



RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. JOHN GENNETT, CHAIR
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024
GOUVERNEUR/ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR
AND LIVE VIA YOUTUBE**

5:30 P.M.



DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24, 2024

**3. GOUVERNEUR/ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR BOARD WELCOME –
Don Peck**

4. 2023 AUDIT FINAL RESULTS

5. SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PATRICK ENGLE

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Accept and Sign a FY24 Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant on Behalf of the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force, and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office (Res)

6. LEGISLATOR DENESHA

- A. Resolution Urging Governor Kathy Hochul to Veto New York State Assembly Bill A.2282 and New York State Senate Bill S.6649 Which Modifies Penal Law §400.00 Imposing Criminal Liability for Mandated Signage for Federal Firearms Licenses Dealers (Res)

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

- A. Authorizing the Transfer of a Segment of Property from St. Lawrence County to Lee and Melissa Matthews in the Town of Fine (Res)
- B. Adopting Local Law F (No.) for the Year 2024, "Repealing Local Law 3 for the Year 1993 and Amending Local Law 2 for the Year 1956, "A Local Law Enumerating Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan" (Res)
- C. Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2025 (Res)
- D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with JEDA Environmental Services Under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of a Condemned Structure located at 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, NY (Res)

8. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

- A. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Solid Waste Department (Res)

9. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Industrial Development Agency for Funding Received for the Multi-Use Trail and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office (Res)

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

- A. Highway
 - a. Fill Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000034
 - b. Fill Sign Fabricator, Position No. 312800001
- B. Solid Waste
 - a. Fill Site Crewleader, Position No. 332300005

11. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha)
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan)
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli)
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers)
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers)
- F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen)
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster)
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe)
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster)
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Haggard)

14. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Litigation
- B. Negotiations
- C. Personnel
- D. Appointments

16. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A FY24 HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a five (5) year Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant that will cover costs associated with St. Lawrence County's Human Trafficking Task Force that serves St. Lawrence County and Northern New York, and

WHEREAS, the task force will include local law enforcement, victim service agencies, legal services, and outreach entities, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be administered by the Sheriff's Office with sub-awards to the District Attorney's Office and Renewal House to cover criminal investigations, prosecutions, outreach, legal advocacy, case management, emergency assistance, training coordination and data analysis, and

WHEREAS, the scope of this project includes establishing and formalizing a St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task force which is focused on labor trafficking, and

WHEREAS, the goals of this grant are to investigate and prosecute labor trafficking, provide comprehensive services to survivors, build the capacity to identify and respond to labor trafficking in Northern New York, engage in outreach and trust building with vulnerable communities and to also collect and use data, and

WHEREAS, the grant is for a five (5) year period (2024-2029) in the amount of \$7,011,620 of which \$251,768.54 is considered indirect costs as well as Renewal House receiving \$2,260,609 upon the execution of the cost reimbursement contract to cover salary, fringes, along with other necessary equipment and contractual expenses, and

