

January 2, 2026

St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room

Full Board
Friday, January 2, 2026
6:00 PM

Deputy Clerk Gotham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Gotham asked for nominations for Temporary Chair.

Mr. Hull nominated Ms. Curran for temporary Chair, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

There were no further nominations for Temporary Chair.

Mr. Webster moved to close the nominations for Temporary Chair, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent (Haggard, Gennett, and Terminelli).

Ms. Curran was elected as Temporary Chair by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent (Haggard, Gennett, and Terminelli).

ROLL CALL: Twelve (12) Legislators were present, one (1) Legislator was excused (Haggard), and two (2) Legislators were absent (Gennett and Terminelli).

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR
District 1	James E. Reagen
District 2	David Forsythe
District 3	Joseph Lightfoot
District 4	William J. Sheridan
District 5	Harry A. Smithers
District 6	Larry Denesha
District 7	Rick Perkins
District 8	Benjamin Hull
District 9	Anthony Levato
District 10	Margaret I. Haggard
District 11	Glenn J. Webster
District 12	John Burke
District 13	John Gennett
District 14	Nicole A. Terminelli
District 15	Rita E. Curran

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

Ms. Terminelli arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR: Mr. Denesha nominated Mr. Forsythe as Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran.

There were no further nominations for Chair of the Board of Legislators.

Mr. Sheridan moved to close the polls, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Mr. Forsythe was elected as Chair of the Board of Legislators by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) votes for Mr. Forsythe, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

COMMENTS BY CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS:

Mr. Forsythe said, "First of all, I'd like to say thank you to all of you. I don't just consider you my colleagues, I consider you all friends, and I'd like to thank you for your support. I'd also like to wish you all a Happy New Year and wish you all the best for 2026 moving forward. I think it's important that we talk about accomplishments and what we've done together as a Board. I'd like to hit on some of the highlights. It's a pretty extensive list, but it's worth noting. I'd also like to thank our Administrator, Ruth Doyle, and all her staff, who have been a tremendous help to me and all of us throughout this. Without you, we couldn't do it, so thank you. Whenever you do this, you're bound to forget someone, so if I forget anyone, I'm sorry. This year has been a busy one and the confidence, in administration and staff, that has been demonstrated by the Legislators is paramount to the success achieved and makes future successes like these possible. Accomplishments: We completed the replacement and modernization of the audio/visual equipment in the Board Chambers. We attended a meeting in Watertown a couple years ago, they had these cordless microphones, our system was terrible. We did some investigation and now we have audio and it's state-of-the-art. So now people can see it, and it's there for everyone to witness. We completed the replacement of the Coolers at the Potsdam Nutrition Center from outside to inside the Potsdam Housing Authority for Office for the Aging. We completed a four-year project of paving 100 additional miles of county roads. An investment of \$14.2 million of county funds above the annual budgeted and Federal/State Funded projects. We completed the \$8 million renovation at the 1993 Public Safety Complex across the road; included a new 911 Dispatch Center, District Attorney Suite, Grand Jury Suite, Civil Office Suite, and Detectives Suite, along with a new modernized building mechanical system, generator, and antenna set up. We relocated the Public Defender's Office adjacent to County Court. We opened the first Satellite Office for the Office of the Public Defender adjacent to the busiest court, the City of Ogdensburg Court. We opened a third satellite office for the Department of Social Services in Gouverneur to serve the Southern end of the County. We settled successive bargaining agreements with CSEA, CSEA 8427, Council 82, and the Indigent Defenders Unions. We have three coming up this year. Our objective was to settle to be fair to our employees, fair to the taxpayers, and encourage longevity. Any business owner, or any person who's been around it knows that it's much easier to keep employees. And I think our contract proved that we were focused on increasing longevity. Thank you to all involved with that. We completed the renovation of the suites in the HB Smith Building for the Department of Social Services. We completed the \$1 million replacement of the Chiller in the Courthouse. We completed the installation of a Full Building Generator for the Human Services Center. The acquisition of a full body scanner for the Correctional Facility. We hired or promoted over 200 people into positions in the County. We also hired two (2) new Directors in Emergency Services and Real Property. We realigned the HR Office to better meet the needs for recruitment and retention. We also approved the Arming of Probation Officers for all new hires and optional for existing staff. Thank you, Mr. Webster, for leading that charge. We relocated the STOP DWI Program to the Probation Office from Community Services. We adopted a Budget on time that provides for the 10th reduction in real property taxes for the taxpayers of the County in the last eleven years (one year, 2020, it was kept flat). The Reserves created by this Board of Legislators were funded for the eighth consecutive year for a total of \$37 million in reserves. We commenced the creation of an Artificial Intelligence Policy for county implementation. We started a committee to look into feasibility of GPS on all of our County vehicles. We continued discussions around employee time & attendance policy, which

