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St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
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Full Board
Monday, August 4, 2025
6:00 PM

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Smithers moved to add a resolution to the agenda in support of Governor Kathy Hochul's directive to construct a nuclear power plant in northern New York State, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

The motion for the amended agenda carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2025 and July 21, 2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, 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 was received from Ava Balster of Ogdensburg thanking the Board of Legislators for a scholarship.
2. A letter was received from Senator Dan Stec thanking the Board of Legislators for sending copies of Resolution No. 219-2025.
3. A letter was received from Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush thanking the Board of Legislators for sending copies of Resolution No. 219-2025.
4. A letter was received from Senator Dan Stec thanking the Board of Legislators for sending copies of Resolution No. 213-2025.
5. A letter was received from Senator Dan Stec thanking the Board of Legislators for sending copies of Resolution No. 214-2025.
6. A letter was received from Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush thanking the Board of Legislators for sending copies of Resolution No. 213-2025 and 214-2025.
7. A letter was received from Marlene Ashton of Piercefield requesting assistance with medical services for the residents of Piercefield.
8. A letter was received from Patricia Reandeau of Piercefield requesting medical assistance for the residents of Piercefield.

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Stu Legacy, Town of Brasher
Malinda Gonyea, Town of Brasher
Sue Ann Hourihan, Town of North Lawrence
Rebecca Allen, Town of South Colton
James Garola, Town of North Lawrence

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2025

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HAZEL MARION MATTHEWS

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual, a family, 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, Hazel Marion Moore was born on August 29, 1925 on what was known as the Hutchinson Farm in the Town of Russell, to her parents Donald and Frances Moore, and

WHEREAS, Hazel attended and graduated from Canton High School in June of 1943, and

WHEREAS, after graduation, she went to Syracuse, New York and worked at the General Electric Plant soldering radios for our Armed Forces during World War 2. After that, Hazel worked at a bar, serving sandwiches and drinks, and she was often asked to sing along with the piano player, and

WHEREAS, after Hazel returned home to Russell, she married Merton E. Matthews on October 26, 1947, and they were blessed with three daughters; Donna, Pat and Brenda, 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, for many years, Hazel cleaned homes, sold Beeline and Polltraman Fashions for 30 years, and

WHEREAS, she and her family moved to the Town of Clare in 1976 and Hazel was elected as Clare Town Clerk in 1980, a position she held until she retired in 2000, and

WHEREAS, shortly after celebrating their 50th Anniversary, her beloved husband passed away on October 31, 1997, and

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WHEREAS, Hazel has been and is still active in her community; she loves attending church in De Grasse, helping out with church and fire department dinners, and teaching Sunday school at Beech Plains Church and

WHEREAS, she is known to her family, friends and community as a spunky, strong-willed, intuitive and direct woman with a heart as big as the County she lives in, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Hazel Marion Matthews, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators wishes to honor this very special centenarian with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy and productive years.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 220-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2025

RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL EYE EXAM MONTH

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, vision health is essential to overall health and well-being, playing a critical role in learning, development, productivity, and quality of life, and

WHEREAS, many common eye conditions—such as glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and age-related macular degeneration—may not present noticeable symptoms in their early stages, making regular eye exams vital for early detection and treatment, and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), millions of Americans live with undiagnosed vision problems that can be corrected or improved with proper diagnosis and care, and

WHEREAS, children especially benefit from comprehensive eye exams, which help identify vision problems that may impact academic performance, reading skills, and social development, and

WHEREAS, National Eye Exam Month, observed each August, serves as an important

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reminder for individuals of all ages to schedule comprehensive eye exams and prioritize vision care as part of their preventive health routine, and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of the importance of eye health and regular vision screening can help reduce preventable vision loss and promote long-term eye wellness,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes the month of August as National Eye Exam Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Health encourages all residents to schedule regular eye exams, educate themselves about eye health, and support efforts to make vision care accessible to all.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 221-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 222-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND
PARTICIPATING MUNICIPAL POLICE AGENCIES, TO JOIN THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE AND MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET FOR
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FY24 HOWARD G. BUFFET FOUNDATION GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, many years ago the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has formed the County Drug Task Force and is in the process of forming the County Human Trafficking Task Force to include partnering agencies of Canton Village Police Department, Gouverneur Village Police Department, Massena Village Police Department, Ogdensburg Police Department, and Potsdam Village Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff in forming the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force would like to partner with the same Municipal Police Agencies that are currently included in the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff recognizes the benefit to the people of St. Lawrence County by consolidating resources to work towards a common mission related to drugs and human trafficking in the North Country, and

WHEREAS, the formation of the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force

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will allow the partner municipal police agencies to be reimbursed through the FY24 Howard G. Buffet Foundation grant funding (Res No. 238-2024) for a portion of the work performed within the Human Trafficking Task Force, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to move \$130,000 of the overtime and \$30,875 of fringe, from the county personnel and fringe accounts to the other fees and services account for outside agency reimbursement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, and participating municipal police agencies, joining the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force and Human Trafficking Task Force, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY24 Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 HGBF2	S CRIM HGBF Overtime	\$130,000
S1Z31108 81000 HGBF2	S CRIM HGBF Retirement	17,498
S1Z31108 83000 HGBF2	S CRIM HGBF Social Security	9,945
S1Z31108 84000 HGBF2	S CRIM HGBF Workers Comp	<u>3,432</u>
		\$160,875

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 43007 HGBF2	S CRIM HGBF Other Fees	\$160,875
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 222-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 223-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE FY22 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT (FY22 OPSG) WITH NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 400-2022 approved the contract for the FY22 Operation Stonegarden Grant (FY22 OPSG) in the amount of \$300,000 to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2025, and

