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St. Lawrence County  
Board of Legislators  
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Full Board  
Monday, November 3, 2025  
6:00 PM

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

**ROLL CALL:** Fourteen (14) Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Gennett.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Haggard attended the meeting from 42 Toc Drive, Highland, NY.

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

**LONGEVITY CEREMONY:** The following individuals were recognized for their years of service to the County:

- Susan Bertand, Social Services, 30 years
- Kimberly Zeller, Social Services, 30 years
- Hattie Bice, County Attorney, 35 years
- Valerie Sochia, Office for the Aging, 35 years
- David Fuller, Highway, 35 years
- Harry Dedrick, Highway, 40 years
- Teresa St. Pierre, Buildings & Grounds, 30 years
- Mark Donovan, Buildings & Grounds, 30 years (in memoriam)

A brief recess was taken at 6:07 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2025, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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

1. An email submission was received from Carlin Krisher of Saratoga Springs regarding the Empire State Mines project in Gouverneur.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Rebecca Allen, Colton  
Jerry DeFiore, Massena

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO. 355-2025

**RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF FRANK SCHWARTZ**

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

**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**, Frank Schwatz was born on October 27, 1925, and grew up in Ogdensburg, NY, and

**WHEREAS**, Frank is a pillar in the Ogdensburg community, with a focus on service and bringing people together, and

**WHEREAS**, he operated his own decorating business for more than fifty (50) years known as Frank's, The Decorator Corner on Caroline Street in Ogdensburg, and

**WHEREAS**, he was an integral part of creating the Ogdensburg Community Players in 1963, which is still in operation today and is now known as the Ogdensburg Command Performance, bringing traveling theater shows to the North Country and exposing thousands of local children to world-class performances, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ogdensburg Command Performance has an award named after him, "The Frankie Award," presented annually to an individual or organization that demonstrates overwhelming support for the Ogdensburg Command Performance, and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Ogdensburg Rotary Club, Frank served as President and brought students from all over the world to live with local families for a study abroad experience, and

**WHEREAS**, Frank received the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club, the highest honor possible from the Organization, and

**WHEREAS**, Frank loves the Seaway Festival and was part of the group that saved the celebration in the 1970s, overseeing and organizing the Button Blitz, a key fundraiser during the festival each year which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Frank was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce for all of his years of service to the community, and

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**WHEREAS**, Frank retired that same year and moved to Florida, but visits often and continues to attend the Seaway Festival every year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Ogdensburg proclaimed October 27, 2025 as "J. Frank Schwartz Day,"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators would like to honor and congratulate this centenarian, with best wishes for many more happy years.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 355-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Services Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 356-2025

## **RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS PREMATUREITY AWARENESS MONTH**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, premature birth, defined as birth before 37 completed weeks of gestation, is a serious and common health issue that affects approximately 1 in 10 babies born in the United States each year, and

**WHEREAS**, while not all premature births can be prevented, many are associated with modifiable risk factors including lack of comprehensive prenatal care, pregnancy spacing, chronic health conditions, tobacco and other drug use, poverty, and adolescent pregnancy, and

**WHEREAS**, improving maternal health before, during, and between pregnancies, through education, access to health care including family planning resources, and support for healthy lifestyles can significantly reduce the risk of preterm birth, and

**WHEREAS**, premature birth can lead to long-term complications including respiratory difficulties, developmental delays, vision and hearing impairments, and increased risk of chronic health conditions, and

**WHEREAS**, preterm birth is the leading cause of death among infants in the United States, and contributes significantly to emotional and financial burdens for families, communities, and healthcare systems, and

**WHEREAS**, continued research, public education, improved access to prenatal and neonatal care, and family support services are critical to preventing preterm birth and improving outcomes for babies and their families, and

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**WHEREAS**, Prematurity Awareness Month, observed each November, provides a vital opportunity to increase public understanding, honor the experiences of families affected by premature birth, and recognize the efforts of healthcare providers and researchers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes November as Prematurity Awareness Month, and urges all residents to support efforts to reduce preterm birth, ensure equitable access to maternal and infant care, and support families impacted by prematurity, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Public Health Department runs the Maternal Child Health Program which offers a home visit for health guidance and support for families with newborn infants, and also provides Early Intervention (EI) Services to any child with a birth weight <1,000g as well as children with qualifying developmental delays.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 356-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Services Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 357-2025

## **RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, diabetes is a chronic health condition characterized by elevated levels of blood glucose (blood sugar), and if left unmanaged, can lead to serious health complications such as heart disease, kidney failure, blindness, and lower-limb amputation, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 37 million Americans (about 1 in 10) have diabetes, and approximately 1 in 5 of them are unaware of their condition, and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 96 million American adults have prediabetes, and without lifestyle changes, many of them will develop type 2 diabetes within five (5) years, and

**WHEREAS**, Type 1 diabetes, once known as juvenile diabetes, is an autoimmune condition that affects people of all ages and requires daily insulin management, and

**WHEREAS**, National Diabetes Awareness Month, observed each November, is a time to raise awareness about the risk factors, prevention, symptoms, and treatment of all types of diabetes and to promote the importance of healthy lifestyle choices, and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness and access to screening, education, and healthcare can empower individuals to manage or prevent diabetes and improve outcomes, and

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**WHEREAS**, individuals, families, healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and community organizations work to support those affected by diabetes and advance efforts to prevent and ultimately cure the disease,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes the month of November as National Diabetes Awareness Month, and encourages all residents to learn more about diabetes, participate in prevention and wellness activities, and support those affected by this condition.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 357-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Levato, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 358-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT FOR UNANTICIPATED TECHNICAL EXPENSES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, numerous county staff have required upgrades to their computer equipment to address poor performance issues, and

**WHEREAS**, a number of county departments have relocated and required different and/or updated computer equipment to accommodate, and

**WHEREAS**, these unanticipated needs have exhausted the planned IT computer budget which is budgeted to replace approximately twenty percent (20%) of computer hardware each year, and

