be beneficial to the County, and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III is responsible for the maintenance of the RPS V4 database, the tax apportionment for Towns, County, Village, and

School tax bills as well as the preparation of actual tax bills, tax rolls, and assessment rolls on an annual basis are included in the responsibilities of this position, and

WHEREAS, additional support and assistance is being requested to be made available to the existing Coordinator position to support operations to carefully review and create accurate assessment rolls, tax rolls, and tax bills for the municipalities of the County and provide a back up in the event of absence, and

WHEREAS, it is the request of the Director of Real Property Tax Services that an additional position be created to support this critical function for the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to create and fill a Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III, Position No. 108400005, in the Real Property Office.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 184-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) abstained vote (Forsythe).

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 185-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THE SALE OF SALT TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a limited supply of road salt existed due to production challenges encountered by American Rock Salt in meeting overall demand, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department, in accordance with a binding bid agreement, advocated for the prioritized delivery of salt, and

WHEREAS, substantial volumes of road salt were delivered to various Highway Department facilities, and

WHEREAS, this allowed the Highway Department to alleviate salt shortages in local municipalities through sales, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department projects an increase in revenue as a result of these salt sales to municipalities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Highway Department for the sale of salt to local municipalities as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HS051444 454WM	H Snow Winter Maintenance Materials	\$18,162
HC051424 454WM	H CSR Winter Maintenance Materials	<u>12,108</u>
		\$30,270

INCREASE REVENUE:

HG027705 55000	H HSOG Services Other Governments	\$30,270
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 185-2025, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 186-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH C & S ENGINEERS
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND MODIFYING THE 2025
BUDGET FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN
A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THIS PURPOSE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3;
Mr. Webster, District 11; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the County completed the construction of three outposts beginning in 2021 and completing the capital investment in 2023 with stated goals of updating the facilities, providing indoor storage for the trucks, and reducing truck traffic in the Village of Canton, and

WHEREAS, the Facilities are complete and operational with updated indoor storage much closer to the communities that they serve, and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant reduction in traffic with highway trucks relocated to Russell, Lisbon, and Potsdam Outpost facilities, however they are required to return when routine and unanticipated maintenance is required due to the Maintenance Shop is currently located in Canton, and

WHEREAS, there is an interest to address the deferred maintenance in the remaining facilities and improve operations in Canton by relocating the Maintenance Shop,

Administration, Weights & Measures, and to create long needed climate controlled storage for the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, and the District Attorney, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 391-2023 authorized the Department of Highways to hire C & S Engineers, Inc. for preliminary plans and cost estimates for a new Highway Administration and Maintenance Facility to be located at the Potsdam Outpost, and

WHEREAS, the project scope includes overall site improvements, a new administration building, a new maintenance building, a new cold storage building, an expanded fuel island, and a new weights and measures inspection station, and

WHEREAS, the services provided by C & S Engineers, Inc. will include, but are not limited to, schematic design, design development, construction document preparation, and bid phase assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with C & S Engineers, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Highway Department as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Unappropriated	\$960,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Appropriated	\$960,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600	T IFT GF Transfer to CP	\$960,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651974 430ED POM	Engineering Design	\$960,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100	T IFT CP Transfers from GF	\$960,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to open a Capital Project for the Highway Administration and Maintenance Facility.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 186-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Perkins and Gennett) and one (1) abstained vote (Fay).

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 187-2025

**SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE
HEAD START PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Burke, District 12

WHEREAS, Head Start is a Federal Program that provides free family support services such as education, health, and nutrition to low-income children and families from birth to age 5 across the United States, and

WHEREAS, the most recent appropriations plan proposed by the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Committee would reduce Head Start funding by \$750M of an approximate \$12B Budget for FY24, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that as many as 80,000 fewer children may be served if these cuts are maintained in the final Budget appropriation bill, and