was a big topic during Union negotiations. We commenced design and planning for the replacement of the Highway Administration and Maintenance Facility in Potsdam. We commenced design work to replace the parking lots at the Court House, the HB Smith Building, and the Public Safety Complex. We commenced replacement of the front staircase at the Surrogate Building. We commenced a \$3 million Courthouse Improvement Project that will create a second family court suite, create a new office space for Probation and Planning, and add replacement building mechanicals and fan coil units to modernize the maintenance environment for better environmental management. The Land Claims was signed by our Governor, has passed the House of Representatives, and has gone to Senator Gillibrand to introduce to the Senate. This is a long-awaited, 43 years I believe, waiting for this, and it's finally coming to fruition. And as of today, our County Treasurer just notified us, that through our investment policy, where we take the funds that we have set aside and we invest it, we generated \$4.1 million in interest for this County. Fifteen years ago we were borrowing random anticipation notes and paying huge interest in doing so. So once we got to this point, now we can generate revenue just off our investments. With these come challenges. For the third consecutive year, a tax cap override was recommended by the Budget Officer and adopted by the Board of Legislators. We also appropriated \$2.1 million of fund balance to help balance the 2026 Budget. This is one of my main concerns. The first year of full implementation of the Medicaid clawback by New York State resulted in an additional loss in federal revenue of \$3.1 million kept by the State. We implemented the increases in eligibility for Daycare subsidies that New York State enacted, which resulted in there not being enough funding to meet the needs that is ever-growing. We're attempting to meet the increase in needs for seniors in the County with more Meals on Wheels. Due to the inability to recruit and retain attorneys, the Office of the Conflict Defender operations were paused and office staff relocated to other offices or accepted positions outside county employment. The Bar Association has notified the County that they will decline to continue providing 18-b services for the Assigned Counsel Program effective early 2026. The Communication System intended for roll out in 2025 will be moved to 2026 due to staffing changes and tower construction. We are reviewing options for investing in transfer station improvements for Solid Waste. That is a much-needed capital influx that will be needed to keep Solid Waste afloat and it's substantial and we will be addressing that this year. The ongoing discussion about how to best meet the Emergency Response needs for ambulance service in the County, so no person has to wait. The ongoing progress to relocate the warehouse files to the Old Jail so that the Warehouse and Sears Building can be razed to make way for a new Buildings & Grounds Office and light shop. The Big Beautiful Bill and how this will affect our citizens is yet to be determined, but we as a County have to be ready to address the issues and the concerns as they arise. Buildings and Grounds. If you notice by that list of accomplishments, the Buildings & Grounds Committee has been unbelievable. Great, great group to work with. And I wish to thank the Buildings & Grounds Committee for all the work they have done prioritizing projects moving forward, some of which have been long overdue. County Attorney's Office. It's my main feeling that the responsibility of government is the safety of our citizens. From the Sheriff's Department, to keeping prisoners in jail, to taking care of our elderly and our most vulnerable. And I just want to give you a little bit of what our staff does on a daily basis, which is truly amazing. With this commitment to public safety comes many unexpected legal challenges. I would like to acknowledge the County Attorney and their staff for all their efforts. Many people do not realize the amount of time and work this department puts in to protect the citizens of St. Lawrence County. As an example, from 2021-2024, the County Attorney's office had 28 litigation matters carry over. In 2025, there has been 104 new civil legal matters commenced against the County in which the County was named a party and appearance in a legal matter

was required. This does not include REM foreclosure, workers' comp, DSS family court, or juvenile prosecution. This is just civil legal matter. The County is a self-insured entity, so it is crucial the success of this department protecting all the citizens and taxpayers of St. Lawrence County. When the NYS Corrections Officers found themselves without a job after the strike, our County Attorney helped guide 31 individuals, as well as another 48 with representatives to help them through the issue. They have also been tremendous help with the land deal for the mineral rights for 112 parcels for Titan and Empire Mining expansion. St. Lawrence County is proud to be the only producer of graphite in the United States. Pretty incredible stuff. Last year we had an issue with tax bills being mailed that had inaccurate amounts. St. Lawrence County takes this seriously, and as an entity assumes the responsibility to make sure all taxpayer bills are accurate with no exceptions. We take this effort very seriously. Also this year I'd like to initiate a Committee to start conversations regarding the transitioning for the Human Services Center out on 310. It ends in 2032, and before you know it, it's going to be here, and we have to know which way we're moving in that direction. Lastly, I'd like to recognize one of our own, Dan Fay, who passed away last year. We recognized Dan and his family back in December for all his years of service. Dan was just a great guy and I was proud to have served with him. With that loss, we gained a new member, Anthony Levato. He's come from Canton, he's a family man, and I look forward to working with Anthony. Good luck to you, Anthony. I look forward to Legislator Reagen, Curran, and Haggard's efforts on our 250th Year celebration. I am encouraged to work with other municipalities, school districts, and the County to bring this to fruition, and I can't wait to see what happens. I'd also like to thank my Vice Chair, Larry Denesha. Larry represents 7 towns. He doesn't miss his meetings; he's unbelievable. If I need something done, he's there. If I am going to be absent, he will cover. He's a great listener. We have a great relationship, and we've worked well together. I believe the success and stability of this County is what brings us all together. Margaret Haggard said it last week. We all want what's best for this County, we all just have different ways of doing it. But let's try to work together. I want to make sure to thank each and every of you for your contributions. And with that being said, let's go to work. Thank you."

VIII. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR: Ms. Curran nominated Mr. Denesha for Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Terminelli nominated Ms. Haggard for Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Mr. Levato.

Ms. Curran moved to close the polls, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Mr. Denesha was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators by a roll call vote with eleven (11) votes for Mr. Denesha (Reagen, Forsythe, Lightfoot, Sheridan, Smithers, Denesha, Perkins, Hull, Webster, Burke, and Curran), two (2) votes for Ms. Haggard (Levato and Terminelli) and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Levato, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following Communication:

The Board received a letter from Jason Pfothenhauer, Director of Planning, thanking them for their support.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Nancy LaFaver, County Historian
Leon VanWie, Sons of the American Revolution
Sally Hartman, Daughters of the American Revolution
Ellen Nesbitt, Daughters of the American Revolution
Katrina Hebb, Canton, NY
Jane Lammers, Canton, NY
Lisa Ames, Canton, NY
Ginger Storey-Welch, Pierrepont, NY

Mr. Webster left the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2026

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each Board must establish its RULES OF PROCEDURE at the Organizational Meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the enclosed St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators RULES OF PROCEDURE as provided in the Organizational Meeting packet and dated January 2, 2026, are hereby adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board meeting dates in the attached calendar be set with a start time of 6:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committee meeting dates be tentatively set as in the attached calendar and be set with a start time of 5:30 p.m., and a copy of the schedule will be available in the Board of Legislators' Office.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to replace Attachment A, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Ruth Doyle, County Administrator, was recognized to provide additional context to the amendment.

