



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA
MS. RITA CURRAN, CHAIR
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
BOARD ROOM AND LIVE VIA
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
SERVICES COMMITTEE**



RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2025

3. EMERGENCY SERVICES – RICK RUSAW

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a SFY25 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant and Modifying the 2026 Budget for Emergency Services (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY20 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services (Res)
- C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY21/22 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY21/22 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (Res)
- D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY23 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (Res)

4. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funds and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Planning Office (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for Delivery of the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, Round #6 (Res)

5. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI 2026 Plan for the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (Res)
- B. Arming of Probation Officers (Discussion)

6. SHERIFF – PATRICK ENGLE

- A. Authorizing the St. Lawrence County Sheriff to Enter into a Section 287(g) Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (Res)
- B. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Postage, Inmate Prescriptions, and Overtime (Res)

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

- A. Use of County Parking Lots (Discussion)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha)
- B. Alternative to Incarceration Board (Burke)
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard)
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Curran)
- E. Environmental Management Council (Terminelli)
- F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha)
- G. Jury Board (Sheridan)
- H. Local Government Task Force (Forsythe)
- I. Planning Board (Hull)

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

11. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF
INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR A SFY25 NEXT
GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has awarded a grant of \$1,515,197 to the Office of Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2030,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a SFY25 Next Generation 911 Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2026 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X2Z30202 25000 NG25	NG25 Technical Equipment	\$312,197
X2Z30204 42004 NG25	NG25 Computer Software	953,000
X2Z30204 42202 NG25	NG25 Equip Repairs and Maint	<u>250,000</u>
		\$1,515,197

INCREASE REVENUE:

X2Z33895 56000 NG25	NG911 State Aid	\$1,515,197
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE FY20 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (FY20 SICG) WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 346-2021 approved the contract for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (FY20 SICG) in the amount of \$806,143 for the Office of Emergency Services to concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 66-2024 approved a contract extension with an end date of December 31, 2024, and Resolution No. 71-2025 approved a contract extension with an end date of December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that an additional one-year extension will be approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through December 31, 2026 (X2Z33895 56000 SI), and

WHEREAS, this grant allows New York State to provide aid to County, Local, and Municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY20 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services, and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE
FY21/22 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (FY21/22
SICG) WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 314-2022 approved the contract for the FY21/22 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (FY21/22 SICG) in the amount of \$1,604,582 for the Office of Emergency Services to concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 32-2025 approved a contract extension with an end date of December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that an additional one-year extension will be approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through December 31, 2026 (X2Z33895 56000 SI), and

WHEREAS, this grant allows New York State to provide aid to County, Local, and Municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY21/22 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY 21/22 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE FY23 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (FY23 SICG) WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 102-2024 approved the contract for the FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (FY23 SICG) in the amount of \$798,892 for the Office of Emergency Services to concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will authorize a one-year extension with a new contract end date of December 31, 2026 (X2Z33895 56000 SI), and

WHEREAS, this grant allows New York State to provide aid to County, Local, and Municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY23 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE
PLANNING OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has awarded \$675,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 6), and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to approximately fourteen (14) eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the County, and

WHEREAS, in the last forty-four years, 675 low-to moderate-income households, in communities across St. Lawrence County, have been assisted with more than \$28.5 million in CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation to bring residences up to building codes and increase the quality of housing in the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Contract with New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funds and all necessary documentation, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2026 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1080204 460GP NH6	N CDBG CHRP 6 Payments	\$675,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1049105 57000 NH6	N FA CDBG CHRP 6	\$675,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH
THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY FOR DELIVERY
OF THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, ROUND #6**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) awarded \$675,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (NYS CDBG Project #1106HR303-25) (N1080204 460GP NH56) to establish and administer the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, Round #6 (CHRP 6), and

WHEREAS, out of the total award of \$675,000, \$560,000 will be utilized to provide low to moderate income households with housing rehabilitation assistance; \$81,250 will be used for program delivery purposes; \$33,750 will be used for administrative purposes, with the County retaining \$5,000 for its role in grant administration, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance and lead hazard control work to approximately fourteen (14) eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the County, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the County conducted a Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) in order to select a sub-recipient for future community development programs, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this RSOI process, the County selected the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) as its sub-recipient for this community development program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Sub-recipient Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for delivery of the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, Round #6, upon approval of the County Attorney.

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY STOP-DWI
2026 PLAN FOR THE NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Vehicle and Traffic Law §1197 requires that the Chair of the Board of Legislators approves the STOP-DWI 2026 Plan which has been submitted to the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Plan was requested by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the time period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Program Budget was approved by the Board of Legislators on December 1, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI 2026 Plan for the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and any other documents necessary to carry out the terms of the program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO A
SECTION 287(G) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION
AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to enter into written agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies to delegate federal immigration authority to trained local officers, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office intends to enter a 287(g) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to identify and process non-citizens booked into the County Correctional Facility for state or local offenses, and

WHEREAS, the selected 287(g) model (either Jail Enforcement or Warrant Service Officer) necessitates training and certification for Sheriff's Office personnel, and

WHEREAS, ICE, as a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has asked to train approved select Sheriff's Office personnel to provide warrant service and/or task force deployment as needed, working strictly under ICE direction and supervision to perform certain limited functions, and

WHEREAS, ICE has provided to the County certain terms they have found agreeable to have the Sheriff's/ICE trained employees provide certain functions after said training, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff shall select certain members of his department with the proper background to be trained in the manner necessary to operate in the limited functions asked to be performed by ICE, and

WHEREAS, the training to be provided to select Sheriff personnel will greatly enhance their ability to perform their jobs under ICE supervision, as well as conduct themselves as a member of the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has reviewed this proposal and finds it to be in the County's interest for public safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the St. Lawrence County Sheriff to enter into a Section 287(g) Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff is authorized to sign all documents for the execution and implementation of the agreement upon review and approval of the form and contents thereof by the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff shall report regularly to the Board of Legislators on the operation of the Program.

February 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR POSTAGE,
INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS, AND OVERTIME**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the cost of Civil postage, inmate prescriptions, and overtime in the Criminal and Correctional Divisions has exceeded the 2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received revenue from Civil fees and State Ready inmates in excess of the amounts budgeted in the 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, overtime in the Criminal and Correctional Divisions has exceeded the budget due to staffing needs, coverage requirements, and operational demands necessary to maintain public safety and meet mandated staffing levels, and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Division has exceeded the budgeted amount for inmate prescriptions due to the Facility operating at or near maximum capacity for a significant portion of the year, the unpredictability of inmate medical needs, and rising pharmaceutical costs, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Division has exceeded the budgeted amount for postage due to a change in law allowing the eviction of "Jane and John Doe" resulting in increased certified mail costs, which have been offset by corresponding increases in Civil Fees revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for postage, inmate prescriptions, and overtime as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031101 18000	S CRIM Overtime	\$19,000
S2031104 42402	S CIVL I/D Postage	5,400
S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	215,000
S4031504 45100	S JAIL Medical Supplies	<u>45,000</u>
		\$284,400

INCREASE REVENUE:

S2015105 55000	S Civil Sheriff Fees	\$5,400
S4022645 550SR	S LR JAIL State Readies	<u>279,000</u>
		\$284,400