WHEREAS, locally Head Start is administered by the St. Lawrence County Community Development Program (CDP) and they are very concerned about an impoverished county like St. Lawrence is further restricted from critical developmental services for low-income families and children in the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the continuation of federal funding for the Head Start Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to President Donald Trump, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 187-2025, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 188-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE PERSONNEL OFFICER TO WAIVE THE CORRECTION
OFFICER CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FEE FOR THE UPCOMING EXAM FOR ST.
LAWRENCE COUNTY CORRECTION OFFICERS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagan, District 1, Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, New York State Civil Service Law and St. Lawrence County Civil Service Rule, requires the County to administer Civil Service Law, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators and County Administrator have assigned the Personnel Officer in Human Resources the work of implementing the laws of New York State Civil Service, which includes the implementation of the exam process, and

WHEREAS, recently, there has been an increase in applications received from County residents who have a background in Corrections, and have experience working in Correctional Facilities across New York State, and

WHEREAS, New York State Civil Service requires an exam, based on training and experience, that is associated with the qualifications to hold the position, the cost associated is \$17.50 per exam, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the unanticipated expense associated with applying to take the exam, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to waive the fees for the Civil Service Exam, scheduled for June 2025, for Correction Officers applying to be considered for employment with St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Personnel Officer to waive the Correction Officer Civil Service Exam Fee for the upcoming exam for St. Lawrence County Correction Officers.

Mr. Reagan moved to adopt Resolution No. 188-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2025

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A SECRETARY I AND CREATE AND FILL AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN VETERANS' SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Veterans Services Office currently consists of two (2) staff members, providing services and representation to potentially over 6,600 veterans plus their beneficiaries residing in St. Lawrence County and the surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, to provide these services, creating the new position of Administrative Assistant will support efforts provided to maximize critical outreach services with uninterrupted representation in the office, thus reaching more Veterans by connecting them to rightfully earned benefits, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the increase in Budget will be covered by the annual New York State Aid to Localities Grant, which has increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 since 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a Secretary I, Position No. 005100002 and create and fill with Administrative Assistant, in Veterans' Services as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Director of Veteran Services to fill Position No. 005200018, Administrative Assistant, in Veterans' Services.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 189-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-19-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 190-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ENI MECHANICALS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR AT THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 89-2024 authorized the County to install a generator at the Human Services Center, located at 80 State Highway 310, Canton for the purpose of potential hazard mitigation, and

WHEREAS, this resolution authorized \$486K for the Project and a competitive bid process is now complete and a recommendation is being made for the contractor to install and test the generator (BG016202 24000), and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for a ten (10%) percent match associated with the Project and these funds have been set aside for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, generator power is important to the functions of the Human Services Center, in part due to the location of the Clinics for Public Health and for the Opioid Treatment Program as well as a potential location for residents to receive services in the event of an emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Empire Northeast, Inc. for the installation of the generator to be located at the Human Services Center, 80 State Highway 310, Canton, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 190-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

May 5, 2025

Operations Committee: 4-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 191-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
ADIRONDACK COMMUNICATION SITES, LLC AND MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET
FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AN
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION TOWER**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Emergency Services currently maintains a Very-High Frequency (VHF) analog un-encrypted radio system for fire departments, ambulance services, and law enforcement agencies operating within the County, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system, which was implemented in 1988, replaced the previous low-band option owned and maintained by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system relies on antiquated and outdated equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturer, some of which has started to fail in faster progression than anticipated, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system is experiencing frequent interruption, consistent static, intentional and unintentional unauthorized transmission on public safety frequencies, and overall coverage degradation as technology evolves, causing an extreme deficit to public safety and the safety of responders in the County, and

WHEREAS, a tower located at 0 Big Tupper Road, Tax Map Parcel # 521.-1-2, Summit of Mt Morris, Tupper Lake, NY 12986 has been identified as a tower spot necessary for coverage in the St. Lawrence County jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the current owners, Adirondack Communication Sites, LLC have expressed a willingness to enter into a five-year agreement, with four successive five-year options exercisable at County election, for the placement and maintenance of an antenna on the existing tower and within the existing structures, and

WHEREAS, the annual rent associated with the lease agreement is \$19,669.08 with a three percent (3%) annual ascendant for each year the lease remains operational, but will be prorated for 2025 and anticipated to begin in the second quarter (XP036404 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the lease agreement with Adirondack Communications Sites, LLC, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Emergency Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$12,052
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

XP036404 43007	X PSCS Other Fees & Services	\$12,052
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount for the lease will be budgeted in the 2026 Budget for Emergency Services.

