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

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

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of District 9.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hull, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hull moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2025, and seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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

1. A letter was received from Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush letting us know his office received a copy of Resolution No. 315-2025.
2. A Thank you card was received from the family of past Legislator Dan Fay, expressing heartfelt appreciation for the floral arrangement that was sent.
3. A letter was received from the Town of Parishville Supervisor, Rodney Votra expressing his support for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System.
4. A letter was received from the St. Lawrence County Neighbors for Sensible OHV Standards, thanking the Board of Legislators for their time and attention at the September 15th Full Board meeting.
5. A letter was received from the Town of Lawrence Supervisor, Donald Villnave on behalf of the Town of Lawrence expressing their full support for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mark Berninghausen, Stockholm
Deb Christy, Canton
Tony Arquiett, Brasher Falls
Joel LaPierre, Gouverneur
Phil Trivilino, Black Lake
John Glasgow, Pierrepont
Ron Roberts, Colton
Carol LaDue, Massena
Ryan Powers, Fowler
Joel Church, Norwood
Kevin Madill, Parishville
Brad Barlow, Degrasse

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Mark Peets, Brasher
Kevin Cootware, Hopkinton
Jerry Defiore, Massena
Nate Lagrowe
Jeanie Robideau, Colton

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 316-2025

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORY MONTH

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 345-2020 was adopted in December of 2020 declaring October as St. Lawrence County History Month, and

WHEREAS, a Petition to form St. Lawrence County was received in the New York State Assembly on February 8, 1802, was read and sent to committee, then the bill passed the Assembly on February 18, 1802 called "The Act to erect part of this state into a county, by the name of the County of St. Lawrence" and was passed March 3, 1802, and

WHEREAS, when the County was organized formally on March 3, 1802, it included four towns: Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, and Oswegatchie, and

WHEREAS, all contributions of the founding officials in the early days of St. Lawrence County are recognized, appreciated, and supported by those who follow in their footsteps and preserve the good work of the County today, and

WHEREAS, the first Board of Supervisors included Nathan Ford in Oswegatchie, Alexander J. Turner in Lisbon, Joseph Edsell in Madrid, and Matthew Perkins in Massena, and

WHEREAS, the first County Clerk was Louis Hasbrouck who was responsible for the first fire-proof Clerk's Office and the first record in the office was recorded on May 29, 1802, and

WHEREAS, the first Sheriff was Elisha Tibbetts, the first St. Lawrence County Judge was Nathan Ford, and the first Court of Common Pleas was held "on the first Tuesday in June 1802" at the old barracks in Oswegatchie, and

WHEREAS, the first term of the General Sessions of the Peace was held June 1, 1802 at the old barracks in Oswegatchie and the Surrogate Court first convened April 27, 1805 by Matthew Perkins to hear the last will and testament of Ezekiel Colburn, and

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WHEREAS, the first newspaper published in the County was “The Palladium” by John C. Kipp and Timothy Strong of Vermont with money given to them to purchase a building and a press in 1810 by David Parish and Daniel Church, and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, the County Historian will partner with the local town and village historians to share information about the County and plan events that will feature portions of St. Lawrence County history,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims October as St. Lawrence County History Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the importance of commemorating the anniversary and declaring a month specific to St. Lawrence County history is intended to cultivate an opportunity for information sharing and to reach new audiences that will preserve the rich history in every area of the County.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 316-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Services Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 317-2025

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 19-25, 2025, AS NATIONAL LEAD POISONING
PREVENTION WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is observing National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week from October 19-25, 2025, and joining the national commitment to eliminating lead poisoning, and

WHEREAS, even low levels of lead exposure have been shown to affect the developing brains of children, and

WHEREAS, health problems caused by elevated blood lead levels are often invisible and irreversible in children, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has worked to protect our children by encouraging parents to have young children screened for elevated blood lead levels at one (1) and two (2) years of age, and

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WHEREAS, effective October 2019, changes to the New York State Public Health Law (§1370) and Part 67 of Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, lowered the definition of an elevated blood lead level (EBLL) from ≥ 10 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ to ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$; increasing the number of children in St. Lawrence County that are being monitored for EBLLs, and

WHEREAS, as of September 2025, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the Public Health Department is actively monitoring 78 children with elevated blood lead levels, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that approximately half a million children living in the United States have lead levels high enough to cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, developmental delays, and, at very high levels, seizures, coma, and even death, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department recognizes the importance of educating parents and communities about the sources of lead exposure, and

WHEREAS, joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in encouraging parents to learn more about lead exposure prevention, and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of childhood lead exposure is critically important so that parents, healthcare providers, housing authorities, building and construction interests, educators, and others can work together to prevent children from being exposed to lead in the environment, and

WHEREAS, the focus campaign for the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is “End Childhood Lead Poisoning”, which reminds governments, civil society organizations, health partners, industry and others of the unacceptable risks of lead exposure and the need for action to protect children’s health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators proclaims October 19-25, 2025, as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 317-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 318-2025

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, breast cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting women and men in the United States and around the world, with early detection and treatment significantly improving survival rates, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and ongoing research continues to advance prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options, and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, observed each October, is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early detection through regular screenings, promoting education about risk factors, and supporting those affected by breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness helps encourage individuals to seek timely mammograms, clinical breast exams, and practice breast health awareness, ultimately reducing mortality and improving quality of life, and

WHEREAS, countless survivors, caregivers, healthcare providers, researchers, and advocates work to support breast cancer patients, advance research, and promote community education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to participate in awareness activities, support breast cancer research, and promote regular screenings and education to fight this disease.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 318-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 319-2025

**DECLARING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, October has been designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month,
and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Domestic Violence Task Force has been
working to bring about changes in community norms which support the development of
healthy relationships and families in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is working to create a continuum of services, which range
from prevention, crisis intervention, and counseling, through shelter, advocacy and legal
intervention, and