The motion to amend the resolution carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

The motion to adopt the resolution, as amended, carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

St. Lawrence County

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Adopted January 2, 2026

Resolution No.

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ARTICLE I
Quorum

A majority of the duly constituted membership of the Board of Legislators shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II
Meetings

A. The Organizational Meeting shall be called pursuant to Section 151 of the County Law. At such Organizational Meeting, the Board will elect a Temporary Chair, Chair, and a Vice Chair.

B. The Regular Meetings of the Board of Legislators shall be held as identified in Attachment A, or by resolution during a regular meeting or special meeting, the Legislature may determine a date and time for the next meeting.

C. Special Meetings shall be held at the call of the Clerk upon direction of the Chair or upon written request signed by a majority of the members of the Legislature. The Order of Business at a Special Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Suspension of the Rules, if necessary
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Presentation of Resolutions
6. Chair's Appointments
7. Adjournment

D. Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York and adopted by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2022 in Resolution No. 360-2022, Legislators are permitted to attend and participate in Board Meetings where such attendance and participation is occasioned by "extraordinary circumstances" pursuant to the requirements referenced above in State and Local Law.

ARTICLE III
Order of Business

The Order of Business at each session, except as may be set apart for the consideration of matters for which a Special Meeting has been called, shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Suspension of the Rules, if necessary
3. Roll Call
4. Prayer
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of Agenda

7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
8. Reading of Communications
9. Citizen Participation
10. Presentation of Resolutions
11. County Administrator's Report
12. Old/New Business
13. Committee Reports
14. Executive Session
15. Appointments
16. Chair's Appointments
17. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV **Members**

- A. All members of the County Board of Legislators shall attend all regular and specially scheduled meetings of the Board of Legislators, and all duly called meetings of any special or standing committees of which any of the said Legislators are members, unless they are absent by reason of sickness, or excused by the Chair of the appropriate body.
- B. No member shall speak or debate until he/she has received recognition from the Chair.
- C. No member shall speak a second time to a question, as long as any member desires to speak who has not spoken to the question.

ARTICLE V **Non-members**

Citizens may participate before the Board of Legislators in one of the following ways:

- A. During Citizen Participation period, upon recognition by the Chair. The Speaker will state his/her name and is limited to five **(5)** minutes, or the time frame to be announced. The total Citizen Participation time period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair. Depending on the total number of Speakers, the Chair may reduce the available minutes per Speaker.
- B. During the "Presentation of Resolutions" by being granted the floor by the Chair upon request of a Legislator. The citizen may speak on the current agenda item only.

ARTICLE VI **Resolutions**

- A. The term "resolution" as herein used, shall mean a formal proposed action in writing, by one or more of the Legislators, and/or a Committee of the Legislature. Upon introduction, the resolution shall be read by the Clerk upon request. The motion for adoption shall be properly seconded immediately, preceding any debate on the main question.

B. A member sponsoring a resolution shall file with the Clerk of the Legislature a copy of said resolution one week prior to the Regular Meeting, at which it is to be introduced. Copies of the resolution and the entire agenda shall be sent to each Legislator to arrive no later than three days preceding the Regular Meeting.

C. Any resolution approved by a committee and forwarded to the Board for consideration may only be withdrawn upon the approval of the Board.

D. Individual Legislators who wish to have their names added, as co-sponsors, to resolutions approved by a Committee may do so at the Committee Meeting by notifying the Deputy Clerk of the Board.

ARTICLE VII **Committees**

A. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators shall be ex-officio members of all standing and special committees with all the rights & privileges thereof. Except if both the Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair of the Board are present at a committee meeting, **ONLY** the Chair will have voting privilege unless the Vice-Chair is a designated member of the Standing Committee, then both would have voting privilege.

B. The Chair of the Board shall appoint the members and designate the Chair of all standing committees within ten (10) days following his/her election. The Chair of the Board shall also appoint the members and designate the Chair of all special committees or subsequently created standing committees within ten (10) days following creation thereof.

C. Any vacancy occurring on any standing or special committee shall be filled by the Chair of the Board within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. In the event that such a vacancy occurs in the position of Committee Chair, the Board Chair shall designate a new Committee Chair.

D. All committee appointments serve until new appointments are made by the Chair.

E. No member shall be Chair of more than one standing committee.

F. Each Standing or Special Committee shall perform the duties so designated by the rules of the Board of Legislators, or as assigned by the Chair of the Board.

G. The Chair of each Standing or Special Committee shall be the presiding officer and shall cause the members thereof to be notified in advance of each meeting. The Committee Chair shall call all necessary meetings. Upon his/her refusal or neglect to call any meetings, the Clerk of the Board, upon written request signed by the Chair of the Board or by a majority of the Committee, shall call such meeting.

H. A quorum for all committees shall be a majority of the membership of the Committee. Once a quorum has been established, a majority of the Committee members present is sufficient to approve or disapprove a proposed action.

I. There shall be the following Standing Committees and their duties shall be those required by law, as directed by the Chair of the Board, or as so designated herein:

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be those arising out of the following departments: Board of Elections, County Clerk, District Attorney, Emergency Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Planning, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff, the expenditure of money not already appropriated and the transfer of funds.