WHEREAS, the grant is to include the creation of three positions in the Sheriff's Office this year: an Administrative Assistant, Position No. 005200017; Crime Analyst, Position No. 607300001; and Deputy Sheriff - Detective, Position No. 605500009 upon review and recommendation of the Vacancy Review Committee, and one position in the District Attorney's Office, approved by the Board of Legislators on July 7, 2024: an Assistant District Attorney, Position No. 026800015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to accept and sign the FY24 Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 11000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Direct Service Worker	\$682,017
S1Z31101 13000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Technical	334,264
S1Z31101 14000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Clerical	126,433
S1Z31101 18000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Overtime	709,844
S1Z31101 18600 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Training	20,799
S1Z31102 23000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Automotive Equipment	170,000
S1Z31102 25000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Technical Equipment	234,945
S1Z31104 42300 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Communications	9,000
S1Z31104 42800 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Supplies	6,000
S1Z31104 43007 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Fees	2,335,609
S1Z31104 44001 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Automobile Expenses	45,000
S1Z31104 44100 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF I/D Fuel Charges	53,280
S1Z31104 44500 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Travel	84,900
S1Z31104 45300 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Uniforms & Clothing	6,000
S1Z31104 81000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Retirement	236,043
S1Z31108 83000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Social Security	128,887
S1Z31108 84000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Workers' Compensation	47,209
S1Z31108 84500 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Life Insurance	3,372
S1Z31108 86000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Health Insurance	606,593
S1Z31108 86500 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Dental Insurance	20,982
S1Z31108 89000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Vision Insurance	7,493
J1Z11651 12000 HGB2	J HGBF Supervisory/Administrative	464,158
J1Z11652 23000 HGB2	J HGBF Automotive Equipment	50,000
J1Z11652 25000 HGB2	J HGBF Technical Equipment	4,250
J1Z11654 42300 HGB2	J HGBF Other Communications	2,700
J1Z11654 43007 HGB2	J HGBF Other Fees and Services	73,132
J1Z11654 44000 HGB2	J HGBF I/D Automotive Expenses	12,500
J1Z11654 44100 HGB2	J HGBF Fuel Costs	15,000
J1Z11654 44500 HGB2	J HGBF Other Travel	14,155
J1Z11654 81000 HGB2	J HGBF Retirement	58,484
J1Z11658 83000 HGB2	J HGBF Social Security	31,934
J1Z11658 84000 HGB2	J HGBF Workers' Compensation	11,697
J1Z11658 84500 HGB2	J HGBF Life Insurance	835
J1Z11658 86000 HGB2	J HGBF Health Insurance	145,281
J1Z11658 86500 HGB2	J HGBF Dental Insurance	5,199
J1Z11658 89000 HGB2	J HGBF Vision Insurance	1,857
		<u>\$6,759,852</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z27055 55000 HGB2	S HGBF Donation Revenue	\$5,868,670
J1Z27055 55000 HGB2	J HGBF Donation Revenue	<u>91,182</u>
		\$6,759,852

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO VETO NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.2282 AND NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.6649 WHICH MODIFIES PENAL LAW §400.00 IMPOSING CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MANDATED SIGNAGE FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSES DEALERS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, in early June 2024, the New York State Assembly and Senate voted to pass Assembly Bill A.2282 and Senate Bill S.6649 that would require firearms dealers to post conspicuous signs in their stores warning potential customers of the dangers of guns, and

WHEREAS, the notice mandates “Access to a weapon or firearm in the home significantly increases the risk of suicide, death during domestic disputes, and/or unintentional deaths to children, household members and others,” the warning would read. “If you or a loved one is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988”, and

WHEREAS, the bill would also require that gun sellers provide the same warning printed out in at least 26-point font to all who buy a gun, and

WHEREAS, shop owners who do not post the signs within ninety (90) days of the bill being signed into law would be subject to a fine of at least \$1,000, or 15 days in county jail, and each day a shop goes without posting the sign would be counted as an individual offense, and

WHEREAS, the bill is the latest of more than twenty (20) anti-gun laws passed by the State of New York over the past couple of years and continues to focus efforts on deterring gun ownership through vendors who sell guns and ammunition, rather than through the purchasers, and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association et al. v. Bruen et al., striking down the New York State ‘proper cause’ requirements for the issuance of a pistol license to individuals, sending the State of New York looking for new ways in which to discourage or impede gun ownership and possession, and

WHEREAS, since 2022, attempts by the State of New York to crack down on individual gun ownership and possession have met numerous legal challenges, many of which have been successful in noting the infringement by the State of New York on an individual’s constitutionally protected 2nd Amendment rights to bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has coupled their attacks on individual gun possession rights with attacks on the businesses responsible for the sale, distribution, and manufacture of firearms, passing a slate of laws designed to make operation of those businesses encumbered to near impossible, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no empirical data readily available demonstrating a connection to legal sales of firearms and an increased likelihood of criminality or suicide, and

WHEREAS, according to data released by the CDC in 2021, and reported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in January 2024, there were 1,660 suicides in the State of New York in 2021, of which twenty-six percent (26%) involved a firearm, and

WHEREAS, a study performed in sixteen (16) rural New York counties performed by NORC, a non-partisan, objective research organization, at the University of Chicago found a greater incidence of mental health distress in these rural communities as the primary cause for suicide, not gun ownership, and

WHEREAS, enactment of this bill will have no effect on consumers and will merely impose greater burdens on one of the most heavily regulated industries in America,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Kathy Hochul to veto New York State Assembly Bill A.2282 and New York State Senate Bill S.6649 which modifies Penal Law §400.00 imposing criminal liability for mandated signage for federal firearms licenses dealers, and

