St. Lawrence County | Full Board
Board of Legislators | Monday, December 1, 2025
Board Room and Live via www.stlawco.gov | 6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present.

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

MEMORIAL CEREMONY:

RESOLUTION NO. 385-2025

IN MEMORIAM OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

By Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Hull, District 8; Mr. Levato, District 9; Ms. Haggard, District 10; Mr. Webster, District 11; Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Gennett, District 13; Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, during the past year, we have lost from our ranks:

DANIEL G. FAY
Legislator

WHEREAS, this man was recognized as a leader in his community and was chosen to serve on the Board of Legislators representing the Village of Canton initially from 1982 to 1983 and 2016 to 2025, as well as performing other duties for his fellow citizens, and he honorably and diligently discharged the trust so reposed in him and he has now departed, leaving a record which we remember and which today we seek to commemorate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, that we rejoice in the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in token of our respect to this departed associate, this resolution be included in our records as a permanent memorial to his time spent with us.

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Ms. Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 385-2025, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Hull, Mr.

Levato, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Denesha moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2025, and November 3, 2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Chair Forsythe called a brief recess at 6:15p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: There were no citizen participants.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 386-2025

RECOGNIZING WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1ST

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, December 1st is recognized globally as World AIDS Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pandemic, mourning those who have lost their lives to the disease, and supporting individuals and communities affected by HIV/AIDS, and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the epidemic, more than 84 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV, and over 40 million have died from AIDS-related illnesses, with millions continuing to live with HIV today, and

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV, transforming it from a fatal disease to a manageable chronic condition for many, thanks to advancements in antiretroviral therapy and global public health initiatives, and

WHEREAS, despite progress, stigma, and misinformation, health disparities continue to present major barriers to prevention, testing, and treatment, particularly in underserved communities, and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity to reaffirm a shared commitment to ending the HIV epidemic, advocating for equitable access to healthcare, supporting scientific research, and promoting education and awareness to reduce stigma and discrimination, and

WHEREAS, individuals, healthcare workers, community organizations, and advocates across the world come together each year to honor those who have died, support those living with HIV, and work toward a future free of AIDS,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes World AIDS Day on December 1st.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 386-2025, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 387-2025

RECOGNIZING DECEMBER AS SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that occurs at a specific time of year, most commonly in the fall and winter months, when daylight hours are shorter and exposure to natural sunlight is reduced, and

WHEREAS, SAD affects millions of people in the United States each year, often disrupting daily functioning and diminishing quality of life, yet remains underdiagnosed and misunderstood by the general public, and

WHEREAS, symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder may include fatigue, sadness, loss of interest in activities, changes in appetite or sleep, difficulty concentrating, and feelings of hopelessness-symptoms that can impact individuals' mental, emotional, and physical well-being, and

WHEREAS, December, with its limited daylight and colder temperatures in many parts of the country, is a particularly important time to increase public awareness and understanding of SAD and its impact, and

WHEREAS, treatments such as light therapy, psychotherapy, medication, and lifestyle changes can be effective in managing symptoms, especially when individuals are informed and supported in seeking help, and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness of Seasonal Affective Disorder can help reduce stigma around mental health conditions, encourage early diagnosis and treatment, and support those affected in accessing the care they need,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes the month of December as Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages healthcare providers, educators, community organizations, and residents to engage in efforts that increase awareness, offer support, and promote mental health and wellness during the winter season and beyond.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 387-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 11-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 388-2025

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER/ANALYST AND CREATE AND FILL A COMPUTER TECHNICIAN POSITION IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Office has significantly reduced its role of maintaining programs and applications, which are the primary duties of a Computer Programmer/Analyst, and

WHEREAS, the last county employee occupying the Computer Programmer/Analyst position in this office retired in August and mostly functioned as a helpdesk technician, and

WHEREAS, the technical support of the County would be better served with a Computer Technician position that could contribute to both helpdesk and on-site support, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a Computer Programmer/Analyst (Position No. 202900002) and create and fill a Computer Technician Position (Position No. 202700005) in the Information Technology Office.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 388-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 11-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 389-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ATTACK SURFACE MANAGEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Information Technology Services (ITS) is responsible for protecting New York State Government's cyber security infrastructure and does so by employing a multi-faceted approach that includes coordinating policies, standards and programs on cybersecurity across the State, partnering with State agencies and law enforcement, monitoring the State's technology assets and responding to abnormalities and threats to their systems, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is responsible for working with federal, state, local, and private entities to protect the State's critical infrastructure from cyber threats and vulnerabilities and to coordinate and facilitate information and intelligence sharing amongst these entities to assist in the early identification of and response to natural and man-made disasters, and