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WHEREAS, staffing shortages in partnering agencies have resulted in unspent funds for overtime salary and fringe (S1Z31104 43007 SG2), prompting a request for an extension of this Grant, and

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has approved a one-year extension with a new contract end date of August 31, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY22 Operation Stonegarden Grant (FY22 OPSG) with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 223-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 224-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE
TOWN OF FINE FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 4078 STATE HIGHWAY 3,
STAR LAKE AT THE TOWN OF FINE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Town of Fine has offered space in their Town Office's located at 4078 State Highway 3, Star Lake, for a satellite office for the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, this space will provide a work station for Deputy Sheriff's in a remote area of the county that will provide 24/7 access for patrolling and investigative purposes, which will increase work flow efficiency and increase the law enforcement presence in the area, and

WHEREAS, the term of this lease agreement will be on a month-to-month basis beginning August 5, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, at the rate of one (1) dollar (S1031104 40700) with the potential for annual lease agreements thereafter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with the Town of Fine for office space located at The Town of Fine municipal building at 4078 State Highway 3, Star Lake, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 224-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 225-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TO PURCHASE A SPEED TRAILER**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has determined there is a need to purchase a speed trailer, currently there are two in operation, and

WHEREAS, this device is capable of providing speed rates with detailed reports, speed message displays, and traffic data, to provide road safety measures across the County, and

WHEREAS, funds were not budgeted in the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for this equipment, but unexpected revenue has been received as well as a remaining equipment budget to cover the costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to purchase a speed trailer as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1027705 55000	S Sheriff Misc Revenue	\$8,877
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 23000	S CRIM Automotive Equipment	\$11,633
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 25000	S CRIM Technical Equipment	\$20,510
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 225-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Burke.

Chair Forsythe recognized Sheriff Rick Engle to provide more context to the need for this resolution.

Motion carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) no votes (Lightfoot,

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Gennett).

Operations Committee: 7-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 226-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A
FY25 CARES UP GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF
MENTAL HEALTH SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER (OMH SPCNY)
AND THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HYGIENE (RFMH)**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 177-2025 approved the acceptance of a FY25 CARES UP Grant from New York State Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH), in the amount of \$42,250, and

WHEREAS, the payment schedule of this grant is a quarterly reimbursement for deliverables or activities completed by the anticipated timeline of up to \$30,000 per year, \$7,500 per quarter, as well as \$12,250 for training, 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 trainings and events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for a FY25 CARES UP Grant from the NYS Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4Z31502 26000 CARES	S Other Equipment	\$15,000
S4Z31504 41102 CARES	S Educational Workshops	2,250
S4Z31504 41901 CARES	S I/D Central Printing	500
S4Z31504 42000 CARES	S Office Supplies & Exp	500
S4Z31504 42004 CARES	S Computer Software	5,000
S4Z31504 42600 CARES	S Books and Periodicals	2,500
S4Z31504 43007 CARES	S Other Fees and Services	6,500
S4Z31504 44500 CARES	S Other Travel Reimbursement	<u>10,000</u>
		\$42,250

INCREASE REVENUE:

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S4Z34905 56000 CARES

S NYS CARES UP Grant Revenue

\$42,250

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 226-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 227-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION AND
MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY22
DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 401-2022 approved the Sheriff's Office to accept a FY22 Domestic Terrorism Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for \$172,413 with a contract period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2024, and Resolution No. 258-2024 approved an extension through August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services approved a reallocation of funds due to grant restrictions that did not allow the spend down of the overtime costs for training purposes as well as unspent consulting, supplies, and travel, to instead cover the costs of personnel and fringe for the many hours spent working with community stakeholders to update and develop the St. Lawrence County Threat Assessment Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension following the approval from NYS DHSES of a one-year contract extension that has been amended to September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026, and

NOW, ~~THEREFORE~~, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for a FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 DT

S CRIM Overtime

\$23,910

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S1Z31104 42000 DT	S CRIM Office Supplies & Exp	10,000
S1Z31104 43007 DT	S CRIM Other Fees & Services	<u>44,851</u>
		\$78,761

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 DT	S CRIM Supervisory/Admin	\$27,834
S1Z31101 14000 DT	S CRIM Clerical	31
S1Z31108 81000 DT	S CRIM Retirement	12,474
S1Z31108 83000 DT	S CRIM Social Security	6,685
S1Z31108 84000 DT	S CRIM Workers' Compensation	2,447
S1Z31108 84500 DT	S CRIM Group Life Insurance	169
S1Z31108 86000 DT	S CRIM Hospital & Med Insurance	27,554
S1Z31108 86500 DT	S CRIM Dental Insurance	1,199
S1Z31108 89000 DT	S CRIM Vision Insurance	<u>368</u>
		\$78,761

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 227-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Reagen.