**WHEREAS**, the replenishment of these funds will allow IT to remain on track with its planned computer rollouts and replacements,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Information Technology for expenses associated with the relocation and adjustments to equipment, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| B1019904 49700 | B SPEC Contingency Account | \$43,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| CD016802 22002 | C IT Personal Computer | \$43,000 |
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 358-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 359-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION CENTER, INC. TO  
PROVIDE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County administers Section 5311 funding from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for Mobility Management services (N2B56304 43007), and

**WHEREAS**, Mobility Management seeks to address public transportation barriers in consultation with residents, human service agencies, universities, transportation providers and St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County procures this service every five (5) years in consultation with the Department of Transportation, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County issued a Request for Proposals and Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. was determined to offer the best value to provide Mobility Management services, and

**WHEREAS**, no County funds are used to provide this service as the program is fully funded by the DOT with a local match that is satisfied through bus advertising or by the vendor, and

**WHEREAS**, this is a two-year contract with the option of three (3) one-year extensions with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc.,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. to provide Mobility Management services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 359-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 360-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ARC  
JEFFERSON - ST. LAWRENCE TO OPERATE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
PUBLIC TRANSIT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County procures the operation of its Public Transit service every five (5) years in consultation with the Department of Transportation (DOT), and

**WHEREAS**, the County issued a Request for Statement of Interest from vendors to serve as the bus operator for St. Lawrence County Public Transit, and

**WHEREAS**, The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence was the sole vendor to submit a proposal, and

**WHEREAS**, the transit system is projected to provide 172,160 trips and travel 933,871 miles in 2026, which is eligible for reimbursement through the Department of Transportation's State Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) Program, and

**WHEREAS**, public transit bus operations are projected to cost up to \$3,097,024 and are fully funded using Federal Transit, State DOT, and private sources and do not rely on a County contribution, and

**WHEREAS**, this is a two-year contract with three (3), optional one-year extensions, and

**WHEREAS**, appropriation (N2B56304 43007 OP, N2B56304 430AR AD and N2B56304 430CC CC) and revenue (N2B35945 56003 OP, N2B45895 57003 OP, N2B17895 55011 CC and N2B17895 55000 AD) accounts exist with the County financial system to pay for the service,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence to operate St. Lawrence County Public Transit, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 360-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 361-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL  
FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded St. Lawrence County \$126,315 under the 2025 Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program, and

**WHEREAS**, eligible projects include purchasing, rehabilitating, restoring, and modernizing public transit assets that have a minimum service life of five (5) years, and

**WHEREAS**, capital investments with this award include: purchasing shop equipment, purchasing vehicle replacement parts, and assisting with paying for future bus purchases, and

**WHEREAS**, the DOT requires grantees to execute grant agreements within thirty (30) days of receiving an award notification, and

**WHEREAS**, funds must be obligated within three (3) years of an executed grant agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Transportation for Accelerated Capital funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

|                   |                        |               |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| N2B56302 25000 CP | N Technical Equipment  | \$70,000      |
| N2B56302 23000 CP | N Automotive Equipment | <u>56,315</u> |
|                   |                        | \$126,315     |

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

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| N2B35945 56002 CP | N SA Capital Funds for Bus | \$126,315 |
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 361-2025, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 362-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 FORESTRY BUDGET FOR AN INCREASE IN FUNDS  
AWARDED TO THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of Parks & Recreation has awarded \$293,840 to the St. Lawrence County 2024 – 2025 Snowmobile Grant and Aid Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant is paid in two installments, seventy percent (70%) of funds, \$205,688, were released in the third quarter of the State Fiscal Year, and thirty percent (30%), \$88,152, were released in the fourth quarter of the State Fiscal Year, and

**WHEREAS**, the County anticipates another award for the 2025–2026 grant cycle, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 tentative budget for the Snowmobile Trail Grant is \$360,000, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Budget for the Snowmobile Grant is \$195,168 and needs an additional \$164,832 to cover anticipated award amount and expenses up to \$360,000,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Forestry for an increase of funds awarded to the Snowmobile Trail Grant, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| BF087104 46000 SNOW | B Snow Other Fees & Services | \$164,832 |
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

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| BF038895 56000 SNOW | B Forestry Snowmobile Grant | \$164,832 |
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 362-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 363-2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH AN ASSISTANT CONFLICT DEFENDER AND  
CREATE AND FILL AN ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION IN THE  
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR  
THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, Res. No. 136-2025 authorized the restructuring of Indigent Defense in St. Lawrence County to include pausing the operations of the Office of the Conflict Public Defender, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the Office of the Public Defender has absorbed positions previously housed in the Office of the Conflict Defender's Office, and

**WHEREAS**, based on the needs of the Public Defender's office, it has been recommended that an Assistant Public Defender Position be created, and

**WHEREAS**, this new position would enable the Public Defender to consolidate a previously separate position located in the Conflict Defender's Office within the Public Defender's Office, and

**WHEREAS**, this position would allow the office to further come into compliance with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Case Load Standards, and

**WHEREAS**, this position is reimbursed one hundred percent (100%) by New York State Indigent Legal Services' Statewide Expansion of Hurrell Harring Reform, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Defender's Office provides services for those charged with eligible offenses in all thirty-four (34) Towns, City, and Integrated Domestic Violence Court, County Courts for arraignments, motions, and trials, and provides representation in Family Court, including but not limited to Abuse and Neglect Cases, Custody and Visitation Matters, Child Support Violations, and Family Offense Petitions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Defender's Office appears and is a member of the treatment team in all specialty Courts, Judicial Diversion Program, and Drug Court, individuals are entitled to representation in a limited number of Surrogate Court matters and Divorce Matters when custodial rights are at issue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish an Assistant Conflict Defender and create and fill an Assistant Public Defender Position in the Public Defender's Office, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budgets for the Conflict Defender's Office and Public Defender's Office as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| ICZ11701 12000 HH | CD HH Supervisory/Admin      | \$82,358   |
| ICZ11701 14000 HH | CD HH Clerical               | 31,579     |
| ICZ11708 81000 HH | Retirement                   | 15,163     |
| ICZ11708 83000 HH | Social Security              | 8,494      |
| ICZ11708 84000 HH | Workers' Compensation        | 3,022      |
| ICZ11708 84500 HH | Group Life Insurance         | 168        |
| ICZ11708 86000 HH | Hospital & Medical Insurance | 21,647     |
| ICZ11708 86500 HH | Dental Insurance             | 1,254      |
| ICZ11708 89000 HH | Vision Insurance             | <u>478</u> |
|                   |                              | \$164,163  |