WHEREAS, as the lead agency of the task force, Renewal House has planned
activities throughout the county to highlight Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this year's
theme is "With Survivors, Always", a commitment to stand and support survivors of domestic
violence by prioritizing their needs, voices, and unique experiences, fostering solidarity, and
working towards their safety and well-being,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares
October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens
of the county to support the development of healthy, non-violent relationships.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 319-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, and Mr.
Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 320-2025

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2025 AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

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WHEREAS, Cybersecurity Awareness Month was launched in October 2004 by the National Cyber Security Alliance and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is observed nationally, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme is “Stay Safe Online”, and

WHEREAS, key practices promoted this year include using strong passwords and password managers, enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA), updating software, and recognizing and reporting scams, and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cyber Security Alliance 2023 report, eighty-four percent (84%) of people consider online safety a priority, and

WHEREAS, ninety-five percent (95%) of data breaches are due to human error, and forty-six percent (46%) of all cyber breaches occur in companies with fewer than 1,000 employees according to Mastercard, and

WHEREAS, Cybersecurity Awareness Month promotes awareness about the importance of cybersecurity across our nation, personally and professionally, ensuring that all Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims October 2025 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Information Technology will dedicate time this month at Operations and Finance Committees to educating legislators on the County efforts to keep the environment safe.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 320-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Services Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 321-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS ACCEPTING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANTS 2025-2026

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has determined that the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Grant will be funded at \$94,427 with an additional

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Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$12,800 for a total budget of \$100,176, and

WHEREAS, funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee was requested and approved for the time period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, (Q7233895 56000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts accepting the Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants 2025-2026.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 321-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 322-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR OASAS
OPIOID STEWARDSHIP FUNDING FOR MEDICATIONS IN THE
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board's Local Government Unit (LGU) is receiving \$14,559 annually for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2025, to pay for all FDA-approved formulations of naltrexone and buprenorphine used to treat incarcerated individuals with opioid use disorders in the Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, this Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) pass-through funding will be received quarterly and will be reported in our annual Consolidated Fiscal Report submission, and

WHEREAS, the LGU will release this funding to the Correctional Facility upon receipt of a voucher inclusive of receipts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for Opioid Stewardship Funding for Medications in the Correctional Facility, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2542304 46500

SLC Sheriff Jail Meds

\$7,280

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INCREASE REVENUE:

A2534865
56000

A SA Sher Jail Meds

\$7,280

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 322-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Services Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 323-2025

**ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE WALMART SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANT FOR
THE "HUMANS DON'T HIBERNATE" CAMPAIGN**

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

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is committed to promoting the health and wellness of county residents through community-based initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the "Humans Don't Hibernate" Campaign is a wellness initiative designed to engage residents in healthy activities during the last quarter of the year, encouraging physical activity, nutrition, and community involvement, and

WHEREAS, the Campaign will launch at the Nicandri Nature Center in Massena with the second annual 5K/Fun Day, an event open to people of all ages and abilities, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has been awarded Walmart Spark Good Local Grant funds in the amount of \$500 (PP027055 55000) in support of this initiative, and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to provide resources for residents to complete campaign challenges, including cooking kits, healthy cookbooks, snowman kits, and other wellness-focused supplies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting funds from the Walmart Spark Good Local Grant in the amount of \$500 for the purposes of supporting the Humans Don't Hibernate Campaign.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 323-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 324-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES FOR THE
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT AND APPROVAL OF RATES RELATED TO SERVICES FOR THE
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department engages the services of several individuals and agencies to provide services for the Preschool Special Education Program, and

WHEREAS, the Preschool Special Education Program Contracts cover the following services, Center-Based Program (PK040504 46502), Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) (PK040504 47700), Evaluation (PK040504 48600) at rates set by the New York State Education Department, and Related Services (PK040504 47700) at rates set by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the rates paid to providers for Related Services (PK040504 47700) are set by the County and reflect cost from the agency providing services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for services for the Preschool Special Education Program in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following rates for Related Services for the Preschool Special Education Program and Approval of Rates Related to Services for the Preschool Special Education Program as follows:

<u>SERVICE:</u>	<u>MAXIMUM RATE PER HALF HOUR:</u>	<u>MAXIMUM RATE PER HALF HOUR (NEW RATE*)</u>
Audiology	\$75	
Counseling	\$64	
Teacher and Hearing Impaired	\$58	
Occupational Therapy*	\$69	\$73*
Physical Therapy*	\$61	\$73*
Speech Therapy*	\$63	\$73*
Group Rates (OT, PT, ST - per child)*	\$45	\$47*
Teacher of Visually Impaired	\$50	

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1:1 Aide	\$14
Interpreter	\$16
Teaching Assistant	\$15
Psychological Services	\$60
1:1 Medical Aide	\$17
Orientation & Mobility	\$66
Parent Training	\$64
School Health Services/Nurse	\$55
School Social Work	\$64
Coordination two or more related services	\$64
Assisted Technology Service	\$54
Nutritional Services Home Visit	\$60
* New Rate	

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 324-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 325-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE SHIN-NY STATEWIDE COMMON PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AS REQUIRED UNDER 10 NYCRR 300.6 ON BEHALF OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is subject to the requirements of 10 NYCRR 300.6, which mandates participation in the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY) for the purpose of secure exchange of health information to support patient care and public health activities, and

WHEREAS, participation in the SHIN-NY requires execution of the Statewide Common Participation Agreement (SCPA), which is a new, common legal framework for all healthcare entities that participate in the SHIN-NY and will replace the numerous, different agreements which have historically governed participation in the SHIN-NY, providing uniformity, reducing redundancy, and improving efficiency, and

WHEREAS, such participation will support the Public Health Department's ability to securely share and receive health information in support of its mission to protect and promote the health of county residents, and

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WHEREAS, the SHIN-NY SCPA execution process is being facilitated by the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) in its role as NYSDOH State Designated Entity for SHIN-NY oversight and administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the SHIN-NY Statewide Common Participation Agreement as required under 10 NYCRR 300.6 on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 325-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 326-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE
FAMILY-CENTERED SERVICES PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget appropriated additional Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for Social Services districts to hire Family-Centered Case Management Services staff or retain those hired during the previous program year, and