Ms. Curran made a motion to add language to the title of the resolution at the beginning, "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension and," seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Curran made a motion to include language in the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED section to authorize the Chair to sign a contract extension and include rollover language in the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED section, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

The amended resolution carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-14-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 228-2025

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**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS TO TRANSFER ALL POST-SENTENCED STATE-READY
INMATES HOUSED IN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND URGING
RATE INCREASES CONSISTENT WITH COUNTY COSTS FOR THOSE INMATES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of the criminal justice system in the United States, and correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, during and after the prison strike, in light of the staffing issues, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), who is tasked with running the State prison system, determined not to accept from the County jails inmates who have been sentenced to State prison, even though the law requires them to be taken “forthwith”, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has attempted this practice in the past, with failed results, and

WHEREAS, in a 1988 Court of Appeals decision, the court told DOCCS that difficulties in operating its prison system cannot be used as an excuse to force County jails to keep inmates who lawfully belong in the prisons, and

WHEREAS, since the start of the strike, the number of state inmates in local jails has exploded from approximately two (2) hundred prior to the strike to about two thousand four hundred (2,400) today, with a range of anywhere from 10-30 post-sentenced, State-ready inmates staying in the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility at any given time, and

WHEREAS, because of hiring and retention problems at County jails, of which St. Lawrence County has not been immune, created in large part by misguided State policy and actions, many County facilities are operating at minimum staffing, requiring our officers to work excessive overtime hours, and

WHEREAS, the delay in transition of more than 2,400 extra prisoners into the local jails exacerbates the local staffing challenge, and negatively impacting the County facilities ability to provide to inmates programming, medical and other services, along with visits, phone calls and other electronic communications all of which have potential to cause morale and discipline problems with the inmates, and a more challenging working environment for our corrections officers, and

WHEREAS, the cost of keeping local jail inmates falls upon the counties and the cost of housing State sentenced inmates falls upon the State, however this is a cost avoided by the State by refusing to transfer already-sentenced inmates to State facilities, and

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WHEREAS, while the law does provide for the State, under some circumstances, to reimburse counties for the cost of holding State-ready inmates who are waiting for transfer from County Correctional facilities in the jails, currently that reimbursement is \$100 a day, and

WHEREAS, it appears the State of New York has adopted an illegal strategy of shifting the burden of post-sentence, State-ready inmates to local facilities to address their own staffing shortage and avoid longevity costs incurred by the State by adequate staffing in their facilities, thereby imposing an additional unfunded mandate local real property tax payers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon the Governor and the State of New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to immediately and “forthwith” accept and transfer all State-ready inmates from local County correctional facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon the Governor of the State of New York and the State Legislature to provide for increased reimbursement rates that closer match the actual cost incurred for State-ready inmates remain in their care longer than the ten (10) days permitted by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Assemblyman Billy Jones, and this resolution be submitted for consideration by NYSAC.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 228-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 229-2025

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**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING
RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH
TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS THROUGH FUNDING
TO APPROVED AGENCIES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received an updated NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid funding authorization to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

WHEREAS, this is one-hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for contract agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for funding received from the New York State Office of Mental Health to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	A CSS ARC	5,478
A4143224 465CA	A CSS Citizen Advocates Advances	1,896
A4143224 465CC	A CSS Catholic Charities	8,183
A4143224 465SS	A CSS Step by Step Advances	2,710
A4143224 465SV	A CSS Seaway Valley Prevention Council	<u>981</u>
		\$19,248

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$19,248
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465CC	A CRV Catholic Charities	6,127
A4243224 465SS	A CRV Step by Step Advances	6,954
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	<u>3,536</u>
		\$16,617

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	2,883
A4243224 465CA	A CRV Citizen Advocates Advances	<u>10,735</u>

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\$13,618

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health Programs	\$2,999
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4343224 465CA	A CPP Citizen Advocates Advances	5,292
A4343224 465SS	A CPP Step by Step Advances	<u>13,179</u>
		\$18,471

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health Programs	\$18,471
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	6,949
A4443224 465CH	A OFS CHJC Advances	623
A4443224 465JD	A JP Dwyer Vet Peer Support Project	2,952
A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	5,332
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	<u>51,943</u>
		\$67,799

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	\$11,420
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health Programs	\$56,379
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 229-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 230-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING

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**RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES
AND SUPPORTS TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO
APPROVED AGENCIES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received an updated NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) State Aid funding authorization to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

WHEREAS, this is one-hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for contract agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for funding received from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding to the approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2142304 46500	A St. Joe's Rehab Center	10,462
A2342504 46500	A NCFS Canton Other Advances	37,618
A2442504 46500	A SEACAP Other Advances	<u>610,318</u>
		\$658,398

INCREASE REVENUE:

A2134865 56000	A SA St. Joe's Rehab Center	10,462
A2334865 56000	A SA NCFH Canton Alcohol Addiction	37,618
A2427355 56000	A SA SEACAP Alcohol Addiction	<u>610,318</u>
		\$658,398

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 230-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2025

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**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MARKETING AND LICENSING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT AND "WALK WITH A DOC"**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the "Walk with a Doc" program was founded as a grassroots initiative by cardiologist Dr. David Sabgir in 2005, in an effort to inspire his patients to lead healthier lifestyles and improve health outcomes, and has since grown into an internationally recognized program with chapters in communities across the United States and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has participated in the program since 2018, actively supporting community engagement, physical activity, and health education through regular events, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Public Health Department is to ensure the health, safety and quality of life for all St. Lawrence County residents, and

WHEREAS, local county governments are, by New York State law, required to ensure the delivery of core public health services, including chronic disease prevention, and

WHEREAS, regular walking is an evidence-based measure to help prevent and manage a number of chronic diseases, including heart disease and diabetes, and

WHEREAS, the "Walk with a Doc" program encourages community members to participate in this health-promoting activity by combining movement and conversation to help people of all ages take steps toward a healthier lifestyle, and

WHEREAS, there is a \$250 fee associated with "Walk with a Doc" (PP040104 43007) and this agreement will require the Public Health Department to schedule at least eight (8) walks per year, which will include various venues throughout St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Marketing and Licensing Agreement between the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department and "Walk with a Doc," upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 231-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2025