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

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A SEGMENT OF PROPERTY FROM ST.
LAWRENCE COUNTY TO LEE AND MELISSA MATTHEWS IN THE TOWN OF
FINE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 1923, St. Lawrence County acquired in "fee simple" two small parcels of land consisting of a combined .58 acres known as the Fine-Star Lake Federal Aid Highway, State Highway 8175 from May Lansing via Map 13, Parcels A and B, and from Northern NY Utilities via Map 14, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the acquisition was to assist the State of New York in the development of State Highway 3 in the Town of Fine between 1920s and the 1950s; however, a small segment of the acquisition was ultimately never used after the 1950s due to a highway realignment, and

WHEREAS, as the County owns the underlying fee title, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) does not have the ability to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of this property, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT abandoned maintenance jurisdiction via official Order No. 217 dated February 5, 1957, to the Town of Fine, and the property has remained unused since 1923, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has received contact from an agent on behalf of the adjacent landowners, Lee and Melissa Matthews, regarding the parcel, and following the completion of a boundary line survey of land already owned by the Matthews, the Matthews Survey identified the two small parcels of land that lie between the Matthews parcel and Boni Road and New York State Route 3, and

WHEREAS, the Matthews have inquired as to the willingness by the County to transfer the parcels with the understanding that the County has no immediate plans or needs for highway purposes for this area, and

WHEREAS, the addition of these parcels back into their parent chain of title would help clean-up the erratic boundary that currently exists along the front of the Matthews' land, and it is noteworthy that the area covered by the parcels in question appears to currently already be tax assessed to the Matthews, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of years of taxes paid by the Matthews of land owned by the County, and in consideration of the Matthews' offer to acquire the parcel for the average value of an acre of land in the amount of \$232, it is the recommendation of the County Attorney that the Board approve the conveyance of the parcel to the Matthews,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Transfer of a Segment of Property from St. Lawrence County to Lee and Melissa Matthews in the Town of Fine, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey a segment of property to Lee and Melissa Matthews known as the segment of Fine-Star Lake Federal Aid Highway, SH 8175 from May Lansing via Map 13, Parcels A and B, and from Northern NY Utilities via Map 14, upon approval of the County Attorney.

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW F (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "REPEALING LOCAL LAW 3 FOR THE YEAR 1993 AND AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 1956, "A LOCAL LAW ENUMERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN"

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

I. TITLE

A local law enumerating rules and regulations for the administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan

II. STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT

It is the intent of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators:

1. To equitably apportion the cost of participants consistent with the risk brought to the plan and the participant's recent experience, thereby encouraging participants to focus on accident prevention coupled with early and safely returning injured workers to productive work. Local Law No. 3 for the year 1993 is hereby REPEALED. Local Law No. 2 of 1956 [A Local Law enumerating Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan] to establish apportionment of costs to plan participants, together with such other amendments and additional new rules and regulations necessary for the efficient administration of the Self-Insurance Plan is hereby AMENDED; and
2. The apportioned funds will be exclusively used for plan operation, including all direct and indirect expenses; and
3. To allow "fire districts" with taxing authority or that are municipal corporations shall be eligible plan participants as an independent entity as provided under Workers' Compensation Law §60 provided such fire district, if currently apportioned as part of another participant, shall first agree with said participant how the ongoing liabilities of any claims incurred prior to such conversion shall be paid; and
4. To establish a method for making actuarial calculations of plan liabilities for any purposes (including the sum owing from an entity withdrawing from the plan and establishing a buy-in rate to entering participants), an installment methodology for both entering and withdrawing participants, provisions relating to the role and responsibilities of the plan administrator, determining the maximum reserve upon an actuarial determination of plan liabilities, requiring proof of medical testing for certain titles as prescribed by law, codifying the required labor management safety committee together with its powers, and methods of enforcement plan provisions and the governing law, including but not limited to, withholding of sales tax proceeds; and

5. Further, it is intended that any provision of Local Law No.2 of 1956 that is not amended by this local law shall remain in full force and effect as is currently in force and as amended hereto, if so amended hereto.

III. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Article V of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law provides:

§64, Administration of Plan: authorizes the County Legislature by local law to provide for the administration of the Self-Insurance plan including naming an administrator, provides that plan funds shall be placed in the custody of the County Treasurer and that the County Attorney is designated as the legal advisor to the Self-Insurance plan.