WHEREAS, the additional staff and resources will support the needs of families whose circumstances require a more intensive level of case management and specialized services to stabilize their households and transition toward greater financial security, and

WHEREAS, the target population includes households with complex needs such as mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, substance-use disorders, and/or those experiencing domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the priority of service will be to families experiencing or in danger of experiencing homelessness, and

WHEREAS, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) requested that all districts submit a plan that provided an overview of how the funds would be administered, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Family-Centered Services program plan was approved for \$263,713, and

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WHEREAS, the funds are available for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services for the Family-Centered Services Program as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60101 11000 FCCM	D FCCM Direct Service Workers	\$116,340
DAG60101 12000 FCCM	D FCCM Supervisory/Administration	24,683
DAG60101 14000 FCCM	D FCCM Clerical	834
DAG60104 41901 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Central Printing	25
DAG60104 42001 FCCM	D FCCM Computer Supplies	2,000
DAG60104 42101 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Copying Equipment	260
DAG60104 421FL FCCM	D FCCM Fleet Lease	22,836
DAG60104 42302 FCCM	D FCCM Other Phone Services	815
DAG60104 42303 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Telephone	194
DAG60104 43007 FCCM	D FCCM Other Fees	9,016
DAG60104 44000 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Automotive Expenses	2,500
DAG60104 44100 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Fuel Charges	2,500
DAG60104 420GE FCCM	D FCCM Office Supplies	3,590
DAG60108 81000 FCCM	Retirement	19,094
DAG60108 83000 FCCM	Social Security	10,228
DAG60108 84000 FCCM	Workers' Compensation	3,745
DAG60108 84500 FCCM	Group Life Insurance	259
DAG60108 86000 FCCM	Hospital & Medical Insurance	42,383
DAG60108 86500 FCCM	Dental Insurance	1,844
DAG60108 89000 FCCM	Vision Insurance	<u>567</u>
		\$263,713

INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46105 57000 FCCM	D FCCM FA Revenue	\$263,713
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds remaining at the end of the year will be rolled over to future years until fully expended.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 326-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 327-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS
WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATION
FUNDING (YSEF) PROGRAMS GRANT FUNDING**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2025 Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Programs, and

WHEREAS, signing the RAP Signature Page qualifies the County for reimbursement from New York State in the 2025 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 373-2024 was adopted on December 2, 2024, authorizing the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and contracts with various organizations for Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Programs, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colton (Girls on the Run) did not expend \$2,500 in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Board met on September 9, 2025, and recommended reallocation of \$2,500 allocated to the Town of Colton to the YSEF Program-Town of Stockholm,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the amendments to the contracts with various organizations for Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Programs as follows:

<u>YSEF Organizations</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Town of Colton	\$2,500	\$0
Town of Stockholm	\$4,000	\$6,500

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 327-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) abstained vote (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 328-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS AND SIGN THE 2026 RESOURCE
ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires the Youth Bureau to submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2026 Youth Development Program (YDP) year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursement from New York State in the 2026 Program Year, and OCFS has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Funds (Y4073204 46000) available to provide Youth Development Programs, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2026 for Youth Development Programs is \$90,701 (Y4073204 46000) and various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Development Program funding through the Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, provide fiscal/grant management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2026 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Youth Development Program Funds and sign the 2026 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, upon approval of the County Attorney, to the following organizations:

<u>YDP Organizations:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Canton Free Library	\$4,200
CASA of the Great Lakes-Seaway Region	\$5,000
Gardenshare Food Systems Series for Youth	\$3,720
Let's Play, Canton! Village of Canton	\$12,000
Massena Salvation Army Youth Programs	\$3,600
Massena Therapeutic Recreation Program	\$2,500
Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club	\$4,000
Ogdensburg Recreation Kids Summer Series	\$5,050
Ogdensburg Youth Garden Club	\$7,602
PAL of Massena Youth Development Programs	\$6,850

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SLC Arts Council	\$12,500
SLC People Project Mental Health Awareness	\$4,160
SLC Renewal House Resilient Connections	\$15,519
STEAM Programs for Youth NCCM	\$4,000

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 328-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) abstained vote (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 329-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND
EDUCATIONAL FUNDING AND SIGN THE 2026 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN
SIGNATURE PAGE**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires the Youth Bureau to submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2026 Youth Development Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2026 Program Year, and various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Sports and Educational Funding (YSEF) through the Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2026 for Youth Sports and Educational Funding (YSEF) is \$56,548 (Y4073204 46500), and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds (Y4073204 46500) available to provide Youth Sports and Educational Funding (YSEF), and

WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and county agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, provide fiscal/grant management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2026 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Youth Sports and Educational Funding and authorizes the Chair

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to sign the 2026 Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) signature page, upon approval of the County Attorney, with the following organizations:

<u>YSEF Organizations:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Black Lake Fish and Game Club	\$4,000
Brasher Stockholm Recreation	\$8,000
Clifton-Fine Youth Commission Youth Sports	\$5,290
Greater Gouverneur Youth Development Program	\$9,758
Heuvelton Recreation Program	\$8,000
Louisville Summer Recreation	\$2,500
Potsdam Figure Skating Club	\$4,000
Town of Lisbon Recreation	\$10,000
Town of Parishville	\$5,000

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 329-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) abstained vote (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 330-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH TEAM SPORTS
FUNDING AND SIGN THE 2026 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN
SIGNATURE PAGE**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2026 Youth Development Program (YDP) year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursement from New York State in the 2026 Program Year, and various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Team Sports (YTS) funding through the Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2026 for Youth Team Sports (YTS) is \$45,327 (Y4073204 46100), and OCFS has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds (Y4073204 46100) available to provide Youth Team Sports (YTS), and

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WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and County agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, provide fiscal/grant management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2026 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Youth Team Sports (YTS) programs and sign the 2026 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, upon approval of the County Attorney, to the following organizations:

<u>YTS Organizations:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Louisville Minor Hockey	\$8,709
Massena Minor Hockey Association	\$3,500
North Country Blizzard Softball-Ogdensburg	\$3,000
Norwood-Norfolk Youth Baseball and Softball	\$7,500
PAL of Massena Power Leagues	\$4,200
Parishville Area Recreational Club (PARC)	\$4,000
Play It Safe: AED Protection-City of Ogdensburg	\$2,400
Town of Hammond Youth Recreation	\$8,500
Village of Massena-Massena Lacrosse	\$3,518

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 330-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) abstained vote (Terminelli).

Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 331-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR OVERTIME, HAZMAT, AND SOFTWARE EXPENSES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has exceeded the Budget in accounts for 2025, and

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WHEREAS, a portion of the Spillman CAD software costs were omitted during the Budget process, a Budget modification is necessary to provide adequate funding to meet the department's contractual obligations, and

WHEREAS, the Department has received invoices for hazmat expenses incurred in a prior fiscal year, which were not submitted in time for payment within that fiscal year, and must now be paid from the current year's budget, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all accounts, increases can be offset within the existing budget, while also using \$9,995 of targeted contingency funds for overtime and an additional \$5,868 from contingency towards software expenses,

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 overtime, hazmat, and software expenses, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

XP012895 55000	X Other Dept Income	\$632
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$15,863
X1034102 25000	X FIRE Technical Equipment	10,000
X1134102 25000	X HAZMAT Technical Equipment	5,500
XPT36404 43007	X TOWERS Other Fees and Services	<u>3,500</u>
		\$34,863

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1C34101 18000	X CD Overtime	\$9,995
X1134104 40700	X HAZMAT Bldg & Prop Rent	2,500
X1134104 43007	X HAZMAT Other Fees and Services	3,000
XP036404 42004	X Computer Software	<u>20,000</u>
		\$ 35,495

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 331-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 332-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH
EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO ACT AS A THIRD PARTY
ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH PLAN**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2017, St. Lawrence County contracted with Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield for third party administrator services, after a full review of health insurance benefit changes by St. Lawrence County Healthcare Consultants, St. Lawrence County, and the seven (7) Unions associated with St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the benefit consultant for conducted a Request for Proposal for third party administrator services for the St. Lawrence County self-insured health plan, and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Committee met with the benefit consultant on September 4, 2025, to review the request for proposals, and

WHEREAS, the benefit consultant recommended that St. Lawrence County extends their contract with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield for third party administrator services through 2028, and

WHEREAS, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield provides higher than average provider discounts resulting in savings on billed amounts, an expanded network of providers to plan members, as well as no reduction or disruption in benefits for plan members, and

WHEREAS, there has been no change to the contract provisions, and

WHEREAS, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield also provides stop loss insurance for the St. Lawrence County health insurance plan, and

WHEREAS, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield has guaranteed administrative fees for services as provided for the timeframes indicated below:

Per Contact Per Month (2025): \$46.11

Per Contact Per Month (2026): \$46.11 and one (1) month admin holiday

Per Contact Per Month (2027): \$46.11

Per Contact Per Month (2028): \$46.11

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield to act as a third party administrator for the St. Lawrence County Health Plan, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute up to an additional one (1) year extension of this agreement with the authorization of the Healthcare Committee.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 332-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 333-2025

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE STOP-DWI PROGRAM AND TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGETS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Special Traffic Options Program, also known as STOP-DWI, was created in an effort to empower counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other illicit substance-related traffic injuries and fatalities, with the context of a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining statewide alcohol and highway safety program, as outlined by VTL 1197, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Program is a partnership of agencies and individuals working to identify priority traffic safety problems and plan viable solutions in order to reduce the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities on the roadways, the program is for the public to help teach and inform them of any traffic-related topics such as teen driver safety, older drivers, car seat safety, bicycle safety, and e-bike safety, and

WHEREAS, these two (2) programs have been budgeted and administered by the Community Services Department, and due to a recognized conflict of confidentiality between the programs and programs provided by Community Services, these programs are recommended for relocation to the Probation Department, and

WHEREAS, counties across New York State host these programs in a variety of departments and for St. Lawrence County the recommendation is for Probation to provide these services going forward, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended for these programs to be transferred to the Probation Department, beginning October 2025, and

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WHEREAS, based on this recommendation, this resolution provides for the transfer of the responsibilities and the budget to be transferred from Community Services to the Probation Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the transfer of the STOP-DWI Program and Traffic Safety Program responsibilities to the Probation Department and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budgets for Community Services and the Probation Department.

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A7133151 11000	A SDWI Direct Service Workers	\$38,089
A7133151 14000	A SDWI Clerical	9,165
A7133154 41102	A SDWI Educational Workshops	700
A7133154 41901	A SDWI Central Printing	125
A7133154 42000	A SDWI Office Supplies & Expen	125
A7133154 42101	A SDWI I/D Copying Equipment	50
A7133154 42402	A SDWI I/D Postage	146
A7133154 42700	A SDWI Memberships & Dues	89
A7133154 42800	A SDWI Law Enforcement Supplies	1,300
A7133154 43007	GTSC Other Fees and Services	8,471
GTSC		
A7133154 44000	A SDWI I/D Automotive Expenses	125
A7133154 44100	A SDWI I/D Fuel Charges	75
A7133154 44500	A SDWI Other Travel Reimbursement	1,280
A7133154 430JC	A SDWI JSTC & Const Felony Fees	350
A7133158 81000	Retirement	5,801
A7133158 83000	Social Security	3,418
A7133158 84000	Workers' Compensation	1,316
A7133158 84500	Group Life Insurance	85
A7133158 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	14,617
A7133158 86500	Dental Insurance	642
A7133158 89000	Vision Insurance	232
A7233151 11000	A RTSP Direct Service Workers	55,316
A7233154 41102	A RTSP Educational Workshops	200
A7233154 41901	A RTSP Central Printing	50
A7233154 42000	A RTSP Office Supplies & Expen	40
A7233154 42101	A RTSP I/D Copying Equipment	53
A7233154 42402	A RTSP I/D Postage	59
A7233154 42700	A RTSP Memberships & Dues	75