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**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT
WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE CHILDREN
AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS PROGRAM GRANT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has renewed the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant for the time period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant is funded in the amount of \$65,853 annually (PE044895 57000 CSHN), and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program provides resources and referrals for children in the community to ensure access to healthcare, insurance, information and support services, and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, was awarded a one-time award of additional funding in the amount of \$37,832, bringing the total funding amount for year one (1) of the five (5) year grant to \$103,685 (PE044895 57000 CSHN), and

WHEREAS, the funding for the remaining four years of the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant for the time period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030 will be in the amount of \$65,853 annually (PE044895 57000CSHN), and

WHEREAS, this one-time funding will be used for community-based projects focused on enhancement of physical spaces to support the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program and their families and/or the creation of recreational or social support opportunities for the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amendment to the Contract with the New York State Department of Health for the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 232-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 233-2025

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**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR ALLOCATIONS UNDER THE OASAS OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING
FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has been approved to receive \$56,000 in funding from the St. Lawrence County Community Services Allocation of the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funding (OSF) spanning the 2024-2025 budget years, and

WHEREAS, the Department previously allocated a portion of these funds for "other travel, other fees and services, and postage," and

WHEREAS, this is being reallocated to support personnel directly engaged in opioid abatement activities, and

WHEREAS, personnel costs, including salaries and fringe, are allowable uses of opioid settlement funds provided they support approved abatement strategies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Public Health Department for allocations under the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funding, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 11000 OSF	P OSF Direct Services Workers	\$3,286
PPZ40104 41902 OSF	P OSF Commercial Printing	2,982
PPZ40104 43005 OSF	P OSF Advertising Fees & Expense	2,269
PPZ40108 81000 OSF	P OSF Retirement	587
PPZ40108 83000 OSF	P OSF Social Security	244
PPZ40108 84000 OSF	P OSF Workers Compensation	91
PPZ40108 84500 OSF	P OSF Group Life Insurance	4
PPZ40108 86000 OSF	P OSF Hospital & Medical Insurance	1,694
PPZ40108 86500 OSF	P OSF Dental Insurance	37
PPZ40108 89000 OSF	P OSF Vision Insurance	9
		<u>\$11,203</u>

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40104 41901 OSF	P OSF Central Printing	467
PPZ40104 42402 OSF	P OSF I/D Postage	2,450

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PPZ40104 43007 OSF	P OSF Other Fees & Services	4,793
PPZ40104 44500 OSF	P OSF Other Travel Reimbursement	<u>3,493</u>
		\$11,203

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 233-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-21-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2025

AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL ONE (1) SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR POSITION IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ABOLISH ONE (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST POSITION

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is committed to promoting and protecting the health of the community through effective education, prevention, and public health programming, and

WHEREAS, the Department is seeking a dedicated supervisory role to oversee public health education and outreach staff, the current lack of which strains administrative efficiency and the ability to ensure alignment with mandated public health goals and objectives, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Senior Public Health Educator position will provide critical supervisory oversight to the Public Health Specialists, Community Health Educator, and Communications Specialist, thereby enabling more effective coordination and accountability, and

WHEREAS, establishing this supervisory role will help ensure that staff efforts are strategically aligned with Article 6 State Aid requirements, including the verification of minimum required activities as specified in Public Health Law and 10 NYCRR, particularly in the areas of chronic disease prevention and management, community health assessment, and implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and

WHEREAS, the Senior Public Health Educator will help to streamline programming, avoid unnecessary duplication of services already provided by community partner organizations, and enhance collaboration across initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the delegation of supervisory responsibilities to the Senior Public Health Educator will allow the Deputy Director of Public Health, who currently supervises this group along with two additional staff, to dedicate more administrative attention to other priority areas of the Department such as environmental health, maternal and child health, lead poisoning

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prevention, and communicable disease control,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County Administrator to create one (1) full-time Senior Public Health Educator position in the Public Health Department, effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Health Specialist (Position No. 504300007), currently vacant, be abolished.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 234-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY
TO CONVEY POST-JUDGMENT TAX FORECLOSURE ACQUIRED PROPERTY
BACK TO THE REDEEMING TAX DELINQUENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the New York State 2024-2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the enacted budget reforms the property tax enforcement laws of New York State to bring them into compliance with a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, *Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota*, 598 U.S. 631 (2023), by providing that when tax delinquent property is sold, any excess proceeds be returned to the former owner(s), and where appropriate, to lienors, and

WHEREAS, this bill requires any surplus resulting from tax foreclosure sales to be distributed to the former owners and lienors, subject to claims incurred by the taxing authority for administrative costs and remediation, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Hennepin decision and the passage of the State Budget with modifications to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Legislators adopted Local Law No. 5 for the Year 2024, "Amending Local Law 2 for the Year 2023, Setting Policy on Acquisition and Sale of Tax Delinquent Property in St. Lawrence County", which amended the policy regarding disposition of acquired tax delinquent parcels and the date of last redemption, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators may permit redemption of tax delinquent parcels, after judgment has been obtained by the tax enforcing officer in the judicial tax foreclosure proceeding but prior to auction, by passage of a resolution authorizing the Chair and tax enforcing entity to execute all documents necessary to convey the foreclosed property back into possession of the redeeming tax delinquent, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Treasurer (in her capacity as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney protect the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all documents necessary to convey post-judgment tax foreclosure acquired property back to the redeeming tax delinquent, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior owners who have made payment of delinquent taxes to redeem property acquired by the County in foreclosure for the year 2025 will be paid toward the amount of delinquent taxes, plus any assessed penalties, interests and fees.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 235-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 236-2025

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE APPORTIONMENT
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insured Plan has developed its budget for the year 2026, and

WHEREAS, the participant allocation of the plan costs is to be provided to the participants by September 1, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes that the following apportionment of Workers' Compensation costs for the year 2026 be applied to the participating municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