WHEREAS, New York State and St. Lawrence County (the Parties) are committed to ensuring the safety of their respective critical infrastructure by investing in strategic collaborations and technology for strengthening cybersecurity and resiliency in the face of evolving threats, and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize that Attack Surface Management (ASM) is part of the foundational components of a sound cybersecurity program, and

WHEREAS, increasingly sophisticated cyber-attacks on governmental entities as well as unauthorized access to their systems may compromise the security and integrity of government data, disrupt operations and services and damage critical infrastructure, thereby risking the health and welfare of the public, and

WHEREAS, there is established within the State a Joint Security Operations Center (JSOC) to serve as the round the clock operational center for the purposes of sharing cyber threat information that is uniquely positioned as a sharing hub to integrate information and facilitate operational collaboration from multiple sources, and

WHEREAS, the NY Security Operations Center Initiative (NYSOC) is a one-of-a-kind cooperative approach between state and local governments to enhance collective cybersecurity and risk management capabilities and provide participating entities with actionable information to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyber-attacks, and

WHEREAS, ASM services identify and assess vulnerabilities in the participating entity's external facing network, including but not limited to publicly accessible servers, IP addresses and domains, cloud services, network devices, certificates, third-party services, etc., and

WHEREAS, these ASM services are being provided at no cost to the participating entity over the term of the three (3) year Intergovernmental Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an intergovernmental agreement for the provision of attack surface management with the New York State Office of Information Technology and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 389-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 11-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 390-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A FY22 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of $98,200 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), with a contract period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to provide funding for the purchase of two (2) fully marked and upfitted patrol vehicles to enhance the operational capabilities of the Sheriff's Office road patrol, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of a FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and

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

<u>INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</u>

S1Z31102 23000 DCJS	S DCJS Automotive Equipment	$98,200

<u>INCREASE REVENUE:</u>

S1Z43895 57000 DCJS	FA Bureau of Justice Assist	$98,200

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 390-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 11-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. <u>391-2025</u>

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY23 OPERATION STONE GARDEN GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 146-2024 approved the Sheriff's Office to accept a FY23 Operation Stonegarden Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of $300,000 with a contract period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to transfer funds from a contractual account to personnel and fringe accounts, following notification that the upcoming FY25 Operation Stonegarden Grant contract period will be significantly shortened, and

WHEREAS, requiring a reallocation between the Sheriff's Office and local agencies to expedite the expenditure of FY23 Operation Stonegarden funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY23 Operation Stonegarden Grant from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 43007 SG3	S Stongard Other Fees 13	$6,752

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 SG3	S Crim Stone Gard Overtime	$5,000
S1Z31108 81000 SG3	Retirement	1,050
S1Z31108 83000 SG3	Social Security	535
S1Z31108 84000 SG3	Workers' Compensation	167
		$6,752

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 391-2025, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 392-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR PASS THROUGH FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Community Services received authorization from New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) for pass through funding for community agencies in St. Lawrence County, and

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

WHEREAS, the ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence notified NYSOMH that they are unable to utilize a significant portion of the 2025 State Aid allocation for transportation and employment services, and if it is not utilized will be recouped by the State, and

WHEREAS, in the 2026 Budget, THRIVE and STEP by STEP were recently awarded reallocated funding for 2026 by the Community Services Board for Supported Housing beds, and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board has authorized a one-time reallocation of state funding to assist with costs associated with the expansion and addition of supported housing beds to the agencies mentioned above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for pass through funding received from NYS Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) for approved agencies, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	ARC Advances	$35,000
A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	63,000
A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	42,000
		$140,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465SS	STEP by STEP Advances	$35,000
A4243224 465SS	A CRV STEP by STEP Advances	35,000
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	28,000
A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	42,000
		$140,000

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 392-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 393-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SETTING 2026 RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for Early Intervention Program Services and these contracts are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

WHEREAS, providers hired after December 31, 2019 will be paid the rates for new providers listed below, and