SERVICES COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be those arising out of the following departments: Community Services, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Services, Weights and Measures, and Youth Bureau, and the expenditure of money not already appropriated and the transfer of funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Within the jurisdiction of this committee would be issues which would incur the expenditure of money not already appropriated; the issuance of bonds and payments thereon and the transfer of funds. Issues arising from the Board of Legislators, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Real Property, Highway, and Solid Waste shall be under the jurisdiction of this committee, as well as issues involving any outside agencies that are not currently funded within other departmental budgets, such as the Partner Agencies: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Chamber of Commerce, Soil and Water Conservation District, Forestry, Industrial Development Agency, Trails, and the Historical Association.

Special Committees may be created as needed. Any resolution or action by the Chair establishing a Special Committee shall specify powers, duties, and duration. Special Committees shall include the Labor-Management Committee. Each special committee shall report to the appropriate standing committee or full Board as directed by the Chair. These reports shall be at least quarterly, and more often if needed. When the Committee has completed its work, a final written report shall be made.

J. The Deputy Clerk of the Board shall arrange for the taking of minutes at all committee meetings and be responsible for their safekeeping. The minutes of each committee shall be kept in the Civic Plus Agenda and Meeting Management Program. The minutes shall contain the time and place and persons present at the meeting and a record of all committee votes and other actions. Written statements by members or non-members may be submitted and shall become a part of the record of the committee. Written summaries may be required by the Committee Chair. The minutes shall be filed in the Civic Plus Agenda and Meeting Management program for each committee and publicly available online via the Civic Plus portal on the St. Lawrence County website once approved. Written Committee minutes and agendas will be posted in the Civic Plus Agenda and Meeting Management program portal for the Legislators and be available on the St. Lawrence County website for the public.

K. Committee Procedures

1. Committees shall meet in accordance with the 2026 Meetings Schedule. Regular Committee Meetings shall begin at 5:30 p.m. When the Chair of a Committee calls special meetings, it shall be the intent of this Board that public announcement thereof will be done as soon as possible.

2. County Departments must submit any resolution to the Jurisdictional Committee assigned to their Department for Committee consideration with the Clerk of the Board by the submission deadline in accordance with the 2026 Meeting Schedule. If the Department would like or requires a resolution to be presented to a Committee they do not report to, the resolution will be presented under Old/New Business.

3. Rules for Legislators wishing to submit a resolution for committee consideration:

- a. If the resolution is to be in the committee agenda packet, then it must be submitted by the submission deadline, or
- b. If during discussion of any agenda item, then by motion with or without a copy of the resolution, or
- c. If under old/new business, then by motion with or without a copy of the resolution.

4. Within three (3) days of its introduction, any and every resolution which has not been acted upon by the Board shall be referred by the Chair to the appropriate committee.

5. Every resolution referred to any committee shall be placed on the regular agenda of that committee.

6. Within six (6) weeks of its referral to committee, every resolution shall be reported back to the Board of Legislators with the committee's recommendation, unless tabled to a specific date, either favorable or unfavorable, and with minority reports, if any.

7. When any resolution is being considered by a committee, its proponent or any other Legislator may come before the Committee and speak for or against the resolution. Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee on an agenda item may, upon nomination by a Legislator and recognition by the Chair, speak for or against the measure. The Committee may set a time limit of not more than five minutes on how long each individual may speak.

8. A member of the public who wishes to be on the agenda shall contact the Board Office, by submission date, eleven (11) days in advance of a committee meeting, and request to be put on the agenda. The Board of Legislators' Office will discuss the matter to be put on the agenda with the Chair of the Committee, and at the Chair's discretion, may or may not add the matter to the agenda for the next committee meeting, or a future committee meeting.

9. All presentations to Committees will be limited to a ten-minute presentation and a ten-minute question session. Extension of time will be available at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee.

10. In accordance with County Law Article 4, Section 154, committees have no power to do anything by which the County may become obligated and all of their actions must be reported to and sanctioned by the Board.

11. Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York and adopted by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2022 in Resolution No. 360-2022, Legislators are permitted to attend and participate in Committee Meetings where such attendance and participation is occasioned by “extraordinary circumstances” pursuant to the requirements referenced above in State and Local Law.

ARTICLE VIII **Limitations and Amendments**

A. Notwithstanding any provisions herein contained, any decision of any committee or Chair thereof, or of the Chair of the Board of Legislators, may be overruled by a majority vote of the Legislature.

B. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the Legislature at any meeting of the Legislature upon the following conditions:

1. The Legislator requesting the Suspension of the Rules shall provide an explanation of the necessity for the Suspension of the Rules.

2. A copy of the resolution to be offered under Suspension of the Rules shall be on the desk of each Legislator at the beginning of the meeting or placed there before a vote is taken.

C. These rules may be rescinded or changed by a majority vote of the total membership of the Board of Legislators at any meeting of the Board of Legislators, provided each member has had ten (10) days written notice of the proposed change.

D. Questions of Order and procedure not governed by these rules, or the laws of the State of New York, shall be decided according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised. The Legislature shall provide a desk copy of a current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised for each member.

E. For purposes of a reconsideration vote, the next monthly meeting is considered to be the "next succeeding day" to our previous session. (rf. Roberts Rules of Order Revised, Section 36, page 156).

F. A Legislator will be permitted to abstain from voting if he/she declares a conflict of interest.

G. At each meeting of the Board, the roll call votes will be on a rotation basis with the first roll call of the year starting with District One. Thereafter, the first roll call of each Board Meeting shall start with the next person in the rotation as determined by the rotation of the Roll Call Vote Program, or the designated official vote tally recording program.