<u>2025 Apportionment</u>	<u>2026 Apportionment</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease (-)</u>
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St. Lawrence County	\$ 1,364,685	\$ 1,431,662	\$ 66,977
Soil and Water	\$ 1,452	\$ 1,611	\$ 159

CITY:

Ogdensburg	\$ 353,957	\$ 326,759	-\$ 27,197
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TOWNS:

Brasher	\$ 37,271	\$ 36,824	-\$ 447
Canton	\$ 55,471	\$ 54,585	-\$ 886
Clare	\$ 8,247	\$ 7,060	-\$ 1,187
Clifton	\$ 34,079	\$ 34,522	\$ 443
DeKalb	\$ 30,607	\$ 27,991	\$ 2,616
DePeyster	\$ 12,941	\$ 13,490	\$ 549
Edwards	\$ 29,629	\$ 25,904	-\$ 3,725
Fine	\$ 41,278	\$ 41,336	\$ 58
Fowler	\$ 28,636	\$ 29,870	\$ 1,234
Gouverneur	\$ 33,640	\$ 40,688	\$ 7,048
Hammond	\$ 16,112	\$ 16,506	\$ 393
Hermon	\$ 32,582	\$ 30,109	-\$ 2,473
Hopkinton	\$ 25,195	\$ 21,769	-\$ 3,426
Lawrence	\$ 33,733	\$ 29,158	-\$ 4,575
Lisbon	\$ 66,490	\$ 53,575	-\$ 12,915
Louisville	\$ 55,616	\$ 56,951	\$ 1,335
Macomb	\$ 18,514	\$ 18,619	\$ 105
Madrid	\$ 26,899	\$ 26,291	-\$ 608
Massena	\$ 128,890	\$ 133,449	\$ 4,559
Morristown	\$ 35,457	\$ 40,132	\$ 4,675
Norfolk	\$ 39,653	\$ 38,814	-\$ 839
Oswegatchie	\$ 32,891	\$ 38,760	\$ 5,869
Parishville	\$ 60,052	\$ 44,078	-\$ 15,974
Pierrepont	\$ 44,477	\$ 43,347	-\$ 130
Pitcairn	\$ 15,889	\$ 14,865	-\$ 1,024
Potsdam	\$ 80,158	\$ 94,296	\$ 14,138
Rossie	\$ 12,942	\$ 12,138	-\$ 804
Russell	\$ 37,556	\$ 35,689	-\$ 1,867
Stockholm	\$ 30,228	\$ 40,489	\$ 10,261
Waddington	\$ 23,048	\$ 22,021	-\$ 1,027

VILLAGES:

Canton	\$ 118,284	\$ 95,475	-\$ 22,809
Gouverneur	\$ 74,800	\$ 78,161	\$ 3,361
Hammond	\$ 997	\$ 665	-\$ 332
Heuvelton	\$ 7,844	\$ 14,115	\$ 6,271
Massena	\$ 330,842	\$ 331,205	\$ 363
Norwood	\$ 30,809	\$ 32,641	\$ 1,832
Potsdam	\$ 174,519	\$ 194,291	\$ 19,772
Rensselaer Falls	\$ 524	\$ 526	\$ 2

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Richville	\$ 16	\$ 18	\$ 2
Waddington	\$ 13,090	\$ 18,545	\$ 5,455
<u>TOTAL:</u>	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 50,000

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 236-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 237-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH USHERWOOD FOR A WIDE FORMAT PRINTER/SCANNER AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Services is in need of a black and white, wide format printer/scanner which is mandated to print annual tax maps for municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the current wide format plotter which was purchased in 2015 no longer carries a maintenance contract and no longer prints, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Services has the only wide format scanner in St. Lawrence County Government used by multiple county departments, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Services produces revenue from scanning and printing at an amount not to exceed \$16,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Usherwood for a wide format printer/scanner for the Real Property Tax Services, 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 Real Property Tax Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

R1013552 22000	R Office Equipment	\$16,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$16,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 237-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 238-2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL A TAX MAP TECHNICIAN POSITION
AND ABOLISH A TAX MAP TECHNICIAN/CAD SPECIALIST POSITION IN
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, based on the needs of Real Property Tax Services, it has been recommended that a Tax Map Technician (Position No.106100001) be created and to abolish a Tax Map Technician/CAD Specialist (Position No. 106300003), and

WHEREAS, there are currently three (3) staff in the mapping department consisting of a Tax Map Technician and two (2) Tax Map Technicians/CAD Specialists, and

WHEREAS, recently a CAD Specialist was promoted to Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III, and

WHEREAS, staff will be reassigned and duties shared for efficiency within the Office to better serve local government,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to create and fill a Tax Map Technician Position and abolish a Tax Map Technician/CAD Specialist Position in Real Property Tax Services.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 238-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 239-2025

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**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW F
(NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "TO ALLOW ENROLLED VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER RPTL §466-A"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Local Law F (No. _) For The Year 2025, will establish exemptions for certain members of volunteer fire companies and ambulance services in St. Lawrence County, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law F (No. _) for the Year 2025, "To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers to be Eligible for a Real Property Tax Exemption Under RPTL §466-a" will be held on September 15, 2025, at 5:50 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW F (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "TO ALLOW
ENROLLED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE
WORKERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
UNDER RPTL §466-A"**

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

Section 1. **Legislative intent**

The legislature recognizes the role of the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in securing the safety and well-being of our communities. The legislature hereby finds that it is in the best social and economic interests of the County of St. Lawrence to encourage volunteerism for said purposes. To that end, by providing the following exemption, it is the intent to so encourage volunteerism for our various fire and ambulance companies.