WHEREAS, the rates reflected for 2026 have not changed since 2024, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health has implemented a 10% decrease for services provided via teletherapy, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid from the following accounts based on actual services provided: PE040594 430DS PROV; PE040594 48600 PROV; and PE040594 443CM PROV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department, for the following rates, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon implementation of the 5% rate increase and 4% rural modifier by the New York State Department of Health, these rates will be re-evaluated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following 2026 rates are authorized for Early Intervention Services, as follows:

Services (in Person):	**Rate for Current Providers:**	**Rate for New Providers:**
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	$175	$155
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	$108	$100
Supplemental Evaluations	$108/$150	$100
Interpreter Services	$60	$60
Direct Service Visit	$60	$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	$62	$45
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	$42	$30

IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	$60	$50
Screening	$175	$130
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	$60	$45
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, $12 each additional)	$70	$70
Travel Reimbursement for 2 Hours Travel Per Day	$42	$0
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	$0	$0.45/per mile

***Services (via Teletherapy):** ***Introductory Rates for Teletherapy (10% Decrease)**	**Rate for Current Providers:**	**Rate for New Providers:**
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	$158	$140
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	$97	$90
Supplemental Evaluations	$97/$135	$90
Interpreter Services	$54	$54
Direct Service Visit	$54	$41
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	$56	$41
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	$38	$27
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	$54	$45
Screening	$158	$117

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 393-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 394-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT AND SAFETY NET

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, changes in the eligibility requirements for the Child Care Block Grant have caused higher than anticipated costs in excess of the allocation plus additional funding and higher than anticipated costs in Safety Net, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services to cover expenses and to request appropriations from contingency to cover it,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSD60554 46500 CCBG	D NYS Child Care Block Grt Ind	$1,070,025
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	575,000
		$1,645,025

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	$350,000
DAC60104 49900	D SCU Miscellaneous Expense	15,000
DAC60104 430SF	D SCU Sheriff Fees	5,000
DAE60104 40700	D Emp Building and Property Rent	12,000
DAS60104 40700	D SG Building and Property Rent	63,000
DAS60104 44100	D SG I/D Fuel Charges	20,000
DAA60102 26000	D Adm Other Equip	25,000
DAA60102 21000	D Adm Computer Hardware	10,000
B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	835,886
		$1,335,886

INCREASE REVENUE:

DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	$165,785
DPS46405 57000	D FA Safety Net	3,326
DSC27015 55000	D LR CC Prior Year Refunds	194,799
DAS27015 55000	D SVC Prior Year Refund	992
		$364,902

DECREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	$5,306
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	30,858
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	2,162
DAS46155 570CW	D FA FFFS Child Welfare Services	13,527
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	3,910
		$55,763

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 394-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Levato, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Webster made a motion to amend the resolution by changing the $20,000 on account DAC60104 49900 to $15,000. To add account number DAC60104 430SF in the amount of $5,000, and change account number DAA60102 22001 to DAA60102 21000, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Resolution No. 394-2025 was adopted by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 395-2025

ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mortgage Tax Report as submitted April 1 - September 30 by the County Clerk and the County Treasurer is hereby accepted and the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue the amounts as set forth in the report to the various tax districts in this County.

Town/Village	Amount
Brasher	$14,956.62
Canton:	
Village of Canton	10,417.77
Village of Rensselaer	467.92
Town of Canton	37,413.73
Clare	0
Clifton	784.47
Colton	10,858.28
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	358.77

Town of Dekalb	10,180.37
DePeyster	1,284.00
Edwards	1,636.51
Fine	8,242.82
Fowler	13,514.91
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	3,851.50
Town of Gouverneur	11,146.95
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	337.57
Town of Hammond	15,397.86
Hermon	2,369.84
Hopkinton	7,615.42
Lawrence	6,342.24
Lisbon	24,478.25
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	2,153.19
Town of Louisville	28,438.82
Macomb	3,786.71
Madrid	5,167.06
Massena:	
Village of Massena	27,320.58
Town of Massena	57,626.70
Town of Morristown	27,291.45
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	268.08
Village of Massena	36.32
Town of Norfolk	31,631.07
Ogdensburg	33,263.07
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	947.87
Town of Oswegatchie	17,976.10
Parishville	18,135.28
Piercefield	1,338.80
Pierrepont	30,083.02
Pitcairn	3,953.83
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	19,250.90
Village of Norwood	4,469.12
Town of Potsdam	78,673.90