H. In order to maintain the integrity of its proceedings, cellular telephones or other recording devices that are deemed to be distractive and disruptive to the meeting may be limited at the discretion of the Chair.

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ATTACHMENT A – REVISED
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators 2026 Meetings Schedule
January – December

DATE	MEETING/HOLIDAY	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE	DATE	MEETING	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE
January 2	Organizational Meeting			July 6	Board Meeting		
5	Open			13	Operations	6/25	7/1
12	Services/Operations	12/26	12/31	20	Services	7/2	7/8
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day			27	Finance (at the Gouverneur Fair)	7/9	7/15
26	Finance	1/8	1/14	August 3	Board Meeting		
February 2	Board Meeting			10	Operations	7/23	7/29
9	Operations / Services	1/22	1/28	17	Services	7/30	8/5
16	Presidents' Day			24	Finance	8/6	8/12
23	Finance	2/5	2/11	31	Open		
March 2	Board Meeting			September 7	Labor Day		
9	Operations	2/19	2/25	14	Board Meeting		
16	Open (NYSAC)			21	Operations / Services	9/3	9/9
23	Services	3/5	3/11	28	Finance (NYSAC) (Tentative Budget)	9/10	9/16
30	Finance	3/12	3/18	October 5	Board Meeting		
April 6	Board Meeting			12	Columbus Day		
13	Operations	3/26	4/1	19	Services / Operations	10/1	10/7
20	Services	4/2	4/8	26	Finance	10/8	10/14
27	Finance	4/9	4/15	November 2	Board Meeting – Longevity Ceremony		
May 4	Board Meeting			9	Operations	10/22	10/28
11	Services / Operations	4/23	4/29	16	Services	10/29	11/4
18	Finance	4/30	5/6	23	Finance	11/5	11/10*
25	Memorial Day			30	Open		
June 1	Board Meeting			December 7	Board Meeting – Memorial Ceremony		
8	Operations	5/21	5/27	14	Operations	11/25**	12/2
15	Services	5/28	6/3	21	Services	12/3	12/9
22	Open			28	Finance	12/10	12/16
29	Finance	6/11	6/17				

Please Note: The deadline for submission is noon on the submission date. (See CivicClerk for deadlines)

Pre-Committee Review, via Zoom, will begin at 12 p.m. for all Committees

*Please note the 11/10 pre-committee date is on Tuesday due to the Veteran's Day holiday falling on Wednesday

**Please note the 11/25 submission date is on Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on Thursday

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Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2026

**CALLING UPON NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL AND THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMMEDIATELY ACT TO
PRESERVE NORTH STAR HEALTH ALLIANCE AS A CRITICAL PART OF THE
NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Cosponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and
Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, one of St. Lawrence County's largest hospitals and employers is facing closure at a time when Northern New York is facing critical access challenges in health care, mental health care, and jobs for its residents, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the largest county geographically in New York State with one of the lowest per capita incomes, consistently high unemployment, and vast distances that make it difficult to efficiently deliver health care to its population of more than one-hundred thousand (100,000) people, and

WHEREAS, North Star Health Alliance, formerly known as Claxton Hepburn Medical Center, is facing possible closure due to a lack of financial assistance from New York State to fulfill long-standing commitments to help ensure the future of health care in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the potential closure of the hospital would endanger the lives and safety of thousands of families who depend on the institution and its talented staff for primary care, cancer care, mental health care, and employment, and

WHEREAS, winter is arriving with icy and snow-covered roads, making long-distance travel difficult and at times even dangerous, and the Greater Ogdensburg and surrounding communities need to preserve health care services to prevent the unnecessary loss of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon New York State Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Department of Health to immediately act to preserve North Star Health Alliance as a critical part of the North Country Health Care System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges New York State to take necessary actions to preserve one of the region's oldest health care institutions and the jobs it provides and families it serves in the North Country Region, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Senator Dan Stec.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Levato, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Lightfoot asked to be added as a co-sponsor to the resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026

AUTHORIZATION FOR LOCAL CONSENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES (NYS DHSES) FOR THE CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS FOR MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA) HARD TOKENS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES) solicited applications from eligible entities through a competitive application process aimed at improving cybersecurity posture through providing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) hard tokens to successful entities in a shared services model, and

WHEREAS, funding for this initiative is from the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (Combined FY2022 and FY2023 SLCGP), a federal grant program jointly administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and is aimed at strengthening cybersecurity practices and the resilience of state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments, and

WHEREAS, each state and territory receives a funding allocation as determined by the statutory formula and 80% of total state allocations must support local governments, of which 25% of the 80% must support rural areas/jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, there is \$4,648,484 in available local-share funding for FY2022 and \$9,271,115 for FY2023 to support the delivery of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) hard tokens for eligible entities at no cost to the entity, and

WHEREAS, all New York State local government entities are eligible to apply for the Combined FY2022 and FY2023 SLCGP for cybersecurity shared services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County in its application reported a user count of 900 to match the number of hardware authentication tokens needed,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes local consent agreements with the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) with the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for Multifactor Authentication (MFA) hard tokens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized by the Board of Legislators to sign the consent agreements following a discussion on November 17, 2025.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) HOSTING AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) provides Geographic Information System (GIS) hosting services to multiple municipalities within St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Jefferson Counties, as well as to St. Lawrence County Government, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 233-2020 authorized a five (5) year hosting agreement for Geographic Information System (GIS) with the Development Authority of the North Country, and

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country would like to extend this hosting agreement for a period of five (5) years, as specified in the GIS Web-Based Hosting Agreement and it is recommended that St. Lawrence County continue this hosting agreement, and