Ms. Curran motioned to remove this resolution from the table, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 191-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

May 5, 2025

Operations Committee: 4-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND PARTICIPATING COUNTIES AND
MUNICIPAL POLICE AGENCIES TO JOIN THE TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL
RESPONSE TEAM WITH CLINTON, FRANKLIN, AND ESSEX COUNTIES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Counties of Clinton, Franklin, and Essex, as well as the Town of Ticonderoga, the Village of Malone, and the Village of Saranac Lake have formed a Special Response Team known as the “Tri-County Special Response Team” to conduct tactical operations throughout Northern New York, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff has been requested by the participating agencies to become a participating agency of the Tri-County Special Response Team, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff recognizes the benefit to the people of St. Lawrence County and for the safety of the employees of the Sheriff’s Office by becoming a participating agency of the Tri-County Special Response Team,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between St. Lawrence County and participating Counties and municipal police agencies to join the Tri-County Special Response Team with Clinton, Franklin, and Essex Counties, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 192-2025, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Burke, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously with a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM
FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF TWO CONDEMNED
STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6, Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on, and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax-delinquent parcels, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there are a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and community welfare, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the “Blighted Property Program” designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach of the County to environmental clean-ups the County was already engaged in (01TG0899 50300 BP), and

WHEREAS, the Tax Foreclosure Team have selected two (2) properties for demolition in the 2024 cycle and have solicited bids, and

WHEREAS, the team recommends the demolition and removal of two (2) condemned structures known as 1008 South Water Street, with Tax Map No. 59.023-12-32 and 316 Deviller Street, with Tax Map No. 48.072-2-36, in the City of Ogdensburg, as well as the awarding a contract for demolition and abatement services to JEDA Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of two condemned structures, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 193-2025, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Public Safety Complex dedication marked 31 years to the day since its original opening, the staff have returned to the building and are currently settling in their new spaces.

A kickoff meeting for the window replacement project is scheduled for Thursday.

Ms. Doyle and staff attended a meeting with the winning bidder for the fresh food kiosk installation, which will be located at the Social Services Building as a Pilot Program.

The recent walking and biking event sponsored by the EAP program concluded with 86 employees participating. The winning team was "Stepping Sisters." Also had biking competitors participating and submitting miles.

Ms. Doyle reported that she would be attending the NYSAC retreat in Eldrin, New York.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Webster provided an update on St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Haggard announced that Pride Weekend in Potsdam will take place from June 13th to June 14th. She noted that last year's event was a great success and encouraged anyone who is available to stop by, as there will be vendors set up in Ives Park.

Ms. Haggard motioned a Resolution Proclaiming June 2025 as Pride Month in St. Lawrence County, seconded by Mr. Fay.

Mr. Lightfoot made a motion to table the resolution until the Services Committee meeting on June 16, 2025, to allow time to present it to his town and residents for discussion. He expressed his desire to hear input from his constituents and gather their perspectives on the matter, and seconded by Mr. Webster.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., to discuss Litigations, Negotiations, Personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Forsythe move to appoint the following individuals to the **Youth Committee**, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Ziya Lu, Potsdam, 13676 (Term to expire 6/30/2027)
- Sarvesh Sitaraman, Potsdam, 13676 (Term to expire 6/30/2028)

Mr. Forsythe move to reappoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board** (Term to expire: 12/31/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Anne Marie Snell, Potsdam, 13676

Mr. Forsythe move to appoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board**, (Term to expire: 5/5/2027), seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Andy McMahon, Massena, 13662

Mr. Forsythe move to reappoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board**, (Term to expire: 2/7/2028) seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Brain Bush, Canton, 13676

Mr. Forsythe move to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Trails Advisory Board** (Term to expire: 12/31/2027), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Shawn Reed, Massena, 13662

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Lightfoot as the temporary Chair of the Finance Committee and a temporary member of the audit committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe moved to adjourn the Full Board Meeting at 8:46 p.m., as there was no further business.