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| IPZ11701 12000 HH | PD HH Supervisory            | \$113,937  |
| IPZ11708 81000 HH | Retirement                   | 15,163     |
| IPZ11708 83000 HH | Social Security              | 8,494      |
| IPZ11708 84000 HH | Workers' Compensation        | 3,022      |
| IPZ11708 84500 HH | Group Life Insurance         | 168        |
| IPZ11708 86000 HH | Hospital & Medical Insurance | 21,647     |
| IPZ11708 86500 HH | Dental Insurance             | 1,254      |
| IPZ11708 89000 HH | Vision Insurance             | <u>478</u> |
|                   |                              | \$164,163  |

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

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| IPZ30895 56000 HH | PD HH SA Revenue | \$164,163 |
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**DECREASE REVENUE:**

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| ICZ30895 56000 HH | CD HH SA Revenue | \$164,163 |
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 363-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 364-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH  
CORRECTEK AND KALLEO TECHNOLOGIES AND MODIFYING THE 2025  
BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH  
RECORDS SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) # 2025-14 for the implementation of an Electronic Health Records (EHR) system at the Correctional Facility to improve medical care delivery and compliance within the correctional setting, and

**WHEREAS**, Correctek, a nationally utilized provider of correctional healthcare technology, was selected to provide an EHR system specifically designed for the custody environment, incorporating security protocols, medication tracking, and integration with jail management systems, and will include a one-time setup cost of \$33,700 for implementation and a monthly cost of \$2,400 (S4031504 42004; S4743204 42004) covering technical support, software upgrades, unlimited configuration, training services, Surescripts e-prescribing, and organizational status monitoring for a one (1) year term, commencing on the date it is fully executed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Correctek system is expected to:

- Improve medication administration safety through electronic medication administration records (eMAR)
- Enhance documentation quality and accessibility for nursing staff, nurse practitioners, and physicians
- Provide real-time tracking of chronic disease management
- Generate automated compliance reports and alerts for follow-up care
- Reduce risk of lost or misfiled records
- Facilitate secure communication between medical staff and external healthcare providers
- Create audit trails for quality assurance and legal defense

**WHEREAS**, Kalleo Technologies, the sole source cloud hosting vendor for Correctek, will provide hosting and support services through a per-user license agreement, which includes all aspects of system delivery such as licensing, hardware resources, disaster recovery, and end-user technical support, and will only charge for users who access the system during a 30-day period following a monthly active user audit, with monthly costs not to exceed \$1,100 and a one-time setup cost of \$1,625.21(S4031504 42004; S4743204 42004) with a month-to-month term, commencing on the date it is fully executed, and

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**WHEREAS**, funding for these agreements will be provided by the MAT program budget (S4743204 42004) and unspent funds from the Jail technical equipment budget to cover the startup costs, and the ongoing monthly costs have been requested in the 2026 budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign service agreements, and any related documents, with Correctek and Kalleo Technologies for an Electronic Health Records system at the Correctional Facility, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| S4031502 25000 | S JAIL Technical Equipment | \$21,163 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| S4031504 42004 | S JAIL Computer Software | \$21,163 |
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 364-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 365-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT FIREARMS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office maintains equipment essential for law enforcement operations, including firearms issued to sworn personnel, and

**WHEREAS**, some firearms are reaching the end of their serviceable life and soon will no longer be suitable for reliable use in the field, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to update these items to maintain operational readiness, ensure officer and public safety, and promote consistency across issued equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, this purchase will provide standardization with existing equipment that remains in active use and does not currently require replacement,

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**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 replacement firearms, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| S1031104 46800 | S CRIM Guns & Rifles | \$4,173 |
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

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| S1027705 55000 | S Sheriff Misc Revenue | \$4,173 |
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 365-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Operations Committee: 10-20-2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 366-2025**

**ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM PURINA FOR THE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR K9 DOG FOOD**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has received a donation of one (1) year supply of dog food for K9 Shelly from Purina, and

**WHEREAS**, the donation will provide a complete, balanced, and high quality diet for K9 Shelly at an estimated savings of \$1,800,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting a donation from Purina for the Sheriff's Office for K9 dog food.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 366-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Services Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (DOCCS) FOR THE PROVISION OF OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP) SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FACILITIES – TABLED**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County Addiction Services bid to provide services through the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) for New York State Correctional Facilities located in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Addiction Services submitted a bid which included Lot # 20 for Gouverneur and Riverview Correction Facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2025, Community Services received an award letter from DOCCS for (Contract C161834) to provide Opioid Treatment Program services for the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facilities in Gouverneur and Riverview located in Ogdensburg from March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2029, and

**WHEREAS**, the funding amount for the initial contract period is not to exceed \$626,834.52 (A1416305 55000) with two (2) 1-year options for renewals, and

**WHEREAS**, the services that will be provided are a 28 day supply of methadone per incarcerated individual per month, access to counseling sessions as requested by DOCCS and incarcerated individuals via telehealth, scheduled visits with prescribers (once per month via telehealth), 24/7 on call support for DOCCS medical, case consultations with DOCCS staff, and care coordination for transfers or release as needed,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYS Department of Community and Supervision (Contract C161834) for the provision of Opioid Treatment Program Services for St. Lawrence County facilities, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt this resolution, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran moved to table the resolution, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Services Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 367-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BRANDON VOTRA  
FOR PHARMACIST SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department requires the services of a licensed pharmacist to formulate and review medication practices for department clinics, and

**WHEREAS**, the engagement of a pharmacist is necessary to ensure compliance with New York State Public Health Law, Article 28, and to maintain the highest standards of safety and quality in the delivery of clinical services, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the agreement provide that Brandon Votra PharmD, RPh shall receive compensation (PP040104 43007 STD) in the amount \$150 per quarterly clinic audit, and shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed \$50 per hour for the review of departmental policies and procedures, and