Rossie	4,752.00
Russell	8,207.21
Stockholm	21,660.85
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	5,333.56
Town of Waddington	20,356.54
TOTAL:	$633,777.83

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 395-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 396-2025

CHARGING TAX ITEMS & OMITTED TAX PAID

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to tax refunds, cancelations of taxes, and other assessment errors, and omitted tax payments received, there are various tax items that cannot be collected or payments that result in town credits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to charge/credit these various items to the towns as presented to the Legislature, as follows:

2025 CORRECTION OF ERRORS
CHARGES & CREDITS TO TOWNS & DISTRICTS

Canton Fire - FD003	$354.34	
Canton Light - LT005	$102.99	
Canton Town	$1,130.09	
Canton County	-$401.08	
		$1,186.34
Clifton County	-$5,235.06	
		-$5,235.06
Colton County	-$6,891.23	
		-$6,891.23

Gouverneur Town	$1,801.35	
Gouverneur Fire Protection - FH001	$125.74	
		$1,927.09
Hermon Fire Protection - FD018	$207.28	
Hermon Town	$938.79	
		$1,146.07
Lisbon Town	$297.50	
		$297.50
Madrid Highway	$7,873.22	
Madrid Town	$7,024.11	
		$14,897.33
Massena Town	$3,493.08	
		$3,493.08
Norfolk Town	$1,214.83	
		$1,214.83
Oswegatchie Town	$439.51	
		$439.51
Pierrepont Fire Protection - FD032	$9,276.15	
Pierrepont Highway	$39,162.26	
Pierrepont Light - LT025	$1,716.29	
Pierrepont Town	$22,322.85	
		$72,477.55
Pitcairn County	-$4,025.96	
		-$4,025.96
Potsdam Town	$2,336.21	
		$2,336.21
Stockholm Town	$40.72	
Stockholm County	-$117.64	

		-$76.92
Waddington Town	$160.97	
		$160.97
Total Chargebacks		**$83,347.31**

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 369-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 397-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR MACHINERY RENTAL AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts based on current and projected operational needs, and

WHEREAS, the Department has incurred several costly interdepartmental equipment repairs this year, the expense of which can be offset by an increase in revenue, and

WHEREAS, the machinery rental expenses for traffic safety, other government services, and highway maintenance are currently projected to exceed the budgeted amounts 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 for machinery rental and equipment repair and maintenance as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HR028015 55000	H Rental of Equip - Other Fund	$115,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051304 42200	H RM I/D Equip Repair & Maintenance	$115,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM551124 454BS B1	Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	$130,000
HM551124 40600 B1	Machinery Rental	95,000
HM151104 454PM H1	Paving Materials	340,000
HM551104 40600	Machinery Rental	50,000
		$615,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	$15,000
HM433104 40600	Machinery Rental	40,000
HM351104 40600	Machinery Rental	500,000
HM151124 40600 H1	Machinery Rental	60,000
		$615,000

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 397-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 398-2025

AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 186-2025 authorized the design of a new facility for maintenance and administration at 7074 US Highway 11, Potsdam, NY, and

WHEREAS, if this Capital Project is completed, it would successfully remove all highway department functions from the Village limits of Canton, following the construction of three (3) outposts in Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, the administrative offices of Solid Waste and Weights & Measures would also be relocated to the new site, along with indoor storage space for Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Office, created for the Unified Command Vehicle and emergency equipment, along with secured external storage for the District Attorney's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Project requires compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the completion and execution of an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to determine the potential environmental significance of the action, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways, under the supervision of the Superintendent, has conducted the necessary reviews and prepared the required documentation to complete the EAF, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators concurs with the determinations on the EAF Form and authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to execute the EAF on its behalf to complete the environmental review process, an important step in the process, and

WHEREAS, upon successful completion of the design phase and the environmental review process, the Project is ready to advance to the procurement stage and solicit competitive bids for the construction phase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the solicitation of bids for the Highway Maintenance and Administration Facility, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED authorizes the Highway Superintendent to execute and submit the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) in accordance with the specifications prepared by the Project Engineer and all applicable state laws and procurement policies, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 398-2025, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 399-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL GRID BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD FUNDS FOR DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING AT 18 MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF HAMMOND AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has developed a strategy 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, the County commenced an action against property located in the Town of Hammond due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2020, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following property located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Site”):, and