Section 2. **Exemptions for certain volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers**

(a) Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in St. Lawrence County shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten (10%) percent of the assessed value of such property for county purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

(b) Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in such county unless:

(i) the applicant resides in the city, town or village which is served by

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such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

(ii) the property is the primary residence of the applicant;

(iii) the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion shall only be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and

(iv) the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department for at least two (2) years or the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least two (2) years;

(v) the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department and incorporated voluntary ambulance service has submitted to the St. Lawrence County Director of Emergency Services a complete list of enrolled members, with their respective dates of service for such incorporated voluntary fire company, or fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service. The St. Lawrence County Director of Emergency Services shall then review all potential candidates and certify those that meet the necessary criteria to be eligible for this exemption.

(c) Application for such an exemption shall be filed with the assessor on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the state board.

(d) No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who, by reason of such status, is receiving any benefit under the provisions of this article on the effective date of this section shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this section.

(e) Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within this County.

Section 3. **Effective date**

This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to real property having a taxable status date on or after the first day of January 2026 next succeeding the date on which this

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act shall have become a law.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 239-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Webster, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 240-2025

APPROVING FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #7 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FINAL DESIGN FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 35 (SLAB CITY) BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the implementation and funding of a state-aid eligible transportation federal-aid project, to fully fund the local share of federal and state-aid eligible and ineligible project costs and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a project for the Final Design for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 (Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty (80%) percent federal funds, fifteen (15%) percent State Marchiselli funds and five (5%) percent local match, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators desires to advance the above Project by making a commitment of one-hundred (100%) percent of the non-federal share of the costs of Final Design for the Project or portions thereof, with the federal share of such costs to be applied directly by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) pursuant to Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves Federal Aid Highway Project Supplemental Agreement #7 for Additional Funding for Final Design for the County Route 35 (Slab City) Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County Treasurer, with County Attorney approval, to pay in the first instance, one-hundred (100%) percent of the Federal and non-federal share of the cost of Final Design for the Project of portions thereof, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby agrees that the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of the Federal Aid Project funding awarded to the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with the NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding, of the federal and non-federal share of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 240-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Fay, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 241-2025

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**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MEOLA ENTERPRISE
FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY IN LISBON,
POTSDAM, AND RUSSELL OUTPOSTS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Department of Highways is in need of professional cleaning services for its Lisbon Outpost located at 554 County Route 28A, Lisbon, NY, Potsdam Outpost located at 7074 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY and Russell Outpost located at 3896 County Route 24, Russell, NY (HR051304 40800 LOP, HR051304 40800 POP and HR051304 40800 ROP), and

WHEREAS, the County requested quotes from qualified cleaning services in accordance with the County's procurement procedures, and

WHEREAS, Meola Enterprise was the lowest bid in the amount of \$67.50 per visit for the Lisbon Outpost, \$90 per visit for the Potsdam Outpost and \$67.50 per visit for the Russell Outpost for a one (1) year contract beginning on the award date with up to three (3) additional one (1) year terms if mutually agreed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Meola Enterprise for cleaning services at the Department of Highway in Lisbon, Potsdam, and Russell Outposts, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 241-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 242-2025

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**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 FOR FINAL DESIGN FOR COUNTY ROUTE 34
OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of a Transportation Project, which may be eligible for Federal Aid and/or State Aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds.

WHEREAS, a project for Final Design for the County Route 34 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426 (Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of ninety-five (95%) percent federal funds and five (5%) percent non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred (100%) percent of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Final Design,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Legislators approves New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement # 1 for Final Design for County Route 34 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County Treasurer, with County Attorney approval, to pay in the first instance one-hundred (100%) percent of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Final Design for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators agrees that the County shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal Aid, State Aid or Bridge NY funding awarded to the Department of Highways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and funding of Project costs of the County and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid and State Aid eligible Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the

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New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 242-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 243-2025

**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 FOR FINAL DESIGN FOR COUNTY ROUTE 22
OVER SAWYER CREEK, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of a Transportation Project, which may be eligible for Federal Aid and/or State Aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds.

WHEREAS, a project for Final Design for the County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425 (Project) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of ninety-five (95%) percent federal funds and five (5%) percent non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred (100%) percent of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Final Design,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators, approves the New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #1 for Final Design for County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County Treasurer, with County Attorney approval, to pay in the first instance one-hundred (100%) percent of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Final Design for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators agrees that the County shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal Aid, State Aid or Bridge NY funding awarded to the Department of Highways, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and funding of Project costs of St. Lawrence County and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid and State Aid eligible Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 243-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 244-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AND APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL
AGREEMENT NO. 2 WITH AMENDMENT B WITH THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SNOW & ICE CONTROL**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 131-2025 authorized the Chair to sign a five (5) year contract (D014745) with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Snow and Ice Agreement, and

WHEREAS, Supplemental Agreement No. 2, including Amendment B, has been presented by NYSDOT for approval, and

WHEREAS, approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Amendment B is deemed to be in the best interest of St. Lawrence County to ensure continued participation in the program and proper compensation for services rendered, and

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WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 winter season exceeded the estimated expenditures by \$623,879.41(HS023025 55000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Amendment B with the New York State Department of Transportation Snow and Ice Control, and authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary agreements, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 244-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-28-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 245-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE IN BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AND THE PURCHASING OFFICE
AND CREATING POSITIONS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE FACILITIES,
AUDIT, & PROCUREMENT FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee;
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, Chair, Buildings & Grounds Committee;
and Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, there are a total of 33.5 FTEs in two units of the County Administrator's Office, Purchasing and Buildings & Grounds, with these two units being responsible for the maintenance of county facilities and procurement of all goods and services for the County, and