**WHEREAS**, the contract for these services shall commence on November 3, 2025 and remain in effect through December 31, 2028,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign a contract with Brandon Votra PharmD, RPh for pharmacist services for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 367-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Services Committee: 10-20-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 368-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU FOR  
YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAMS**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau receives annual grant funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to support youth development and advocacy initiatives, and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget for the Youth Bureau is allocated between personnel and contractual expenditures to effectively administer programs and services, and

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**WHEREAS**, there remains a balance of \$3,344 in the personnel line due to overestimated payroll costs for the 2025 Youth Summer Internship Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Bureau seeks to reallocate these available funds to the budget line for Youth Advocacy Programs to support the purchase of materials and resources that enhance youth mental health and wellness initiatives,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Youth Bureau for Youth Advocacy Programs, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

|                |                           |         |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Y2073101 19000 | Y Temporary and Part Time | \$3,344 |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------|

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

|                |                        |         |
|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| Y2073104 42800 | Y Promotional Supplies | \$3,344 |
|----------------|------------------------|---------|

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 368-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 369-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GARY S. BOWITCH, ESQ. FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Gary S. Bowitch, Esq. has been environmental counsel to St. Lawrence County since 2009, providing legal services and guidance regarding a range of environmental matters including the remediation of environmentally impaired tax-delinquent properties throughout St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Mr. Bowitch formalized their relationship by entering into an agreement on December 16, 2020, per Resolution No. 305-2020, which defined their respective rights and duties as to all services to be performed by Mr. Bowitch, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned agreement expires December 31, 2025, and it is the desire of Gary S. Bowitch, Esq. and the County to continue this working relationship, and

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bowitch shall continue to provide the County with the following legal services, including but not limited to:

- Tax Delinquent Site Activities: Assist and coordinate efforts of the County to clean up and return contaminated tax-delinquent properties to the tax rolls taxable status
- Environmental Counsel Duties: Provide, on an as-needed basis, advice and guidance to the County Attorney on a range of environmental matters affecting St. Lawrence County
- Other environmental issues, as necessary, and

**WHEREAS**, County Law § 501 states, "the County Attorney may employ counsel to assist in any civil action or proceeding brought by or against the County or any County officer in his official capacity,"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Gary S. Bowitch, Esq. for legal services related to environmental matters for \$42,365 (01 TG0899 50300 ENRS), upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the term of the agreement would be January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, with the option to extend the agreement for two (2) successive one (1) year terms (T1013254 43002).

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 369-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 370-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SPILL COMPENSATION  
FUND AND THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, NEW YORK, REGARDING TAX  
DELINQUENT PROPERTIES OWNED BY MYRON H. LAVIGNE AND  
NANCY C. LAVIGNE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has developed a strategic plan to target potentially environmentally contaminated properties throughout the County to assist in making these once economically productive properties beneficial to their communities again, and

**WHEREAS**, with the assistance of Gary Bowitch, Esq. St. Lawrence County has worked to identify properties in need of remediation, and

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**WHEREAS**, the site, comprised of a singular tax map parcel, was identified as requiring environmental remediation before it can be conveyed via auction, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence (“County”) has commenced an action against property located in the Town of Norfolk due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 6, 2023, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following property located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Lavigne Site”):

“Lavigne Site”

- Owner: Myron H. Lavigne and Nancy C. Lavigne
- Addresses: 1825 State Highway 420, Norfolk, New York
- Tax ID # : 16.004-3-41.1
- DEC Spill No: 25-01448
- Spill Status: Open

**WHEREAS**, the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund (the "Fund") was created by Navigation Law § 179, and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund is seeking to perform cleanup of petroleum contaminants at the Lavigne Site, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Navigation Law § 180, the Administrator of the Fund is authorized to settle claims on behalf of the Fund and to make additional expenditures for cleanup of any potentially petroleum contaminated sites, and

**WHEREAS**, any agreement between the Fund and the County would require the State of New York to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Site after the County acquires title to the Site through tax foreclosure at a cost to be solely borne by the State of New York, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate redevelopment of the Site, the County wants to enter into an agreement with the Fund wherein the Fund would release its potential claims against the County, for past and future cleanup and removal costs incurred by the State, including interest thereon and applicable penalties prior to the County taking title to the Sites through tax foreclosure, and

**WHEREAS**, such an agreement between the Fund and the County would require that, in consideration of the Fund releasing the potential claim, the County, shall, within sixty (60) days following the tax auction and completed sale of the Lavigne Site, pay to the Fund fifty percent (50%) of the sale proceeds but capped at the total amount of the delinquent taxes, which were paid to the County by the buyer(s) of the Lavigne Site, and

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**WHEREAS**, any release provided by the Fund to the County shall extend to the County's successors or assigns with respect to the Site, however, such release shall not extend, nor can it be transferred to any successors or assigns of the County at the Site, if such successors in title are persons deemed legally responsible for the discharge of petroleum at the Site,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement between the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund and the County of St. Lawrence, New York, regarding tax delinquent properties owned by Myron H. Lavigne and Nancy C. Lavigne, and any other agreements necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 370-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 371-2025**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SPILL COMPENSATION FUND  
REGARDING TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES OWNED BY  
OGDENSBURG KIWANIS CLUB**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund (the "Fund") was created by Navigation Law §179 and commenced cleanup response actions ("Removal Actions") pursuant to the Navigation Law, at the following site located in St. Lawrence County:

**"Kiwanis Site"**

- Record Owner: Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club
- Site Address: Riverside Drive, Ogdensburg, New York
- Tax ID #: 48.071-2-1.11
- DEC Spill No: 10-07022
- DEC Spill Cleanup Status: Not Closed

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County ("County") has commenced an action against the Kiwanis Site due to tax delinquencies by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 6, 2023, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Navigation Law §180, the Administrator of the Fund is authorized to settle claims on behalf of the Fund, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Fund has expended approximately \$3.5 million for cleanup and removal of petroleum based contaminants at the Kiwanis Site, and