§65, Rules and Regulations: authorizes the County Legislature, by local law, to establish plan rules and regulations, including but not limited to, enforcement mechanisms and collections of any enforcement sanctions from participants.

§67, Annual Estimate; payments by participants: obligates the plan administrator to prepare an annual budget estimate and provides for the methods of notification to participants and the allocation amongst the Self-Insurance plan participants and collection method for non-payment.

§69, Reserve: authorizes the legislature by local law to establish a reserve of the Self-Insurance plan for payment against plan liabilities and the maximum amount of contribution to the reserve.

§71(1), Accrual of Liabilities: authorizes the legislature by local law to provide for operation of the Self-Insurance plan on an actuarial and/or experience rating basis, in whole or part, and once adopted may not thereafter be discontinued.

§74 Manner of Adoption of Local Laws: provides for the manner of the adoption of local laws under the Workers' Compensation Law in the manner prescribed in the Municipal Home Rule Law; yet shall not be subject to mandatory or permissive referendum.

IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations for the administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan is hereby promulgated:

A. Participation:

In addition to the county, participation in the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan shall be available to:

- Cities
- Towns
- Villages
- School Districts
- Rescue Squads
- Fire Districts

The participation of a town or village shall include: fire districts, fire protection districts, fire alarm districts and volunteer ambulance companies of the respective town or village under the terms and conditions as more fully set forth in the provisions of Workers' Compensation Law §63, unless said rescue squad or fire district is an independent participant as provided hereinafter.

B. Entry and Withdrawal:

Entry into the Plan by an eligible municipality, fire district or volunteer ambulance company, other than participants in the Plan on the effective date of this local law, shall be made by service upon the Administrator of a certified copy of the local resolution or legalizing act authorizing same on or before March 31st of the calendar year for the ensuing calendar year. Withdrawal by an eligible municipality from the Plan shall be made by service of a certified copy of the local resolution or legalizing act withdrawing from the Plan on or before March 31st of in the calendar year for the ensuing calendar year. Any withdrawal from the Plan shall require the payment of the withdrawing participant's equitable share of unfunded liabilities of the Plan, as calculated by an actuarial reserve estimate without discounting for present value.

C. Appointment of Costs:

Following the preparation of the annual estimate of projected amounts necessary for the ensuing calendar year, pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law §71, the share of the amounts chargeable to each participant shall be made using the classifications and loss costs adopted by the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board to govern the underwriting of Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance, Voluntary Compensation Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance in the State of New York. In the event that the New York Compensation Rating Board shall cease to promulgate said rates and classifications, the County Legislature shall by resolution identify another equitable means to identify costs by employee industrial classification.

D. Payment by Participants:

Each participant, except towns and Cities, shall pay the County Treasurer within thirty days after the commencement of its fiscal year the amount billed as its share of the annual estimate of the plan.

The amount due from each Town and City participating shall be included in the next succeeding tax levy against property taxable by the participant responsible therefor.

E. Reserve:

All funds of the Plan are to be held by the county treasurer as a separate fund as required under Workers' Compensation Law §64(2). In such fund, a self-insurance reserve is established in an amount not to exceed [\$200,000.00] where such sum represents the figure above the amount necessary to fully fund the actuarially determined outstanding ultimate liability of the Plan.

F. Reporting of Required Medical Tests:

Each Plan participant is responsible to provide medical tests and examinations as required by law, licensing agency, or government entity having oversight over the participant's employee

qualifications or standards. Upon compliance, but in any event within the timeframe required for compliance of such medical tests and examinations, the Plan participant shall provide confirmation or status to the Administrator of the completion of such required medical tests and examinations. The costs associated with any and all such tests shall be borne by the respective Plan participant.