WHEREAS, the hosting fee for the next five (5) years is identified in the Agreement as \$3,200 for 2026 and \$5,800 for 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 (N1080204 42004),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Geographic Information System Hosting Agreement Extension with the Development Authority of the North Country, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 4-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE FOR
THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Planning Office administers the County Transit System and manages the fleet associated with the service that is operated by The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence, and

WHEREAS, Public Transit Bus 620 was in service for more than five (5) years and traveled in excess of 150,000 miles, which is the threshold for retirement, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) approved the sale of Bus 620 at a fair market value of \$4,000 to The Arc Jefferson - St. Lawrence, who was the only bidder on the piece of equipment, and

WHEREAS, the DOT requires proceeds from the sale of equipment purchased with Section 5311 funds be reinvested for public transit use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Planning Office for the sale of equipment from the County Transit System:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 25000 CP	N Technical Equipment	\$4,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B26655 55000 CP	N Proceeds of Equip Sales	\$4,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 5-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION
CENTER, INC. AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE
PLANNING OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 359-2025 authorized the Chair to sign a contract for mobility management with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. with a 2026 Budget totaling \$217,273, and

WHEREAS, the contribution made through mobility management to improve public transit operations in St. Lawrence County is projected to yield as many as 179,650 one-way trips in 2025, a thirteen (13%) percent increase in ridership from the prior year, and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in ridership and requests for customer assistance, in September the Department of Transportation agreed to provide an additional \$50,000 to fund an Outreach and Education Coordinator's position under the Mobility Management Contract, and

WHEREAS, County funds are not used to provide this service as the program is fully funded by the Department of Transportation with a local match that is satisfied through bus advertising or by the vendor, and

WHEREAS, this funding increase requires an addendum to the contract for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an addendum to the Mobility Management Contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc., 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:

N2B56304 43007 OP	N Bus Other Fees and Services	\$50,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B45895 57003 OP	N FA Bus Operations Ogds/Potsd	\$50,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 6-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Levato, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A REVISED 2025 CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR FIRST MILE LAST MILE WITH VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County administers Section 5311 funding from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for First Mile Last Mile (N2B56304 43007 OP), and

WHEREAS, First Mile Last Mile services complement bus operations by transporting riders who are not within walking distance to a designated stop, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9-2022 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. to provide First Mile Last Mile services, and

WHEREAS, as a result of a twenty (20%) percent increase in trips and a sixteen (16%) percent increase in miles since 2024, earlier this month the Department of Transportation agreed to provide an additional \$30,000 to fund first mile last mile services, and

WHEREAS, County funds are not used to provide the service as the program is fully funded by the Department of Transportation with a local match that is satisfied by the vendor, and

WHEREAS, this funding increase requires a revision to the 2025 contract extension,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a revised 2025 contract extension for First Mile Last Mile, 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:

N2B56304 43007 OP	N Bus Other Fees and Services	\$30,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B45895 57003 OP	N FA Bus Operations Ogds/Potsd	\$30,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 7-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A REVISED 2026 CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR FIRST MILE LAST MILE WITH VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION CENTER, INC. AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County administers Section 5311 funding from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for First Mile Last Mile (N2B56304 43007 OP), and

WHEREAS, First Mile Last Mile services complement bus operations by transporting riders who are not within walking distance to a designated stop, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9-2022 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. to provide First Mile Last Mile services, and

WHEREAS, due to a 20% increase in trips and a 16% increase in miles since 2024, the Department of Transportation in November 2025 agreed to provide an additional \$30,000 to fund First Mile Last Mile, and

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

WHEREAS, this funding increase requires a revision to the 2026 contract extension,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a revised 2026 contract extension for First Mile Last Mile, 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:

N2B56304 43007 OP	N Bus Other Fees and Services	\$30,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B45895 57003 OP	N FA Bus Operations Ogds/Potsd	\$30,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 8-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 12-8-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SYMETRA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County (SLC) currently has a contract with The Standard Life Insurance Company of New York to provide group life insurance coverage for eligible active employees and retirees as well as dependent coverage, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with The Standard Life Insurance Company of New York will expire February 1, 2026, and the terms of a new contract would represent an increase in monthly premiums of approximately 16% compared to the 2025 rates, and

WHEREAS, SLC Benefit Consultants (Alera Group) has solicited and reviewed various quotes from other insurance carriers, and

WHEREAS, the lowest cost proposal was received by Symetra Life Insurance Company and represents no change in coverage and no change in monthly premiums for three (3) years, and

WHEREAS, Symetra Life Insurance Company will provide a three (3) year (February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2029) rate guarantee of \$0.79 per \$1,000 per month for active employees and retirees and \$2.50 per month for dependent coverage (T5090458 84500), and

WHEREAS, the current coverage would remain the same as follows:

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| • CSEA, Non-Union, Solid Waste Department, Correction Officer, Correction Officer Supervisors, and Indigent Defense | \$10,000 |
| • Deputies and Deputy Supervisors | \$20,000 |
| • Spouses | \$5,000 |
| • Dependents | \$1,250 |

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Symetra Life Insurance Company for group life insurance coverage upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 9-2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Services Committee: 12-15-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2026

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received an updated New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid funding authorization to community agencies in St. Lawrence County that includes a Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII) of two point six percent (2.6%) to support a cost of living increase, and

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	ARC Advances	\$6,153
A4143224 465CA	Citizen Advocates Advances	1,970
A4143224 465CC	Catholic Charities Advances	5,256
A4143224 465SS	Step by Step Advances	2,838
A4143224 465SV	Seaway Valley Prevention Council	<u>1,176</u>
		\$17,393

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$17,393
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	4,062
A4243224 465CA	A CRV Citizen Advocates Advances	3,948
A4243224 465CC	A CRV Catholic Charities	1,803
A4243224 465SS	A CRV Step by Step Advances	2,882
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	<u>1,908</u>
		\$14,603