**WHEREAS**, the County would like the Fund to release its potential claim against the County, for past and future cleanup and removal costs incurred by the State, including interest thereon and applicable penalties with respect to Spill No. 10-07022 assigned to the Kiwanis Site (“Potential Claims”), in order to facilitate redevelopment through the sale of the Site, and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund is willing to release its Potential Claim in consideration of certain payments by the County upon sale of the Kiwanis Site, as partial reimbursement of cleanup and removal costs incurred and which may be incurred by the Fund, as applicable, and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement between the Fund and the County is necessary to release any Potential Claims the Fund may have with respect to the Kiwanis Site prior to the County taking title to the Kiwanis Site through tax foreclosure, and

**WHEREAS**, such an agreement between the Fund and the County would require that, in consideration of the Fund releasing the potential claim, the County, shall, within sixty (60) days following the tax auction and completed sale of the Kiwanis Site, pay to the Fund fifty percent (50%) of the sale proceeds but capped at the total amount of the delinquent taxes, which were paid to the County by the buyer(s) of the Kiwanis Site, and

**WHEREAS**, the release provided by the Fund to the County shall extend to the County’s successors or assigns with respect to the Kiwanis Site, however, such release shall not extend, nor can they be transferred to any successors or assigns of the County who are persons deemed legally responsible for the discharge of petroleum at the Kiwanis Site,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund regarding tax delinquent properties owned by Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 371-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstain (Reagen), and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 372-2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A FISCAL OFFICER POSITION IN THE  
PLANNING OFFICE AND CREATE AND FILL AN ASSISTANT ACCOUNTING  
SUPERVISOR POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the County manages a substantial budget with \$304M (2025) in appropriations, spread across 24 departments and 81 cost centers, and

**WHEREAS**, eight (8) larger departments maintain senior level fiscal staff to manage critical financial responsibilities including budget development, journal entry preparation, grants, fiscal management, claiming, and financial reporting, and

**WHEREAS**, this decentralized approach to fiscal management has been an area of concern to the Treasurer's Office without standardization of fiscal tasks, oversight and general support for departments, and the potential vulnerabilities created when departmental fiscal staff leave or are absent unexpectedly, and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the County and the Office has the responsibility of review and audit of all financial activities, financial reporting with limited authority, and is often placed in a reactive position rather than proactively guiding and overseeing fiscal practices, and

**WHEREAS**, one of the senior fiscal positions became vacant in the Planning Office and an opportunity to be creative emerged to support the creation of an Assistant Accounting Supervisor in the Treasurer's Office for the purpose of providing financial support to some of the departments that do not have senior fiscal staff, including the Planning Office, and to address some of the operational challenges while supporting departments and help guide consistency across the County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a Fiscal Officer in the Planning Office and create and fill an Assistant Accounting Supervisor Position in the Treasurer's Office, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to fill the position immediately, through the Civil Service process.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 372-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 373-2025

**ELECTIONS, REAL PROPERTY & COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2026**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the following apportionments of Elections, Real Property, and Community College charges for the year 2026 be applied to the following municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

| <u>Municipality</u> | <u>Election Charges</u> | <u>Real Property Charges</u> | <u>Community College Charges</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Brasher             | \$28,312.76             | \$15,807.47                  | \$32,686.81                      |
| Canton              | 100,327.48              | 22,680.50                    | 27,760.46                        |
| Clare               | 11,221.52               | 2,459.46                     | 3,213.66                         |
| Clifton             | 44,014.14               | 2,796.63                     | 11,433.00                        |
| Colton              | 62,412.97               | 11,208.32                    | 25,605.00                        |
| DeKalb              | 25,154.58               | 9,581.99                     | 35,495.48                        |
| Depeyster           | 11,735.88               | 6,021.37                     | 2,723.06                         |
| Edwards             | 15,434.43               | 9,632.51                     | 5,340.00                         |
| Fine                | 29,910.81               | 10,949.78                    | 12,073.33                        |
| Fowler              | 32,284.27               | 15,537.11                    | 20,738.98                        |
| Gouverneur          | 47,693.53               | 20,309.67                    | 62,850.98                        |
| Hammond             | 39,855.86               | 11,812.16                    | 35,604.72                        |
| Hermon              | 18,407.12               | 10,387.43                    | 11,401.00                        |
| Hopkinton           | 26,282.16               | 9,813.32                     | 26,725.66                        |
| Lawrence            | 16,727.94               | 7,840.16                     | 55,646.58                        |
| Lisbon              | 43,607.35               | 16,198.81                    | 22,178.86                        |
| Louisville          | 43,856.86               | 15,374.86                    | 35,271.99                        |
| Macomb              | 20,785.24               | 8,367.95                     | 8,786.34                         |
| Madrid              | 18,042.46               | 8,459.47                     | 8,635.66                         |
| Massena             | 107,282.50              | 11,080.42                    | 162,676.10                       |

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|               |                       |                     |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Morristown    | 37,661.66             | 13,634.02           | 29,973.36             |
| Norfolk       | 38,269.82             | 15,477.73           | 35,896.00             |
| Oswegatchie   | 49,480.97             | 16,168.49           | 37,439.32             |
| Parishville   | 34,440.77             | 12,046.12           | 18,097.67             |
| Piercefield   | 24,499.06             | 5,022.46            | 1,726.00              |
| Pierrepoint   | 38,382.34             | 13,228.67           | 14,112.17             |
| Pitcairn      | 14,316.99             | 7,654.85            | 22,939.34             |
| Potsdam       | 143,703.31            | 20,938.92           | 104,216.50            |
| Rossie        | 12,998.11             | 5,168.83            | 1,548.00              |
| Russell       | 22,381.83             | 11,682.59           | 18,848.98             |
| Stockholm     | 40,748.80             | 22,015.11           | 39,670.69             |
| Waddington    | 33,471.98             | 13,938.33           | 22,558.45             |
| Ogdensburg    | 63,518.41             | 4,758.35            | 55,537.39             |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$1,297,223.91</b> | <b>\$387,853.86</b> | <b>\$1,009,411.54</b> |

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 373-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 374-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COUNTY ROUTE 56 CULVERT REPAIRS RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM DEBBY AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for a consultant to provide necessary engineering services, and

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**WHEREAS,** Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. has been determined to be the most qualified consultant for this project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign agreements with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services for County Route 56 culvert repairs (#56-01-2.07-PC & #56-01-1.09-PC) related to Tropical Storm Debby, upon approval of the County Attorney, with:

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

Agreement Title: County Route 56 (Site 1)  
County Route 56 (Site 2)

Agreement Fee: Total not to exceed: \$74,000  
HM651204 430ED TSD

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

**DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

|                |                                         |          |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| 01TG0911 50300 | Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated | \$74,000 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|

**INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

|                |                                      |          |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 01TG0910 50300 | Fund Balance, Unreserved Appripiated | \$74,000 |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

|                    |                         |          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| T6199509 90600 TSD | T IFT GF Transfer to CP | \$74,000 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

|                    |                             |          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| T6650319 90100 TSD | TSD IFT CP Transfer from GF | \$74,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| HM651104 430ED TSD | H TSD Engineering Design | \$74,000 |
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 374-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 375-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LOCAL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA LOCAL PLAN**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2025, the New York State Department of Labor published Technical Advisory #21-02.1, titled “Local and Regional Planning under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act” (WIOA), and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Advisory requires New York State’s Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) to submit a draft Local Plan for the 2025–2029 period to the New York State Department of Labor no later than July 31, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Advisory requires that a comment period of no more than thirty (30) days on the draft Local Plan precede action to adopt the Plan by the Workforce Development Board and the CEO’s execution, and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Workforce Development Board published the Draft Plan on its website on July 10, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Development Board received no additional comments on the Draft Plan during the comment period or by any other means prior to the July 21, 2025, closing date, and

**WHEREAS**, the draft St. Lawrence County LWDA Local Plan, along with its attachments, was approved by the New York State Department of Labor on August 8, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County's approved Local Plan of the LWDA must be executed by both the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board and St. Lawrence County’s Chief Elected Official (Chair), and

**WHEREAS**, at its October 15, 2025, meeting the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board was provided the draft of the Local Plan for its review, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Local Plan of the LWDA was approved at the meeting by the Workforce Development Board,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the St. Lawrence County Local Workforce Development Area Local Plan, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** once approved, the Executive Director of the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board is authorized to submit the Final Local Plan to the New York State Department of Labor.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 375-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 376-2025**

**APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE GENESEE COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, AS PART OF A PLAN OF FINANCE, OF UP TO \$150,000,000 AGGREGATE STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE BONDS (ROCHESTER REGIONAL HEALTH ENERGY PROJECTS), SERIES 2025 OF WHICH UP TO \$25,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SHALL BE USED TO FINANCE CERTAIN FACILITIES LOCATED IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators (the "Board"), as the elected legislative body of St. Lawrence County, New York (the "County"), has been advised by The Genesee County Funding Corporation (the "Issuer") that, in order to assist in the financing of a certain Project, a portion of which is located in the County, for the benefit of Monroe Sustainable Energy Partners, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, or an entity formed or to be formed by it or on its behalf, together with its successors or designees (collectively, the "Company"), has requested that the Issuer issue its Revenue Bonds (Rochester Regional Health Energy Projects), Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Bonds"), in one or more series in the aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 to: (A) pay or reimburse the costs of the acquisition, development, construction, improvement and equipping of certain energy related improvements, including but not limited to, upgrading and replacing central utility plant assets, installing solar arrays, replacing air handling units, upgrading building automation systems, implementing battery storage solutions, and making other infrastructure improvements at certain hospitals and related facilities owned and/or operated by Rochester Regional Health or certain affiliates of Rochester Regional Health or the Company located at 1425 Portland Avenue, Rochester, New York 14621; 55 Genesee Street, Rochester, New York 14611; 1555 Long Pond Road, Rochester, New York 14626; 1200 Driving Park Avenue, Newark, New York 14513; 50 Leroy Street, Potsdam, New York 13676; 77 W. Barney Street, Gouverneur, New York 13642; 1 Hospital Drive, Massena, New York 13662; 6119 Highway 11, Canton, New York 13617; 2 Coulter Road, Clifton Springs, New York 14432; and 127 North Street, Batavia, New York 14020 (the "Project"); (B) fund interest to accrue on the Series 2025 Bonds; and (C) pay or reimburse certain costs in connection with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds (collectively, (A) through (C) is hereinafter referred to as the "Project Costs"). The Series 2025 Bonds will constitute qualified 501(c)(3) Bonds under Section 145 of the Code, and

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**WHEREAS**, the maximum aggregate stated principal amount in Series 2025 Bonds to be issued for the benefit of such hospitals and related facilities located in the County is \$25,000,000. The address of such hospitals and related facilities located in St. Lawrence County, New York is 50 Leroy Street, Potsdam, New York 13676; 77 W. Barney Street, Gouverneur, New York 13642; 1 Hospital Drive, Massena, New York 13662; and 6119 Highway 11, Canton, New York 13617, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Series 2025 Bonds will not be excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes unless the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds and the portion thereof to be applied to finance said facilities located in the County is approved by the Board after a public hearing to consider both the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds and the nature and location of the facilities located within the County financed therewith has been conducted following reasonable public notice, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2025, the Issuer held such a public hearing upon proper notice in compliance with Section 147(f) of the Code, with access to the general public being provided by toll-free telephone number (in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2022-20), and

**WHEREAS**, to aid the Board in its deliberations, the Issuer has made available to the members of the Board prior to this meeting (a) the Company's application to the Issuer for financial assistance; (b) the notice of public hearing posted by the County on October 10, 2025, on the County's website, together with a certificate of a representative of the County attesting to the posting thereof on the County's website; (c) the minutes of such public hearing held on October 22, 2025; and (d) the Issuer's Bond Resolution, adopted on [\_\_\_\_], 2025, with respect to the proposed issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, after due consideration of the foregoing, as the "applicable elected representative" of the County within the meaning of Section 147(f)(2)(E) of the Code, desires to approve the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds and the application of up to \$25,000,000 aggregate stated principal amount thereof to finance or refinance said facilities located in the County, provided the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State of New York (the "State") or any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, shall be liable thereon,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators approves the issuance by the Genesee County Funding Corporation, in one or more series, as part of a plan of finance, up to \$150,000,000 aggregate stated principal amount of revenue bonds (Rochester Regional Health Energy Projects), series 2025 of which up to \$25,000,000 principal amount shall be used to finance certain facilities located in St. Lawrence County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be deemed to be made for the benefit of the holders of the Series 2025 Bonds.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 376-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstain (Denesha) and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 377-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND TREASURER'S OFFICE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, in any given year, the Board of Legislators may be asked to authorize the creation of capital projects for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: highway and construction projects, software acquisitions, and other multi-year projects, which typically require significant financial investment, and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a capital project (generally identified by a '6' in the third character of the organizational code) chart of accounts is a benefit for tracking of the funding and allows for the accounts to be reconciled, cross over budget years, and are required to be closed upon completion of the work associated with the capital project, and