G. Administrator Functions:

The plan administrator as appointed pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1956 shall have the following duties and authority within the annual estimate adopted, together with and in addition to such other duties as are required to administer the plan under the controlling laws and regulations that apply to the plan:

1. Prepare and recommend the annual estimate as set forth under WCL §67;
2. Secure a professional claims administrator, actuary and other required professional services for the implementation of the provisions of this local law;
3. Make safety recommendations to the Labor Management Safety Committee and engage safety professionals or trainers for any adopted safety measures;
4. Advise the legislature of significant changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, regulations and case law;
5. Settle plan claims or stipulate to plan claim resolutions. The administrator shall settle or stipulate to claim resolutions using a reasonable and prudent standard. In no event, other than medical exigency, shall the administrator voluntarily enter into such an agreement or stipulation if the amount to be paid, together with the total amounts expended for the given budget year will exceed the adopted budget for the given year. All such agreements and stipulations shall be reported to the chair at least quarterly;
6. Provide plan participants with all necessary forms at plan expense that are reasonably necessary for plan participants to file required claims forms, logs and reports;
7. Provide or arrange for participant "key employee" training on all plan procedural requirements, including, but not limited to, new claim and claim update reporting;
8. Report deficiencies of participant filing and reporting to the Labor-Management Committee or the legislature as prescribed herein for such action as authorized under Workers' Compensation Law §65(2).

H. Labor Management Safety Committee:

A Labor-Management Safety Committee is established under the plan as provided for under Workers' Compensation Law §71(2) and shall be constituted as directed therein. Within a line item in the annual estimate adopted for the plan, the Labor-Management Committee shall have the authority to:

1. Establish such plans and programs designed to educate public employees of the plan participants in proper health and safety procedures,
2. Design additional programs as may be appropriate to the development of a safe working environment in participants' facilities and job sites,
3. Publicize the availability of the plans and programs established by the Labor-Management Committee,
4. Review incident investigations in order to make safety recommendations to plan participants,

5. Receive notice of delinquency of plan participants from the administrator and take such action as it deems proper, including a penalty authorized under Workers' Compensation Law §65(2); excepting where the proposed penalty is for the participant to be expelled from the plan, such action shall be submitted to the legislature for authorization. No penalty imposed by the Labor-Management Committee shall exceed the penalty that the Workers Compensation Board is authorized to impose upon the plan.

Participants in the plan shall cooperate with the administrator and the Labor Management Committee by promptly filing all required reports, by aiding in the investigation of claims or incidents whether or not any injury occurred, by developing and enforcing safety programs adopted by the Labor Management Committee and by furnishing any additional aid or information that may be required to carry out the provisions and intent of the Workers' Compensation Law.

I. Penalties:

For any violation of the provisions of the foregoing section or of the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Law the Administrator may recommend to the Board of Legislators a penalty against any participant which shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). The Board of Legislators may upon resolution by a majority vote of the members present and voting upon roll call charge a penalty in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or expel such member from the plan. Any expulsion from the Plan shall require the payment of the expelled participant's equitable share of unfunded liabilities of the Plan, as calculated by an actuarial reserve estimate without discounting for present value.

J. Catastrophe Insurance:

The Administrator, subject to the approval of the legislature, may purchase excess insurance, the cost of which shall be an administrative expense of the plan and apportioned to the participants pro rata. A

V. DEFINITIONS

The terms as utilized in this local law shall have the meaning as set forth under Workers' Compensation Law §60 [Definitions] unless otherwise defined in this local law.

"Legislature" shall mean the legislature of the County of St. Lawrence.

VI. CONFLICTING LAWS

The provisions of this local law are intended to supersede the provisions of any other local law amending Local Law #2 of 1956 any conflicting provisions of such other amending local law notwithstanding.

The provisions of this local law are intended to be construed as consistent with the authorizing statutes as set forth in section 3 hereof and not in conflict therewith.

VII. SEVERABILITY

In the event any provision of this local law shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or

unenforceable; the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this local law shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality and unenforceability.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATES

This local law shall take effect January 1, 1957; except that subdivision C of section 1 shall take effect August 1, 1956 together with the effective dates of subsequent amendments being made hereto by local law. The effective date of the amendments and additions made by and through the provisions herein contained is upon the adoption of the same by the legislature and filing with the Secretary of State.