“Site"

- Record Owner: Rosalyn Salamacha
- Site Address: 18 S Main Street, Hammond, New York
- Tax ID #: 127.053-3-1
- DEC Spill No: 2109158
- DEC Spill Cleanup Status: Open

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

WHEREAS, following acquisition of judgment and title to the Site by the County, in 2022 and 2023, pursuant to an authorized agreement between the County and the Fund, the Fund performed a partial cleanup of petroleum contaminants at the Salamacha Site, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, due to the existence of the original structure, complete remediation was not possible at that time, and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Fund and the County still requires the State of New York, through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Site should the existing structure be removed, 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 secure funds to assist in the demolition of the original structure at the Site, which would permit the State of New York to complete remediation and permit the County to list the property for sale, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a grant from National Grid’s Brownfield Redevelopment Program (NGBRP) that, offers assistance for projects which remove blight and result in the transformation of communities in the North Country, and

WHEREAS, National Grid has awarded the County funding up to $28,311 in the form of a grant to be used for up to 25% of the eligible remediation, demolition, and energy infrastructure costs of the project, and

WHEREAS, additionally, funding from the St. Lawrence County Blighted Property Program has been committed to move forward with hazardous material abatement and building demolition as well as additional assistance is being provided by the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund, to execute building demolition to remove hazardous blighted buildings, remove environmental contamination and to ready the site for redevelopment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the National Grid Brownfield Redevelopment Program Accepting Grant Award Funds for Demolition of a Building at 18 Main Street in the Town of Hammond, 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 County Attorney's office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T1Z13254 43007	NGBRP Payments	$28,311

INCREASE REVENUE:

T1Z27055 55000	NGBRP Grant Revenue	$28,311

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

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 399-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 400-2025

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

By Mr. Hull, District 8

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

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.

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. 400-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 401-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE CLEANING AND MINOR REPAIR SERVICES FOR COURT FACILITIES AT THE COUNTY COMPLEX

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is required by law to provide and maintain adequate court facilities for use by trial courts of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the existing five (5) year contract with the New York State Unified Court System for cleaning and minor and emergency repair services in the Court Facilities in the County Complex expired March 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a new agreement (Contract No. C300525) Annual Renewal Letter and Budget (Appendix B) for State Fiscal Year 2025-26, and pursuant to Section I of the existing contract between the Unified Court System and the County of St. Lawrence, the state is hereby establishing a renewal period in the five (5) year term of this agreement, the renewal period shall commence on April 1, 2025, and shall terminate on March 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, during this 2025-26 renewal period, all terms and conditions of the above referenced Agreement shall continue to apply, except as specified, the proposed budget for services to be rendered pursuant to this contract in the 2025-26 period shall be $457,209, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 686 of the Laws of 1996, as amended to date, the maximum compensation for the 2025-26 period shall be 100% of that amount, a revised Appendix B, detailing the proposed budget for the renewal period, shall be incorporated into the Agreement and shall replace any Appendix B that were previously included,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Unified Court System to provide cleaning and minor repair services for Court Facilities at the County Complex, (BG030895 560CF) upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 401-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 402-2025

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 246-2025 was adopted in August to provide for advertising needs associated with County business, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the County has adopted eight (8) local laws so far this year, including the amended Sanitary Code for Public Health, and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to advertise for Department Head vacancies this year, often unanticipated in the Budget, and the advertising costs for 2025 have exceeded again the Budget,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$25,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BO010404 43005	B CLB Advertising Fees & Expenses	$25,000

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 402-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 403-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CAPITAL RESERVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MANAGEMENT OF REPAIRS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has been taking measures to establish and maintain fiscal stability for the County and, in order for that process to continue, the County Administrator makes annual recommendations for building upon existing reserves and creating new ones when warranted, and

WHEREAS, since 2018, there have been six (6) reserves established and funded each year since their creation, and this recommendation comes in anticipation of an improved effort to maintain county-owned equipment, and

WHEREAS, when possible, the Board of Legislators has invested in and has provided equipment in the safest manner possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of a Capital Reserve for the purpose of the management of repairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capital Reserve for repairs be initially funded to a balance of $1,000,000 from the unreserved unappropriated fund balance, this reserve is being established for the purpose of maintaining the existing and future equipment needs of the County.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 403-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Gennett made a motion to table this resolution, seconded by Ms. Curran, and failed by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) no votes, and two (2) yes votes (Gennett and Curran.)