**WHEREAS**, currently the County has 19 capital projects open excluding highway capital projects, and it is the recommendation of the New York State Comptroller to limit capital projects timeline to no longer than five (5) years along with observing the best financial practices associated with monitoring, reconciliation, and official closure by the Board of Legislators at its conclusion, and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer's Office has reconciled the projects below and recommends that they can now be closed, and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining funds in the identified capital projects are recommended to be transferred into the fund balance for the Outpost Project for Highway to be returned to the Highway Road Fund (Fund 03) and Road Machinery Fund (Fund 04) in the amounts identified below,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the closure of capital projects for the Highway Outposts, the GEMS-MUNIS Enterprise Resource Program acquisition, and the Court Building Projects, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following projects have been completed, reconciled, and the total and remaining balances are listed below:

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| PROJECT                                                | FUND &<br>ORIGINAL YEAR             | APPROPRIATIONS                         | REMAINING<br>BALANCE |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Court Building Projects<br>BG616204 43007 CB           | 01 & 2022                           | \$90,000                               | \$0                  |
| GEMS/MUNIS<br>T1019894 4* ERP                          | 01 & 2011                           | \$711,808                              | \$0                  |
| Outposts & Salt Storage<br>HM65197* POP PSS            | 01 & 2023<br>03 & 2021<br>04 & 2021 | \$21,050<br>\$1,743,750<br>\$1,787,250 | \$214,244.47         |
| Outposts & Salt Storage<br>HM65197* LOP LSS<br>ROP RSS | 01 & 2021                           | \$6,378,950                            | \$53,368.13          |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the remaining balances, totaling \$267,612.60 be transferred from the capital projects to the following funds: General Fund (01) \$53,368.13, County Road (03) \$107,122.23, and Road Machinery (04) \$107,122.24 as required by law and appropriate treatment under accounting practices, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Capital Projects; Court Buildings Projects, GEMS/MUNIS, Outposts & Salt Storage, and Outposts & Salt Storage all be closed once the balances have been transferred as indicated above.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 377-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 378-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BIG RACQUETTE, INC. FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR COUNTY OFFICES LOCATED AT 21 HARROWGATE COMMONS, MASSENA, NEW YORK**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, since December 2024, St. Lawrence County has owned property located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, which houses the Probation Department, Department of Motor Vehicles, and serves as the backup location for the Emergency Services Dispatch Center, with the Department of Social Services added in 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, a Request for Quotations (RFQ) was released to obtain bids for snow and ice removal services for the 2025-2026 season at the County's satellite office located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, with a submission deadline of September 26, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) bids were received and reviewed, and the lowest responsible bidder was Big Racquette, Inc. of Massena, New York, with a total bid amount of \$8,500 (BGM16204 40800),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Big Racquette, Inc. for snow and ice removal services for County offices located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 378-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 10-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 379-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH LABELLA ASSOCIATES FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATIONS AT THE HAROLD B. SMITH BUILDING AND THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER FOR CODE REVIEW**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, a recent review by New York State Code Enforcement recognizes work to be completed at the Harold B. Smith Building requires professional and engineering services, including preparation of permit drawings and a code assessment to address the newly constructed walls on the second floor of the suite, and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work includes obtaining and reviewing existing building plans, performing zoning and code compliance reviews, preparing construction documents, and providing a summary of investigative findings and recommendations, and

**WHEREAS**, code requires stamped drawings, and it is anticipated that architectural and engineering services will also be required for the Human Services Center, where professionally stamped drawings will be needed to meet code and permitting requirements for the Department of Motor Vehicle office, and

**WHEREAS**, LaBella Associates, D.P.C. has proposed to perform the outlined services not to exceed \$8,000, (BG016204 43007) with any additional services beyond the defined scope to be negotiated upon request,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Labella Associates for architectural and engineering services for the renovations at the Harold B. Smith Building and the Human Services Center for code review.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 379-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 380-2025

**DESIGNATING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS  
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2026**

By Mr. Webster, District 11

**WHEREAS**, in order to participate in the Empire State Development Division of Tourism Matching Funds Program, it is requested that each county appoint a Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA), and

**WHEREAS**, participation in this program doubles the earmarked Tourism Promotion Funds by St. Lawrence County through I Love New York Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2024 NYS Tourism Economics Report, visitor expenditure accounted for more than \$182 million in St. Lawrence County, and \$11.8 million in local taxes in 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report, tourism spending has increased year to year, with a 10% increase from 2023 to 2024, supporting the importance of investing in the continued growth of the tourism industry, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report an estimated 1,662 jobs in the County (2024) were supported by visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce represents the County as its Tourism Promotion Agent by creating a comprehensive marketing and advertising campaign, consisting of events, attractions, and recreational opportunities throughout the County, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce represents the County in regional and State opportunities to leverage funds and promotions to attract visitors to the County as an economic driver,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators designates the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agency for 2026.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 380-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Levato, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 381-2025

**SUPPORTING “OPERATION GREEN LIGHT” AND ILLUMINATING THE  
TOWERS AT THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT HOUSE GREEN  
FROM NOVEMBER 4-11, 2025, IN HONOR OF THE VETERANS IN  
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Webster, District 11

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators and residents have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and communities in the Armed Forces, and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by all citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm’s way for the good of all, and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of “Operation Green Light” is a national and state effort to show support for veterans of all military conflicts, with a special emphasis on the veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County Veterans Services work hard every day to connect our Veterans to federal and state benefits, help manage employment needs and doctor appointments, as well as assist with transition back to civilian life, and