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A7233154 42800	A RTSP Other Supplies	1,708
A7233154 43007	A RTSP Other Fees & Services	9,827
A7233154 44000	A RTSP I/D Automotive Expenses	250
A7233154 44100	A RTSP I/D Fuel Charges	300
A7233154 44500	A RTSP Other Travel	420
A7233154 430SV	A RTSP Fitting Station-MSS	8,693
A7233158 81000	Retirement	7,512
A7233158 83000	Social Security	4,140
A7233158 84000	Workers' Compensation	1,450
A7233158 84500	Group Life Insurance	99
A7233158 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	11,800
A7233158 86500	Dental Insurance	738
A7233158 89000	Vision Insurance	281
		<u>\$189,212</u>

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q7133151 11000	A SDWI Direct Service Workers	\$38,089
Q7133151 14000	A SDWI Clerical	9,165
Q7133154 41102	A SDWI Educational Workshops	700
Q7133154 41901	A SDWI Central Printing	125
Q7133154 42000	A SDWI Office Supplies & Expen	125
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Q7133154 44000	A SDWI I/D Automotive Expenses	125
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Q7133154 44500	A SDWI Other Travel Reimbursement	1,280
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Q7133158 81000	Retirement	5,801
Q7133158 83000	Social Security	3,418
Q7133158 84000	Workers' Compensation	1,316
Q7133158 84500	Group Life Insurance	85
Q7133158 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	14,617
Q7133158 86500	Dental Insurance	642
Q7133158 89000	Vision Insurance	232
Q7231891 11000	A RTSP Direct Service Workers	55,316
Q7231894 41102	A RTSP Educational Workshops	200
Q7231894 41901	A RTSP Central Printing	50
Q7231894 42000	A RTSP Office Supplies & Expen	40

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Q7231894 42101	A RTSP I/D Copying Equipment	53
Q7231894 42402	A RTSP I/D Postage	59
Q7231894 42700	A RTSP Memberships & Dues	75
Q7231894 42800	A RTSP Other Supplies	1,708
Q7231894 43007	A RTSP Other Fees & Services	9,827
Q7231894 44000	A RTSP I/D Automotive Expenses	250
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Q7231894 44500	A RTSP Other Travel	420
Q7231894 430SV	A RTSP Fitting Station-MSS	8,693
Q7231898 81000	Retirement	7,512
Q7231898 83000	Social Security	4,140
Q7231898 84000	Workers' Compensation	1,450
Q7231898 84500	Group Life Insurance	99
Q7231898 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	11,800
Q7231898 86500	Dental Insurance	738
Q7231898 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>281</u>
		\$189,212

DECREASE REVENUE:

A7116895 55000	A LR Victims Impact Panel	\$2,060
A7126155 55000	A LR STOP DWI Fines	18,529
A7133895 56000 GTSC	A State Aid GTSC	8,471
A7133895 560IG	A SA Ignition Interlock	4,500
A7233895 56000	A SA Regional Traffic Safety P	<u>75,997</u>
		\$109,557

INCREASE REVENUE:

Q7116895 55000	A LR Victims Impact Panel	\$2,060
Q7126155 55000	A LR STOP DWI Fines	18,529
Q7133895 56000 GTSC	A State Aid GTSC	8,471
Q7133895 560IG	A SA Ignition Interlock	4,500
Q7233895 56000	A SA Regional Traffic Safety P	<u>75,997</u>
		\$109,557

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 333-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 334-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR
COSTS RELATED TO THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF THE
CANTON OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, earlier in 2025 the Probation Department relocated from the first floor of the Court House, Canton, to the third floor at the Blevins Building located at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, due to pending renovations at the Court House, and

WHEREAS, this relocation was not anticipated when the 2025 Budget was prepared and the expenses incurred have exceeding the amounts previously approved, and

WHEREAS, as an example, the rent for the aforementioned location was not budgeted for 2025,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031404 42004	Q Computer Software	\$14,517
Q1031404 43007	Q Other Fees & Services	<u>13,777</u>
		\$28,294

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031404 40700	Q Ogd Building & Property Rent	\$28,294
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 334-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 335-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A
FY26 POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES (PTS) GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW
YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant in the amount of \$9,090 through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for 2026, and

WHEREAS, the grant provides funding to cover overtime costs related to planned events intended to increase seat belt usage in efforts to reduce dangerous driving behaviors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to accept a FY26 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 GTSC	S CRIM PTS Grant Overtime	\$9,090
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z33895 56000 GTSC	S SA CRIM State Aid	\$9,090
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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. 335-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 336-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR THE 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) AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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 purpose of the additional \$3,000 in funding is to support the organization of a Wellness Day event for employees and their families, with the objective of promoting strong familial relationships and reinforcing the support networks that contribute to the well-being and resilience of our staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract for the 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) and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4Z31504 43007 CARES	Other Fees and Services	\$3,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S4Z34905 56000 CARES	NYS CARES UP Grant Revenue	\$3,000
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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. 336-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 9-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 337-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY SERVICES GROUP INC. FOR FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, The Correctional Facility requires ongoing food service management and procurement services to ensure the proper preparation and nutritional adequacy of meals served to individuals in custody, and

WHEREAS, Trinity Services Group, Inc. has demonstrated the qualifications and capacity to provide comprehensive correctional food service operations, including management oversight, procurement, and compliance with applicable dietary and accreditation standards as the Cayuga County Correctional Facility Food Service Provider (RFP #2024-28), and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement includes a full-time onsite manager for support and procurement needs, cleaning and paper supplies up to \$10,000 annually, dietitian services, accreditation support services, and all food and beverage items required for meal production, billed at a sliding scale rate based on the inmate population (S4031504 45200), and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the agreement shall be three (3) years with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms under the same terms and conditions, subject to mutual agreement and continued satisfactory performance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a service agreement with Trinity Service Group Inc. for food service management and procurement services at the Correctional Facility, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 337-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 338-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ESTATE OF MAHLON CLEMENTS, MCYC, LLC., AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, GRANTING THE COUNTY ACCESS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT RIVERSIDE AVENUE, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF MAHLON CLEMENTS AND MCYC, LLC., TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent 2023 taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club, located at Riverside Avenue, Ogdensburg, New York (Tax ID# 48.071-2-1.11), and