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health Programs	\$14,603
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4343224 465CA	A CPP Citizen Advocates Advances	954
A4343224 465SS	A CPP Step by Step Advances	<u>6,355</u>
		\$7,309

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health Programs	\$7,309
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	9,438
A4443224 465CH	A OFS CHJC Advances	446
A4443224 465JD	A JP Dwyer Vet Peer Support Project	2,085
A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	3,765
A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	5,336
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	<u>81,734</u>
		\$102,804

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health Programs	\$102,804
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Levato, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Services Committee: 12-15-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department currently utilizes the title “Community Health Educator” to support essential public health education, outreach, and community functions, and

WHEREAS, the Department seeks to update this title to “Public Health Educator” in order to align with Public Health Law and with other existing titles within the Department, and

WHEREAS, the position is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and implementing educational activities and programs addressing health issues and public health needs, and

WHEREAS, this position also analyzes, designs, implements, and evaluates departmental programs and procedures to ensure the delivery of accurate, evidence-based public health information, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Educator plays a critical role in keeping the community, service providers, and local partners informed and up-to-date on public health activities, initiatives, and educational efforts, and

WHEREAS, Article 6 of the Public Health Law requires local health departments to conduct public health marketing and communication activities that provide accurate, evidence-based education on chronic disease prevention and control, communicable disease control, community health assessment, environmental health, family health, immunizations, and other core public health functions, and

WHEREAS, the update of this position will enhance alignment with these statutory responsibilities and more accurately reflect the scope and duties required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish one (1) Community Health Educator Position in the Public Health Department and to create and fill one (1) Public Health Educator Position.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Services Committee: 12-15-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026

**ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE WALMART SPARK GOOD LOCAL
GRANT FOR THE "HEROES OF HEALTH" CAMPAIGN**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, the “Heroes of Health” Campaign is an engaging educational program designed to inspire elementary students to make healthy choices, through interactive presentations, props, and visual aids, we introduce our six (6) “Health Heroes” who model good nutrition, exercise, oral health, and other items, and

WHEREAS, this program will be offered to all elementary schools in St. Lawrence County, the grant support will provide materials that make learning fun, memorable, and impactful, helping children build lifelong healthy habits, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has been awarded the Walmart Spark Good Local Grant funds in the amount of \$750 (PP027055 55000) in support of this initiative, and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to provide education and resources for school-aged students to complete the educational campaign, including presentations, printing supplies, lesson props, and visual aids,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Public Health Department to accept funds from the Walmart Spark Good Local Grant for the “Heroes of Health” Campaign.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Levato, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Services Committee: 12-15-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTH
COUNTRY PRENATAL/PERINATAL COUNCIL**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is accepting applications for continued funding of the Family Resource Center (FRC) initiative, which supports families through parenting education, social connectedness, concrete supports, and center-based, home-visiting, and virtual services, and

WHEREAS, the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council (NCPPC) will submit an application focused on high-need areas, including Gouverneur and Watertown, where existing Family Resource Centers already provide family space, playrooms, and services such as Health Insurance Navigation, Community Health Worker support, and Healthy Families programming, and

WHEREAS, NCPPC has identified the Public Health Department as a key community partner and has requested a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Community Partner Affirmation, and

WHEREAS, the MOU between the Public Health Department and the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council outlines mutual responsibilities to support the Family Resource Center initiative, including accepting and making referrals, sharing information within allowable limits, providing education and training opportunities, collaborating to identify service gaps, promoting the initiative, coordinating services for families, and establishing processes for ongoing partnership,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Health Department and the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CLARKSON UNIVERSITY'S APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SOLINSKY CENTER FOR ENGINEERING INNOVATION AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Cosponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, Clarkson University, founded in 1896, is a nationally recognized STEM-focused institution and anchor institution in St. Lawrence County that has a long-standing mission to solve real-world problems facing the American people while educating the next generation of engineers, scientists, healthcare professionals, and technology leaders, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University has demonstrated a consistent record of service to the County and to the broader North Country, through faculty and student-led engineering, planning, and technical assistance, that provides municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and small communities with early-stage engineering analysis, infrastructure assessment, and project scoping that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive, and

WHEREAS, these efforts have supported critical regional needs including bridge stability, highway safety, stormwater and wastewater system upgrades, air-handling and indoor air quality improvements, fire safety and emergency response technologies, and sustainable trail and recreation infrastructure, often serving as the foundation for successful state and federal grant applications that unlock millions of dollars in outside investment for rural communities, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson students and faculty played a central role in supporting the Village of Potsdam's successful \$9 million New York State Green Resiliency Grant award in November 2025 by conducting preliminary engineering analyses and infrastructure scoping following severe storm events, including those experienced during Hurricane Debbie, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University is currently partnering with St. Lawrence County, the County Chamber of Commerce, municipalities, businesses, and trail organizations to evaluate and strengthen the County's 130-mile Multi-Use Trail system, providing data-driven recommendations that enhance safety, usability, maintenance efficiency, and economic impact for one of the region's most important year-round tourism assets, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson faculty and students have served as integral partners in federal transportation safety initiatives, including the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program in the Village and Town of Potsdam, conducting safety data collection, field surveys, and quick-build demonstration projects to reduce injuries and improve accessibility, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University's faculty, students, and alumni are deeply integrated into regional emergency response systems, including volunteer fire departments and rural healthcare networks, and have secured federal research funding to advance firefighter safety technologies, air quality monitoring, wildfire response, and emergency preparedness, including participation in the National Science Foundation's FIRE program, and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Clarkson University provided critical emergency support by retrofitting medical equipment, developing PPE sterilization systems, reconfiguring hospital air-handling systems, and supporting vaccine storage capacity, demonstrating its ability to rapidly respond to public health and infrastructure crises, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University's Lewis School of Health Sciences serves as the region's provider for EMT and Paramedic education and training, supporting rural emergency medical services, and recent investments in simulation laboratories enhance emergency preparedness and workforce readiness throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University's Cheel Campus Center & Arena serves as the region's designated American Red Cross emergency shelter, with independent power generation, centralized food services, and open-access facilities that support community resilience during prolonged power outages and emergency events, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County continues to face significant economic challenges, with an August 2025 unemployment rate of 5.3%, among the highest in New York State and a per capita income of \$47,495 compared to the New York State average of \$85,733, underscoring the need for targeted investment in workforce development, advanced manufacturing, and regional economic resilience, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University is in near-final planning stages for the proposed \$48 million Solinsky Center for Engineering Innovation, supported in part by an alumnus' challenge grant, which will modernize manufacturing, fabrication, and research infrastructure necessary to support disaster resilience, infrastructure strengthening, workforce development, and growth in advanced manufacturing sectors aligned with emerging regional supply chains, and