WHEREAS, a combination of vacancies and an aged leadership structure have impacted the ability of both units to complete important tasks which include but are not limited to; custodial services, building maintenance and repairs, landscaping and parking lots, stockroom inventory and billing, preparation and distribution of request for proposals/request for qualifications and quotes, the management and award of bids/contracts, auditing of invoices and reimbursement requests for approval, support for the work order system, and

WHEREAS, following the completion of the most recent Capital Project at the Public Safety Complex, recommendations were reviewed regarding how to improve the standards of maintenance and cleaning through ensuring the appropriate level of training is provided along with clear direction on the execution of tasks that will result in competently maintaining county facilities with a thorough understanding of the new equipment while continuing to maintain equipment beyond its useful life, and

WHEREAS, countywide, the last few years have seen a notable increase in the number

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of department relocations, both temporary and permanent, across county government, and without dedicated positions to this type of work, this responsibility falls to the maintenance and custodial staff which can prevent necessary repairs and cleaning from being addressed in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, the staffing in the Purchasing Office requires additional support and has been impacted by an inability to fill positions complicated by an increase in Capital Projects, fleet management, and the Audit, requiring consideration that a higher level of fiscal function is needed at this time, which could be accomplished by abolishing the Assistant Purchasing Agent (Position No. 012000001) and creating a Principal Fiscal Officer in the Purchasing Unit, and

WHEREAS, the current structure in Building & Grounds also requires attention, with the goal of establishing standards for efficiency of equipment maintenance and cleanliness with training which could best be accomplished by adding one (1) Buildings and Grounds Supervisor along with one (1) Custodial Worker, and one (1) Senior Groundskeeper, and

WHEREAS, the organizational structure would shift to allow for the three (3) Buildings and Grounds Supervisors to divide the functions into specialty areas with staff reporting to these supervisors and these changes are recommended by the County Administrator after consultation with staff and will now require the Board of Legislators' action to facilitate these changes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the restructuring of the organizational structure in Buildings & Grounds and the Purchasing Office and creating Positions to Effectively Manage Facilities, Audit, & Procurement for St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following positions be created and filled in the Buildings & Grounds Unit and Purchasing Units of the County Administrator's Office as follows: one (1) Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, one (1) Custodial Worker, one (1) Senior Groundskeeper, and one (1) Principal Fiscal Officer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grade of the Director of Governmental Services will be placed in a Grade VII and paid at max step, retroactive to January 1, 2025, and follow the increases associated with unrepresented titles in the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these changes, along with renewed efforts to fill the Superintendent role and vacancies as quickly as possible, will support the infrastructure in Buildings & Grounds and Purchasing Units to provide assistance to departments in county government.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 245-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 246-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR ADVERTISING**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County incurs costs for publishing local laws and advertising vacancies via newspapers and online, and

WHEREAS, according to McKinney's County Law § 214(2), the Clerk of the Board is required to publish the entirety of newly adopted local laws in the designated news publications, and

WHEREAS, the County has adopted five (5) local laws so far this year, including the lengthy amended Sanitary Code for Public Health, and

WHEREAS, additionally, there is a need to advertise for Department Head vacancies when they occur, often unanticipated in the Budget, which get advertised in a wider market in larger newspapers in various areas of the State, and

WHEREAS, the advertising costs for 2025 have exceeded what was budgeted,

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 advertising, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$40,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BO010404 43005	B CLB Advertising Fees & Expenses	\$40,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 246-2025, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 247-2025

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**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR A FY23 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (SICG)
FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 102-2024 adopted, April 1, 2024, approved the acceptance of a FY23 SICG Formula Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$798,892, and

WHEREAS, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) approved a reallocation for this grant and a budget modification is required to cover the cost of the Geo-Redundant Prime (\$766,405), Yamaha audio/visual communications equipment (\$7,295) by reducing the consulting costs (\$25,192), and

WHEREAS, these costs were originally planned for the FY24 SICG Formula Grant but due to the end date of this grant on December 31, 2025, and having already received the invoice for the Geo-Redundant Prime as well as the ability to order the Yamaha equipment this year, this modification will allow FY23 SICG to be closed out by the contract end date, and

WHEREAS, the original FY23 SICG Budget of Tower Site Development Costs (\$500,000), Land Mobile Radio Infrastructure (\$148,892) and Consulting (\$150,000) has been approved for FY24 SICG Formula Grant, Resolution No. 198-2025, which will allow additional time to continue with the development and construction of tower sites,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for a FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications (SICG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X2Z36404 43007 23SI	X 23SI Other Fees & Services	\$124,808
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X2Z36402 25000 23SI	X 23SI Technical Equipment	\$124,808
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 247-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 248-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED, INC. CORPORATE PARTNER SECURE SCAN/UNITY HOUSE OF TROY FOR SCANNING SERVICES FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
By Mr. Lightfoot, Temporary Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Probation Department 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 (Q1031404 43006), and

WHEREAS, DCJS has approved monies to be used for data management, New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID) corporate partner Secure Scan/Unity House of Troy 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, CD's and paper files as required by New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. corporate partner Secure Scan/Unity House of Troy for scanning services for the Probation Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 248-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL'S DIRECTIVE TO CONSTRUCT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN NORTHERN NEW YORK STATE

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, the State of New York continues to face growing energy needs and a mandate to transition toward clean, reliable, and sustainable electricity sources, and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has proposed the construction of a nuclear power plant in northern New York State to generate ~~zero-~~ **low-carbon** emission electricity sufficient to power over one million homes, marking a transformative step in achieving statewide climate and energy goals, and