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE APPORTIONMENT FOR THE
YEAR 2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insured Plan has developed its budget for the year 2025, and

WHEREAS, the participant allocation of the plan costs is to be provided to the participants by September 1, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes that the following apportionment of Workers' Compensation costs for the year 2025 be applied to the participating municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

	<u>2024 Apportionment</u>	<u>2025 Apportionment</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease (-)</u>
St. Lawrence County	\$1,330,348	\$1,364,685	\$34,337
Soil and Water	\$2,694	\$1,452	-\$1,242

CITY:

Ogdensburg	\$288,924	\$353,957	\$65,033
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TOWNS:

Brasher	\$33,332	\$37,271	\$3,939
Canton	\$48,198	\$55,471	\$7,273
Clare	\$7,840	\$8,247	\$407
Clifton	\$37,565	\$34,079	-\$3,486
DeKalb	\$31,055	\$30,607	-\$448
DePeyster	\$11,240	\$12,941	\$1,701
Edwards	\$29,832	\$29,629	-\$203
Fine	\$43,461	\$41,278	-\$2,182
Fowler	\$28,995	\$28,636	-\$359
Gouverneur	\$37,971	\$33,640	-\$4,331
Hammond	\$14,862	\$16,112	\$1,250
Hermon	\$30,813	\$32,582	\$1,769
Hopkinton	\$26,825	\$25,195	-\$1,630
Lawrence	\$30,028	\$33,733	\$3,705
Lisbon	\$55,637	\$66,490	\$10,853
Louisville	\$56,758	\$55,616	-\$1,142
Macomb	\$17,314	\$18,514	\$1,200
Madrid	\$23,891	\$26,899	\$3,008
Massena	\$102,375	\$128,890	\$26,515
Morristown	\$36,095	\$35,457	-\$638
Norfolk	\$43,539	\$39,653	-\$3,886
Oswegatchie	\$34,282	\$32,891	-\$1,391

Parishville	\$56,659	\$60,052	\$3,393
Pierrepont	\$41,929	\$44,477	\$2,548
Pitcairn	\$14,019	\$15,889	\$1,870
Potsdam	\$87,939	\$80,158	-\$7,781
Rossie	\$13,446	\$12,942	-\$504
Russell	\$28,251	\$37,556	\$9,305
Stockholm	\$35,483	\$30,228	-\$5,255
Waddington	\$21,996	\$23,048	\$1,052

VILLAGES:

Canton	\$98,290	\$118,284	\$19,995
Gouverneur	\$81,118	\$74,800	-\$6,318
Hammond	\$1,166	\$997	-\$169
Heuvelton	\$15,375	\$7,844	-\$7,532
Massena	\$337,512	\$330,842	-\$6,670
Norwood	\$31,910	\$30,809	-\$1,101
Potsdam	\$210,599	\$174,519	-\$36,080
Rennselaer Falls	\$1,363	\$524	-\$839
Richville	\$17	\$16	-\$1
Waddington	\$19,055	\$13,090	-\$5,965

<u>TOTAL:</u>	\$3,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$100,000
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August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM
FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF A CONDEMNED STRUCTURE
LOCATED AT 209 RENSSELAER STREET, IN THE VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER
FALLS, NY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Village of Rensselaer Falls, located in the Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, approached St. Lawrence County in 2023 in relation to a destroyed building located at 209 Rensselaer Street, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13617 with Tax Map No. 87.037-3-12.2, which is owned by Palazzo Nail Spas, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the building, a former residential apartment rental building, was destroyed in a fire on February 27, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rensselaer Falls contacted St. Lawrence County to request that the County clean up the location and proceed with litigation against the owner for the tax delinquency and cleanup costs utilizing the Blighted Property Program established by the County, and

WHEREAS, the property is currently listed as tax delinquent based upon unpaid 2023 taxes with an amount of taxes due of \$173.88 along with interest, penalties, and fees of \$46.90 with the 2024 unpaid taxes having not been re-levied as of yet, and

WHEREAS, rather than commence a foreclosure action against Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc., the County Attorney approached Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc. about executing a transfer of the title to the property in lieu of foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2024, the Board of Legislators authorized the Chair to sign an agreement for the conveyance of 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton in lieu of foreclosure pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1170, Resolution No. 121-2024, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1170, “Any tax district may, when authorized by resolution of its governing body and in lieu of prosecuting a proceeding to foreclose a tax lien on any parcel of real property pursuant to this article, accept a conveyance of the interest of any person having any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or to such parcel,” and

WHEREAS, Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc. has provided a Quitclaim deed transferring the property in lieu of foreclosure to the County of St. Lawrence, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 121-2024 transferred 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton, in lieu of foreclosure on May 8, 2024, so the County could

move forward and clean up the property on its own, which is the goal of the Village and the County, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the “Blighted Property Program”, designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach to environmental clean-ups the county was already engaged in, and