WHEREAS, delinquent real property taxes are due and owing in the amount of \$6,167.99, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$2,538.24 for a total of \$8,706.23, and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Site is a part of a historical location on the shoreline of the City of Ogdensburg known as the former “Augsbury” site, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Kiwanis Site, the Augsbury site included two (2) additional sites owned by the Estate of Mahlon T. Clements (“Clements Site”), owner of property located at Riverside Avenue, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 (Tax ID# 48.063-2-2.1) (“Clements Site”), and MCYC, LLC, a New York limited liability company, owner of property located at 502 Riverside Avenue, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 (Tax ID# 48.071-2-1.2) (“MCYC Site”), and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have an environmental investigation conducted on the Kiwanis Site, as well as the Clements Site and the MCYC Site, to obtain information about the current environmental conditions, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the disposition of the Kiwanis Site prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered and prior to the possible acquisition of the Clements Site and the MCYC Site, and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid litigation between the parties, an agreement between MCYC, LLC, the Estate of Mahlon Clements, and the County is necessary to allow access by the County and its affiliates or agents to the Clements Site and the MCYC Site in order to perform said environmental investigation, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement granting the County of St. Lawrence and its affiliates access to

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properties located at Riverside Avenue, Ogdensburg, New York, owned by MCYC, LLC and the Estate of Mahlon Clements in order to perform an environmental investigation (T1013254 43007), upon the review and approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 338-2025, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 339-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR
INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RETENTION OF OUTSIDE
LEGAL COUNSEL**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §501(2) "...whenever the interests of the board of supervisors or the county are inconsistent with the interests of any officer paid his compensation from county funds, the county attorney shall represent the interests of the board of supervisors and the county [while the conflicted officer] may employ an attorney-at-law" who shall be reimbursed pursuant to the policies by Public Officer's Law §18, and

WHEREAS, coordinated strategies are being implemented to decrease long-term costs associated with continued retention of outside counsel, and

WHEREAS, short-term costs have increased due to the current litigation that have been sent to outside counsel reaching a more active status, and

WHEREAS, due to discovery phases, trial preparation, and upcoming trials, there will not be sufficient funds to pay future billings to outside counsel through the end of the 2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, since 2015 the number of cases assigned to outside counsel has continued to decrease, however the costs associated with those few remaining with outside counsel have increased due to market changes, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to transfer funds from the fund balance of the Casualty and Liability Fund (08), to the operational budget by increasing the appropriated fund balance to provide appropriations for those obligations as they come due,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for increased costs associated with retention of outside legal counsel, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0911 50300	CS Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$125,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0910 50300	CS Appropriated Fund Balance	\$125,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LR019304 43002	LR Legal Fees	\$125,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 339-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 340-2025

AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF OMITTED TAXES TO THE 2026 TAX ROLL

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Sections 520 and 551 of the Real Property Tax Law make provisions for the taxation of exempt property upon transfer of title and addition of omitted parcels from the roll of the previous year, and

WHEREAS, Section 520 states that the property shall be taxed pro rata for the unexpired portion of any fiscal year during which said transfer of title occurred, and

WHEREAS, for purposes of any fiscal year or years during which title to such property is transferred, such property shall be deemed to have been omitted, and this annual resolution provides for these scenarios,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the addition of omitted taxes to the 2026 tax roll pursuant to Sections 520 and 551 under Title 3 of Article Five (5) of the Real Property Tax Law.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 340-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 341-2025

ADOPTION OF THE EQUALIZATION RATES FOR 2026 COUNTY TAXES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 900 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law requires that county taxes be levied upon the basis of the full valuation of taxable real property determined in accordance with Article 8 of that law, and

WHEREAS, Article 8 requires the apportionment of county taxes upon the aggregate full value of taxable real property in each city and town determined by dividing the assessed valuation thereof by the county equalization rate established for each city and town by the county equalization agency, and

WHEREAS, Section 804 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law requires the annual adoption of the county equalization rates by the county legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the adoption of the equalization rates for 2026 County Taxes, as follows:

<u>MUNICIPALITY:</u>	<u>EQUALIZATION RATE:</u>
Ogdensburg	97
Brasher	79
Canton	65
Clare	1.88
Clifton	68
Colton	79
DeKalb	73
Depeyster	100
Edwards	69
Fine	83
Fowler	8
Gouverneur	72
Hammond	74
Hermon	84
Hopkinton	67
Lawrence	75

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Lisbon	59
Louisville	100
Macomb	38
Madrid	69
Massena	79
Morristown	79.50
Norfolk	66
Oswegatchie	75
Parishville	4.85
Piercefield	78
Pierrepont	64
Pitcairn	100
Potsdam	100
Rossie	76
Russell	44
Stockholm	95
Waddington	62

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 341-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 342-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON &
LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES NEEDED TO
PREPARE APPENDIX A FOR THE TOWN OF COLTON FOR THE MULTI-USE
TRAIL CAPITAL PROJECT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 193-2017 which changed Local Law to approve all-terrain vehicle operation on certain public lands and County Roads, and

WHEREAS, these Local Laws took effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A as included in the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Multi-Use Trail System, and