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WHEREAS, nuclear energy provides a stable baseload power supply critical for industrial sectors, while producing zero greenhouse gas emissions during operation, and

WHEREAS, the construction phase of the nuclear power plant is expected to create an estimated 3,000-5,000 high-paying jobs, including skilled trades, engineering, and construction management roles, while its long-term operation will sustain more than 500 permanent positions with competitive salaries and career growth opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the successful siting of Micron Technology's \$100 billion semiconductor manufacturing complex near Syracuse illustrates the growing demand for massive, reliable, and clean energy supplies to power advanced manufacturing, data processing, and industrial innovation, and

WHEREAS, the nuclear power plant would not only help meet Micron's substantial energy needs, ~~estimated at 16 billion kilowatt-hours annually~~, but also positions Upstate New York as a premier destination for future energy-intensive investments, such as artificial intelligence (AI) hubs, electric vehicle production, biotechnology campuses, and high-capacity data centers, and

WHEREAS, the co-location of large-scale clean energy infrastructure and cutting-edge industry creates a powerful synergy that drives regional economic development, enhances grid stability, and reduces dependency on fossil fuels, and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of stakeholders has voiced strong support for this initiative, including,

- **Keith Shue, Nuclear New York Representative**, a non-partisan advocacy organization which promotes nuclear energy as a cornerstone of New York's de-carbonization and reliable power future and emphasized that existing facilities need to be preserved as next generation nuclear technologies are deployed;
- **Dr. Youssef Bailout, Director of Reactor Systems Design & Analysis Division** at the Idaho National Laboratory, and has an extensive background in reactor design, development and performance;
- **IBEW Vice President Dennis Affinati**, who praised the initiative for generating thousands of skilled construction jobs and hundreds of permanent positions;
- **MACNY President Randy Wolken**, who highlighted nuclear energy's importance for powering fast-growing, high-tech sectors like microchips, AI, and biotech;
- **Nuclear Energy Institute CEO Maria Korsnick**, who described the directive as bold leadership for reliable energy and economic opportunity;
- **Columbia University Climate Scientist James Hansen**, who called nuclear vital to climate stability and praised Governor Hochul's courage;
- **Clarkson University Professors Thomas Ortmeyer and Leo Jiang**, members of a national research institution leading in grid modernization, energy systems engineering,

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and nuclear innovation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators affirms its strong support for Governor Kathy Hochul's directive to construct a nuclear power plant in northern New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Power Authority to work diligently, expeditiously and impartially in determining the most suitable location on which to site a nuclear power plant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on local, state, and federal authorities to prioritize permitting, regulatory streamlining, and public-private coordination necessary to accelerate the deployment of this critical energy infrastructure, while ensuring robust public engagement and workforce development programs that serve the communities of Upstate New York.

Mr. Smithers moved to adopt Resolution No. 249-2025, seconded Mr. Fay, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Curran, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Gennett made a friendly amendment to the second (2nd) WHEREAS to replace "zero emission" with "low-carbon emission."

Mr. Reagen made a friendly amendment to the sixth (6th) WHEREAS to strike "estimated at 16 billion kilowatt-hours annually."

The amended resolution was carried by a Roll Call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) no vote (Gennett).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle reported a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$4,535.09 for Emergency Services to pay for annual maintenance for Priority Dispatch as well as a portion of their annual subscription for Power DMS.

There was a delay in filing the wireless surcharge, but NYS Tax and Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller signed a waiver for St. Lawrence County to begin collecting that surcharge on September 1st.

St. Lawrence County has received revenue from the adult use cannabis tax. The County has received 8 payments (4 in 2024 and 4 so far in 2025). The total received in 2024 was \$27,575.96, and the total in 2025 so far is \$47,023.35.

Ms. Doyle shared a Letter of Support for the NY BRICKS Grant Opportunity for United Helpers.

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The NYSAC President J.D. Clark has reappointed Ms. Doyle to two (2) committees at the NaCo organization, the Programs & Services Standing Committee and the Rural Action Caucus.

There were two (2) bid openings last Tuesday for the Potsdam Interoperability Tower and for the Courthouse Improvement Project, which includes a second (2nd) Family Court. Bids are being evaluated and will be brought to the Buildings & Grounds Committee, and then will be brought to the Board later this month.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be meeting with a company to begin discussions about the care and maintenance of the systems at the Correctional Facility. The Correctional Facility opened in 2009, so after seventeen (17) years of being open, the County would like to evaluate and put together a maintenance and replacement plan for the facilities.

The Emergency Services Director Search Committee will meet this Wednesday, August 6, to select candidates for the next phase of the hiring process.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Gennett brought forward new business regarding the issue of trucks in the County not covering their loads with tarps.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:31 p.m., to discuss litigation and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

Mr. Perkins moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Youth Advisory Board - Youth Committee**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Phebe Grandy, Waddington, 13694 (Term to Expire: 6/30/2027)
- Jeffery Palma, Russell, 13684 (Term to Expire: 6/30/2028)

Mr. Perkins moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Community Services Board**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Dhruv Modi, Ogdensburg, 13669 (Term to expire: 12/31/2028)
- Josh Whitmarsh, Colton, 13625 (Term to expire: 12/31/2028)

Mr. Perkins moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board OPWDD Subcommittee**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Josh Whitmarsh, Colton, 13625 (Term to expire: 12/31/2028)

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Sheridan as the Chair of the Real Property Director Search Committee.

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Mr. Forsythe appointed Don Chambers to look at the cost of tracking the vehicles in County fleets with GPS.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 8:17 p.m., as there was no further business.