This resolution pass by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) no votes (Gennett, Curran, and Lightfoot.)

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 404-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SUMMIT SHRED LAB FOR SHREDDING SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County requires professional shredding services on an annual basis to ensure the secure destruction of sensitive documents, and

WHEREAS, Summit Shred Lab, a locally owned and operated business, is a licensed New York State Document Destruction Contractor that has provided dependable, compliant, and high-quality shredding services to the County, and

WHEREAS, the County has been satisfied with the service demonstrated by Summit Shred Lab throughout the existing contract period, and

WHEREAS, the contract recommended is for a one-year term beginning December 24, 2025, through December 24, 2026 (B1014604 43006),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Summit Shred Lab for shredding services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 404-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Levato and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 405-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IF AWARDED, TO ADMINISTER THE INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 4 2025 AND PROVIDE A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MATCH TO SUPPORT THE GRANT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) has issued a grant titled, "Invasive Species Grant Program Round 4 2025," and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Grant is to address the impacts of invasive specify by supporting the control, removal, research, prevention, restoration, and resiliency projects across the State, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District has been actively managing invasive species control and prevention efforts for the County for years, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the Grant is $4M that is available for Round 4 and the range of the Grant award is between $11,000 at a minimum and $250,000 for the maximum award, with a committed twenty-five (25%) percent match which would equal one-quarter of the total, examples provided include $20K match: $80K award: $100K total for the project, and

WHEREAS, the County is the eligible bidder and Soil & Water has proposed managing the Grant and executing the contracts with vendors, which makes this opportunity possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Soil & Water Conservation District to apply for the Invasive Species Grant Program Round 4 2025 and, if awarded, to administer the grant award, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the range of the award may be $11,000 ($2,750 match) up to $250,000 ($62,500 match), that the County will provide the match through another resolution with a budget modification, if the grant is awarded.

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Mr Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 405-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Levato, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 406-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RAPID NOTIFICATION SOFTWARE FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Emergency Services utilizes notification software to send alerts and dispatch information to Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel countywide, and

WHEREAS, the current software, "Rip N Run", is outdated and not compatible with the County's recent upgrade to Office 365, and the removal of the old email server will render it unusable, and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made by Information Technology to purchase Rapid Notification Software through Motorola Solutions to ensure continued and reliable alerting capabilities, and

WHEREAS, the installation costs for the new software is $10,697.95, plus the first year of a five (5) year subscription at $913.43, for a total cost of $11,611.38 (XP036404 42004), with an annual renewal cost of $913.43 for each of the remaining four (4) years, and

WHEREAS, this purchase is necessary to maintain uninterrupted emergency communications for Fire and EMS responders throughout the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a five (5) year agreement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of Rapid Notification software for the Office of Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 406-2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 407-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PRO-ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY EMPLOYER GROUP WAIVER PLAN

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County currently has a contract with Pro-Act to provide Pharmacy Benefit Management services as well as administrative services for the St. Lawrence County Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) that will expire December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, EGWP is a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Medicare Part D (prescription) benefit plan that is offered by the County to Medicare-eligible retirees through a CMS waiver which can result in lower healthcare costs compared to traditional Medicare coverage, and

WHEREAS, Pro-Act provides the prescription Employer Group Waiver plan, gap coverage, and manages the EGWP while they partner with Amwins RX (pharmacy benefit manager) to administer the plan, and

WHEREAS, the benefit consultants for the County, Alera Group (formerly Burnham Benefits Consultants), issued a Request for Proposals on behalf of the County for administration of the County Employer Group Waiver Plan (T5090608 860AD), and

WHEREAS, the Alera Group reviewed the pricing and terms of the proposed agreement with Pro-Act and confirmed the terms remain the same, anticipated member experience will remain unchanged and uninterrupted, and the pricing provides an approximate 10.7% annual decrease in costs, and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Committee reviewed the proposals with Alera and recommends the County renew with Pro-Act for administrative services of the SLC EGWP (T5090608 860PH), and

WHEREAS, Pro-Act and the County would like to enter into an agreement to have Pro-Act provide benefit program administration services (through Amwins) to the County for the CMS-approved Employer Group Waiver Plan, and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall replace any prior agreement between the County and Pro-Act for services pursuant to this agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a three (3) year contract with Pro-Act to provide administrative services for the County EGWP program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 407-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 408-2025

ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

By Mr. Forsythe, Chair

BE IT RESOLVED that the Organizational Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators shall be held on Friday, January 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, Canton, New York for the purpose of electing a Chair of the Board of Legislators and any other business that may come before the Board.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 408-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 409-2025

APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES III TAX FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4
Co-Sponsored By Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, the term of the Director of the Real Property Tax Services III expired on September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a Search Committee was appointed to recruit candidates for replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee has completed the search and are prepared to make a recommendation of a candidate to a new term, and

WHEREAS, the decision was difficult with qualified candidates interested in filing the position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Emily Wilson as the Director of the Real Property Tax Services Director III for St. Lawrence County to serve a term from December 2, 2025, through September 30, 2031, at a salary of $97,301.

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 409-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Webster, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

X. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle expressed gratitude to the Board for taking a look at the Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget, and added that it is important for the fiscal stability team to come back together for a careful review of what's happening as the rules continue to change and to look at this year's performance going into 2026.

Ms. Doyle congratulated Emily Wilson on her appointment to Director of Real Property Services III Tax.

Ms. Doyle announced that with the Finance Committee meeting being scheduled for December 22nd there will not be a meeting on December 29th.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS: There was no old/new business.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiation, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Before going into Executive Session, Mr. Forsythe added that this is his last meeting of his three-year term as the Chair and it's hard to believe it has gone by this quickly. He thanked everyone for all their help throughout the years and added that they are a great team, and he hopes to move forward into the New Year together.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Hull moved to go to Open Session at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Terminelli moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Environmental Management Council** (Term to expire: 11/3/2027), seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Lynda A. Bage, Winthrop, 13697

Ms. Terminelli moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Planning Board** (Term to expire: 12/1/2028), seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Cheryl (Cherie) Shatraw, Morristown, 13664

Ms. Terminelli moved to appoint the following individual to the **Youth Advisory Board – Youth Committee** (Term to expire: 12/1/2027), seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Mairin King, Heuvelton, 13654

Ms. Curran made a motion to suspend the rules to add a resolution, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Hull, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 410-2025

ADOPTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

By Mr. Forsythe, Chair, Board of Legislators

WHEREAS, the 2026 Tentative Budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2025, the Finance Committee delivered the 2026 Tentative Budget to the Board of Legislators, as amended on November 24, 2025, from the Tentative Budget presented by the Budget Officer on October 27, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Tentative Budget was amended by the Board of Legislators on November 24, 2025, to appropriate general fund balance in the amount of $2,197,898, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2026 Tentative Budget was held on December 1, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators adopts the 2026 Tentative Budget with said budget requiring the raising of real property taxes in the amount of $60,109,200, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County 2026 Tentative Budget be distributed in the funds as the Exhibits of said Adopted Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators to establish the St. Lawrence County Budget for the year 2026 in the amount of $334,182,391 with a levy of $60,109,200.

2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

EXHIBIT A:

CATEGORY	**APPROPRIATIONS**
TOTAL BUDGET	
General Government Support	$68,396,409
Education	961,000
Public Safety	24,494,551
Health Services	22,978,145
Transportation	34,460,294
Economic Assistance & Opportunity	93,865,471
Culture & Recreation	647,839
Home & Community Services	9,348,925
Employee Benefits	53,363,048
Debt Service	2,524,723
Interfund Transfers	23,141,986
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$334,182,391

EXHIBIT B:

CATEGORY	**REVENUE**
State Aid	$52,692,987
Federal Aid	29,373,924
Interfund Transfers	14,238,864
Real Property Taxes	372,000
Real Property Tax Items	2,619,405
Non Property Tax Items	84,355,216
Licenses & Permits	60,000
Fines & Forfeitures	72,600
Intergovernmental Charges	14,549,710
Use of Money & Property	4,537,272
Departmental Income	52,520,601
Sale of Property & Comp Loss	1,697,133
Miscellaneous Local Sources	9,468,291
Interfund Revenue	5,317,290
Amount Raised by Taxes	60,109,200
Appropriated Surplus	2,197,898
TOTAL REVENUE	$334,182,391

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 410-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Hull, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

XIV. CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no chair appointments.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Levato moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board meeting at 8:14 p.m., as there was no further business.