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WHEREAS, a new trail segment in the Town of Colton has been requested for inclusion on the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. has agreed to provide environmental services needed to prepare the Appendix A-Environmental Checklist for the new trail segment for a fee not to exceed \$3,550 (BF079894 43007 TRAIL),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to provide environmental services needed to prepare Appendix A for the Town of Colton for the Multi-Use Trail Capital Project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 342-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) present vote (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 343-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH J & J EQUIPMENT LLC TO RENT A STREET SWEEPER AND ASSUME LIABILITY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of county roads and infrastructure within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, effective street sweeping is essential for public safety, environmental protection, and the preservation of road surfaces by removing debris, sediment, and other materials, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has identified a temporary need for a chassis-mounted street sweeper to supplement its existing equipment fleet to address specific project requirements, and

WHEREAS, renting a chassis-mounted street sweeper offers a cost-effective and flexible solution to meet this immediate need without the significant capital expenditure associated with purchasing new equipment (HM551104 42100), and

WHEREAS, the rental pricing of \$11,500 per month is based on the New York State Office of General Services (NYS OGS) Contract No. PS69110SB, and

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WHEREAS, the rental agreement for such equipment requires the Department of Highways to assume liability for the operation and use of the rented chassis-mounted street sweeper during the rental period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with J & J Equipment LLC to rent a street sweeper and assume liability, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County shall assume liability for the operation, maintenance, and any incidents arising from the use of the rented chassis-mounted street sweeper during the term of the rental agreement.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 343-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 344-2025

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, in the event that the local Highway System is impacted by an event, NYSDOT forces can normally only offer assistance when an Emergency Declaration is issued by New York State, and

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

WHEREAS, by executing an Agreement beforehand, for a four-year term, emergency needs on the Highway System owned by St. Lawrence County can be addressed without having to wait for paperwork to be processed or an Emergency Declaration to be enacted, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements for a Shared Services Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for emergencies, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 344-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 345-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR SERVICES TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways provides various services, including road maintenance and construction, to municipalities within the County, and

WHEREAS, an increase in requests for services from other municipalities has resulted in additional work for the Department of Highways, and

WHEREAS, this increased work has generated additional revenue and incurred unforeseen expenses related to machinery rental, materials, and equipment usage, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways recommends a modification to the Budget to more closely reflect actual operations for 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways' as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H1	Paving Materials	\$45,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HG027705 55000	H HSOG Svcs Other Govt	\$150,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	\$114,000
HG051484 42100	H Equipment Rental	5,000
HG051484 454HS	H HSOG Hwy Supplies & Exp	<u>76,000</u>
		\$195,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 345-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 346-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR
WINTER MAINTENANCE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is responsible for maintaining safe and passable roads throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the current appropriations in the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for sub-contractors and machinery rental is exhausted and will likely be needed before year end to meet the projected operational needs for the upcoming winter season, and

WHEREAS, anticipated revenue can be used to offset the increase in appropriations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways' as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HS023025 55000	H LR State Snow Removal	\$565,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HS051444 40600	H Snow Machinery Rental	\$50,000
HS051444 465CO	H Snow 50-59 Sub-Contracts	<u>515,000</u>
		\$565,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 346-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 347-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS TO ADD NEW EQUIPMENT
TO THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE SOLID WASTE
DEPARTMENT AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Solid Waste functions financially as an independent enterprise fund, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 151-2018 authorized the first separate comprehensive insurance policy for Solid Waste in an effort to protect St. Lawrence County in the event of costly claims, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 160-2023, Resolution No. 131-2024, and Resolution No. 161-2025 authorized the renewal of the comprehensive insurance policy for sequential terms, and

WHEREAS, the current insurance policy in place is provided by the U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has recently acquired a piece of equipment is recommended to be included in the current comprehensive insurance policy, and

WHEREAS, the addition of this equipment has increased the 2025 insurance premium, causing an excess over the budgeted amount (WA017104 41405), and

WHEREAS, this amount can be offset by a transfer of funds from the Highway & Street Equipment line (WO081602 24000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any and all documents necessary to add the acquired equipment to the Solid Waste Department's comprehensive insurance policy, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Solid Waste to transfer funds for increased insurance premiums as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WO081602 24000

W OPR Highway & Street Equip

\$1,605

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 41405	W ADM Comprehensive Insurance	\$1,605
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 347-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 348-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 405-2024 authorized a targeted appropriation of \$200,000 from the general fund, fund balance and the 2024 appropriations were provided along with an additional \$48,795 to complete the phase of the Tree Removal Project, and

WHEREAS, the Project phase was complete and funds remain available for the next phase, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District has functioned in an administrative and operational capacity to oversee the Ash Tree and Hazardous Tree Removal Project and have solicited bids for the next phase, and

WHEREAS, the successful bid is being awarded to Putney Tree Service at a cost of \$321,000 for tree removal which will consist of 4,197 trees in the towns of Clare, Clifton, Edwards, Fine, Fowler, Hermon, Hopkinton, Lawrence, Parishville, Piercefield, Pierrepont, Pitcairn, and Russell, and

WHEREAS, due to restrictions on species protected by the NYS DEC, tree removal will occur from November 1, 2025 - March 1, 2026,

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 removal of additional trees in St. Lawrence County, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$121,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Appropriated	\$121,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1S87304 46000	B Partner Agency - SWCD	\$321,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Manager will share the progress and final report of tree removal with the Board of Legislators, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will roll over to future years until fully expended.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 348-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 349-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense has exceeded the 2025 budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, with eligibility standards changing, along with State-mandated rate increases, the cost of providing indigent defense continues to rise, with the State reimbursing up to fifty percent (50%) of these increased costs, and

WHEREAS, State reimbursement will exceed the amount in the 2025 Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	\$300,000
IA011704 430FC	IA AC Family Court Cases	<u>300,000</u>
		\$600,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

IA030255 56000	IA AC SA Indigent Legal Services	\$600,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 349-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 350-2025

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW G (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "SENIOR CITIZEN
EXEMPTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2010"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent

In accordance with the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from county taxation to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation as long as the income of the owner or combined income of the owners does not exceed \$25,000.

Section 2. Exemptions for Senior Citizens

Where the income of the owner or combined income of the owners exceeds \$25,000, the exemption shall be calculated at the percentage provided for in section 467 (1)(b)(1).