**WHEREAS**, once again, St. Lawrence County is proud to be joining counties across New York and the country in an initiative designed to “shine a light” on the service of our veterans, and as a simple way of saying thank you, your service mattered, and we are grateful, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County will be illuminating the County Court House and other County facilities green from November 4 through November 11, and encourages individuals and businesses to join us by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb honoring all those who made the immeasurable sacrifices to help preserve freedom for all,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators supports “Operation Green Light” and will illuminate the towers at the St. Lawrence County Court House green in honor of the veterans in St. Lawrence County.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 381-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Hull, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 382-2025

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S  
ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO  
GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11 and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities, and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas, and

**WHEREAS**, building on the CLCPA, the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Legislature has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of the administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity, and

**WHEREAS**, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs, and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans, and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 382-2025, seconded by Mr. Reagan, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Webster, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and one (1) absent (Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 383-2025

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW I  
(NO. \_) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FY 2026"**

By Mr. Hull, District 8

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, New York State implemented the Tax Levy Limit, commonly referred to as the "Tax Cap" which provides for a maximum growth of the Levy each year and provided regulations to counties, towns, villages, and school districts for how to approve a Levy that exceeds the Tax Cap, and

**WHEREAS**, one of the largest expenses placed on the Levy is the cost of Medicaid, and in 2012 the State recognized that the burden of Medicaid was too great for counties and placed a cap on the annual increases that were passed on to counties, and

**WHEREAS**, this cap for Medicaid provided an opportunity for counties to predict costs more effectively and successfully stay under the Tax Cap, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the impact of inflation has increased the cost of operations, and the State has resumed the practice of passing along costs for programs they require, that are not funded by the State, and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent challenges associated with federal and state programs and their uncertainty require caution when looking toward the budget for next year, and

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**WHEREAS**, all of these changes and inflation also continue to impact on the ability that the County has to meet the arbitrary Tax Cap set without consideration for the changes that are being implemented, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has requested two (2) overrides in ten (10) years (2024 and 2025), and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes setting a date for a public hearing on proposed Local Law I (No. \_\_) for the Year 2025 “Tax Cap Override for FY 2026” to be held at 5:50 p.m. on December 1, 2025 in the Legislative Board Room.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW I (NO. \_\_) FOR THE YEAR 2025,  
"TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FY 2026"**

**Section 1.      TITLE OF THE LOCAL LAW**

This Local Law shall be entitled “Tax Cap Override for FY 2026.”

**Section 2.      AUTHORIZATION**

For fiscal year 2026, the County of St. Lawrence shall override the real property tax levy limit established by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York and may adopt a budget requiring a tax levy that is greater than such tax levy limit.

**Section 3.      VOTE REQUIREMENT**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law § 3-C, which expressly authorizes the County Board of Legislators to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board.

**Section 4.      PURPOSE**

The purpose of this local law is to permit the override of the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the County of St. Lawrence, and to allow the County to adopt a county budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-C.

**Section 5.      DEFINITION**

Tax Cap Override for FY 2026 - The County Board of Legislators, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for FY 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law § 3-C.

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Section 6.    **SUPERSESSION**

Pursuant to the powers granted by the Municipal Home Rule, this Local Law supersedes all provisions of any other laws in the County of St. Lawrence, in so far as such statutes are inconsistent with this Local Law and any other laws or regulations of the County of St. Lawrence are superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect. All other provisions shall remain the same.

Section 7.    **SEVERABILITY**

Each separate provision of this Local Law shall be deemed independent of all other provisions therein, and if any provisions shall be deemed or declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 8.    **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 383-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Doyle thanked the legislators for recognizing over 265 total years of service for the honorees during the Longevity Ceremony.

Ms. Doyle reported that ARPA reporting for Quarter 3 in 2025 is completed. There is just over 2.3 million dollars remaining to spend by the close of the year in 2026. This money will largely go to broadband installation and utility projects.

The computer transition to Microsoft Office 365 is almost complete and Ms. Doyle thanked the legislators for their time getting this done.

The District Manager from the Soil & Water Conservation District reached out regarding an application for a grant to support the rapid response and control of invasive species through pesticide application. There is a County match required in the range of \$2,750 - \$62,500, and Soil & Water is seeking the higher amount. The application is due by December 17th. The funds would be used to either acquire an applicator license to safely treat or to hire out the work, depending on the timing of the application and funds awarded. Ms. Doyle recommends using appropriated forestry funds for the required match.

The uses of the Opioid Settlement Funds must be posted on the County Website per legal requirements, and it is now linked on a banner at the top of the website's home page. The link will eventually move to the Community Services home page. For the regional settlement, the spend this year has been \$263,534. The direct county funding spend has been \$1,704,715.

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At the Public Safety Complex, a few items remain that need to be finished, including commissioning of the heating system. The ballistic glass has been replaced. The County is waiting for a small piece of glass to be installed. Senator Stec visited the County on October 24th and toured the new Public Safety Complex.

The replacement of the stairs in front of the Surrogate Building has begun. The substantial completion will be by December 15.

The Window Replacement Project has not yet started, but the windows will begin being replaced in the Surrogate Building while its occupants are temporarily relocated.

2026 Tentative Budgets will be provided to the legislators at the end of the meeting. Each committee meeting in November will include a review of budgets of offices that report to that respective committee.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Burke brought forward old business and asked Joe Seeber to give an update on the impact of SNAP/HEAP funding and programs. Joe Seeber, Commissioner of Social Services, was recognized to provide an update. Steve Button, County Attorney, was recognized to provide additional legal context.

Ms. Curran brought forward new business regarding a DEC Grant Program that may be ideal for the County to apply for in order to purchase a weed harvester. Many towns hire out a weed harvester each year. The weed harvester is a more environmentally friendly way to deal with weeds and aquatic invasive species.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no committee reports.

Mr. Hull moved to go to Executive Session at 7:19 p.m., to discuss appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Youth Advisory Board** (Term to Expire: 6/30/2027), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

- Ryder Liscum, Heuvelton, 13654

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Levato to the Soil & Water Conservation Board.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Levato to the Financial Stability Committee.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Lightfoot as the Financial Stability Committee Chair.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Curran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., as there was no further business.