WHEREAS, this property has been selected for demolition and bids have been solicited, and

WHEREAS, recommendations were made by the County Treasurer and County Attorney for the demolition and removal of the condemned structure known as 209 Rensselaer Street, Town of Canton with Tax Map No. 40220387.037-3-12.2, as well as the awarding of 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 a condemned structure located at 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, NY, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVAL OF BAD DEBT WRITE OFF FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 87-2014, adopted on April 7, 2014, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Falcon Recovery Systems, LLC, for St. Lawrence County to consolidate collections under one contract with Falcon, and

WHEREAS, 2024 bad debt accounts totaling \$59,483 are now uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, while the debt is owed and written off, the amount due is placed in the files of each customer in an effort to receive payment should they return for service in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to adjust the bad debt write offs for the Solid Waste Department, as follows:

DECREASE CONTRA ASSET ACCOUNT:

05TG0389 501W0	T EL Allowance for Receivables	\$59,483
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DECREASE ASSET ACCOUNT:

05TG0380 501W0	T EL Accounts Receivable	\$59,483
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August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE MULTI-USE
TRAIL AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency has awarded \$10,000 to St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail, and

WHEREAS, the additional funds will be used to hire a contractor with equipment to grade the ditch and prepare the road base for gravel,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Industrial Development Agency for funding received for the Multi-Use Trails, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Budget, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 40800 TRAIL	B Trail Property Maintenance	\$10,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

BF027705 55000 TRAIL	B Trail Other Revenue	\$10,000
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St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form



Type:

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted:

Reason Vacated:

Position Number:

Date Vacated:

Position # Abolished:

Position Status:

Last Fill Date:

Jurisdictional Class:

Appointee Will Be:

Per Week:

Shift Length:

FTE:

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving:

Fill Request Timeline:

Benefits:

Revenue Generating: %

Base Salary:

Reimbursed by Local,
State or Federal Funds: %

Base Hourly:

Grade:

Net County Cost:

*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

Department Head:

Donald Chambers

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma, or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must obtain a Class A OR B CDL within Twelve (12) months of appointment, if required by employing agency.

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form



Type:

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted:

Reason Vacated:

Position Number:

Date Vacated:

Position # Abolished:

Position Status:

Last Fill Date:

Jurisdictional Class:

Appointee Will Be:

Hrs Per Week:

Shift Length:

FTE:

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving:

Fill Request Timeline:

Benefits:

Revenue Generating: %

Base Salary:

Reimbursed by Local,
State or Federal Funds: %

Base Hourly:

Grade:

Net County Cost:

*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

Department Head: *Donald Chambers*

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

(A) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma and two (2) years of experience in the fabrication, painting or maintenance of traffic control devices; OR

(B) Four (4) years of experience as described in (A).

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

[Position Centrals Link](#)

[Employee Centrals Link](#)

Solid Waste



Type: Fill ☐

Site Crewleader

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: 6/24/2025

Reason Vacated: Retirement ☐

Position Number: 332300005

Date Vacated: 6/26/24

Position # Abolished: N/A

Position Status: Fulltime ☐

Last Fill Date: 6/7/2011

Jurisdictional Class: Labor

Appointee Will Be: Provisional ☐

Hrs Per Week: 40 Shift Length: 8 FTE: 1.00

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving: \$63,375

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately ☐

Benefits: Yes (52.94%) \$33,551

Revenue Generating: No ☐ 0 %

Base Salary: \$51,480

Reimbursed by Local,
State or Federal Funds: No ☐ 0 %

Base Hourly: \$24.75

Grade: SWD3

Net County Cost: \$96,926

*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

This position is intended to primarily work at the Gouverneur Transfer Station, but may rotate to other sites as needed. Responsibilities include operating the scale, cash register and communicating with the public. Other duties of this position include the operation of various equipment, such as a crane, loader and clearing snow during the winter months. Also, the Department is frequently short-staffed due to military and medical leaves. Failure to fill this vacant position would severely impede the ability to provide adequate customer service at the four (4) Solid Waste transfer stations.

Department Head:

Donald Chambers

[Submit to Human Resources](#)

Approved?

Yes ☐ No ☐

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan Diploma and two (2) years of full time experience in the operation of vehicle scales as the primary function of the job.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of New York State Weighmaster's License.