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ANNUAL INCOME

<u>EQUAL TO</u>	<u>BUT LESS THAN</u>	<u>% EXEMPT</u>
\$0.00	\$25,000	50%
\$25,000	\$26,000	45%
\$26,000	\$27,000	40%
\$27,000	\$28,000	35%
\$28,000	\$28,900	30%
\$28,900	\$29,800	25%
\$29,800	\$30,700	20%

Section 3. **Effective Date**

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

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 350-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 9-29-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 351-2025

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW H (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2005, "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 459-C OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW""

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. **Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes**

Real property owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a husband, wife or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, and whose income, as hereafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation for County purposes to the extent as provided in the following schedule:

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ANNUAL INCOME

<u>EQUAL TO</u>	<u>BUT LESS THAN</u>	<u>% EXEMPT</u>
\$0	\$25,000	50%
\$25,000	\$26,000	45%
\$26,000	\$27,000	40%
\$27,000	\$28,000	35%
\$28,000	\$28,900	30%
\$28,900	\$29,800	25%
\$29,800	\$30,700	20%
\$30,700	\$31,600	15%
\$31,600	\$32,500	10%
\$32,500	\$33,400	5%

Section 2. **Definitions**

For purpose of this Section:

(a) "Sibling" shall mean a brother or a sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.

(b) A person with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drug use, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working, and who (i) is certified to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under the federal Social Security Act, or (ii) is certified to receive Railroad Retirement Disability benefits under the federal railroad Retirement Act, or (iii) has received a certificate from the state commission for the blind and visually handicapped stating that such person is legally blind, or (iv) is certified to receive a United States Postal Service disability pension. An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board or a certificate from the state commission for the blind and visually handicapped, or an award letter from the United States Postal Service shall be submitted as proof of disability.

Section 3. Any exemption provided by this section shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law, excluding the school tax relief (STAR) exemption authorized by section four hundred twenty-five of this title, have been subtracted from the total amount assessed; provided, however, that no parcel may receive an exemption for the same municipal tax purpose pursuant to both this section and section four hundred sixty-seven of this title.

Section 4. No exemption shall be granted:

(a) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the sum of \$33,400. Income tax year shall mean the twelve month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where the husband or wife, or ex-husband or ex-wife is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances or monies earned through employment in the federal foster grandparent program. (In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income);

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

(c) Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the disabled person; except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving health-related care as an inpatient of a residential health care facility, as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered income for purposes of this section only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse or sibling of such person for care in the facility.

Section 5. Application for such exemption must be made annually by the owner, or all of the owners of the property, on forms prescribed by the state board, and shall be filed in such assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date; provided, however, proof of a permanent disability need be submitted only in the year exemption pursuant to this section is first sought or the disability is first determined to be permanent.

Section 6. At least sixty (60) days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the assessor shall mail to each person who was granted exemption pursuant to this section on

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the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to continue to be granted. Failure to mail such application form or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection, and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

Section 7. The provisions of this section shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption, pursuant to subdivision one of this section, were such person or persons the owner or owners of such real property.

Section 8. **Effective Date**

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

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 351-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Reagan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 352-2025

**APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the departure of the Emergency Services Director in early 2025 created a need to appoint a Search Committee who would recruit and recommend a successor, and

WHEREAS, a Search Committee was appointed by the Chair, and they have completed the selection process and are prepared to make a recommendation to the Board of Legislators for a candidate to be appointed as Emergency Services Director,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Richard Rusaw as the Emergency Services Director for St. Lawrence County at an annual salary of \$83,587, Band 5, Base Step, to begin not later than October 7, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon a successful six (6) month review by the County Administrator, the Director will be eligible for a one step salary increase.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 352-2025, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

IX. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle reports that a letter was received from NYS Education regarding the 250th Celebration in 2026, which includes \$15,000 in funding available based on the County's student population formula. A resolution will be brought forward to determine how the funds will be allocated.

Bids were opened for the replacement of the stairs at the Surrogate Building. Only one bid was received, and a resolution will be presented to move forward with the replacement.

Ms. Doyle announced that the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will host its 40th Annual Health and Wellness Fair on October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Leithead Field House, St. Lawrence University. Employees will be granted release time to attend, provided they sign in at the event. Ms. Doyle encourages Legislators to attend the event.

A fresh food kiosk has been installed on the second floor of the DSS Building, offering snacks and beverages. It has been well received so far.

Ms. Doyle reminds Board Members that there will be no meeting next week due to the Columbus Day holiday, County offices will be closed with the exception of 24-hour operations.

The generator at the Human Services Center has been connected, completing the project. A full expenditure report will be presented to the Board once final costs are confirmed.

Ms. Doyle announced that the Highway Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th. Members are asked to confirm participation if they plan to attend.

Work on the 2026 County Budget is ongoing, with continued departmental reviews in preparation for upcoming Finance Committee discussions. A Third Quarter Financial Update will also be provided.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Curran expressed concerns with an article that was posted on North Country Now addressing a current proposal which would raise the tax rate by about 15% for the Town of Canton.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Webster moved to go to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hull moved to go to Open Session at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individual to the **EMS Advisory Board** (Term to expire 10/6/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

- Ryan Coates, Potsdam 13676

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Planning Board** (Term to expire 10/6/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

- Julia Rose, Brasher Falls 13613

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the **EMS Advisory Board** (Term to expire 10/6/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

- Tyler Clark, Canton 13617
- Kristin Clark, Canton 13617

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board and Mental Health Subcommittee** (Term to expire 12/31/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

- Aimee Dean, Lisbon 13658

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Mental Health Subcommittee** (Term to expire 12/31/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

- Stacey Cannizzo, Watertown 13601

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Industrial Development Agency** (Term to expire 10/6/2028), seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

- Andrew J. McMahon, Massena 13662

XIII. CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Reagan to the AI Committee.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Hull to the Planning Board.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Curran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 7:59 p.m., as there was no further business.