WHEREAS, the Solinsky Center for Engineering Innovation directly aligns with the mission and goals of the U.S. Economic Development Administration by strengthening regional capacity for disaster preparedness and recovery, supporting infrastructure resilience, advancing workforce development, and fostering sustainable economic growth in a rural and economically distressed region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby expresses its support for Clarkson University's application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for federal funding to support the Solinsky Center for Engineering Innovation and Regional Economic Resilience, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Legislators recognizes Clarkson University as a critical regional partner and anchor institution whose investments in education, research, and infrastructure directly benefit the residents, municipalities, businesses, and emergency response systems of St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Clarkson University, United States Senator Chuck Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, New York Assemblyman Scott Gray, New York Senator Mark Walczyk, New York Assemblyman Robert Smullen, New York Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, New York Senator Dan Stec and to the U.S. Economic Development Administration as evidence of local governmental support.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-2026, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Levato, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FIRE TRAINING FACILITY, INC., FOR PRIORITY USE OF THE TRAINING FACILITY BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan had previously contracted with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc., to provide priority access to the facility and training of the participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, and that agreement expires December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan wishes to sign a new contract for one (1) year to begin January 1, 2026, expiring on December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, a total amount of \$35,000 (LI017104 46000) will be made in quarterly payments of \$8,750 to the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc. for priority use of the facility by the participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a total amount of \$35,000 be made payable in quarterly payments to the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO
DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO MUNICIPALITIES
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for Fiscal Year 2025, and

WHEREAS, should revenue exceed the amount budgeted, a modification to the amount authorized is necessary to provide for distribution to pay the towns and villages the additional funds the County shares with them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Treasurer's Office to distribute additional sales tax to municipalities in St. Lawrence County as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of Sales Tax	\$2,500,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T3011105 55000	T LR Sales and Use Tax	\$2,500,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Levato, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE
FOR ADDITIONAL TRIBAL STATE COMPACT FUNDS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office is projecting to receive approximately \$750,000 more Tribal State Compact funds from New York State than budgeted in 2025, to be distributed fifty percent (50%) to St. Lawrence County and the remaining fifty percent (50%) to be split evenly between the Towns of Massena and Brasher, and

WHEREAS, should revenue exceed the amount budgeted, a modification to the amount authorized is necessary to provide for distribution to pay the additional share to the two (2) towns,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for additional Tribal State Compact Funds as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T2019874 460BR	B Brasher Tribal-State Compact	\$187,500
T2019874 460MS	B Massena Tribal-State Compact	<u>187,500</u>
		\$375,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

T2030145 56000	State Aid Tribal Revenue	\$375,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2026

BANK DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with County Law and General Municipal Law the following banks be and hereby are designated as depositories for County funds received by the County Treasurer with permitted maximum deposits at any one time listed below:

<u>Depository Name</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Community Bank N.A.	\$75,000,000
Key Bank N.A.	\$75,000,000
Upstate National Bank	\$10,000,000
NBT	\$10,000,000
Citizens Bank	\$10,000,000
Municipal Investors Service Corporation	\$10,000,000
First Empire Securities	\$10,000,000
NYCLASS	\$50,000,000
NY MuniTrust	\$50,000,000
Webster Bank	\$10,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$10,000,000
TD Bank	\$10,000,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is authorized to deposit money in accordance with the St. Lawrence County Investment Policy, and this policy authorizes the Treasurer to deposit funds, not needed temporarily, in certificates of deposit, Money Market Accounts, United States Treasury Bills, repurchase agreements, and day-of-deposit to day-of- withdrawal savings account, at prevailing interest rates in any bank authorized for the deposit of County funds as per this resolution, and that the County Treasurer may use his/her discretion in selecting any allowable bank under NY General Municipal Law for investment purposes only, up to a limit of \$10,000,000 per bank unless otherwise noted in this policy, a report of such investments must be provided to the Board of Legislators at the subsequent Finance Committee meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total deposits, excluding United States Treasury Bills, are not to exceed the amounts authorized by this resolution, and are to be secured as required by Article 10 of the General Municipal Law and as outlined by the County's Investment Policy.

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all money and other financial resources available for investment by the County or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the County's investment activities are, in priority order:

- to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements;
- to adequately safeguard principal;
- to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements;
- to obtain a reasonable rate of return;
- to make every effort to invest locally.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The responsibility of the Board of Legislators for administration of the investment program is delegated to the County Treasurer, who shall maintain written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a database or records incorporating description and amount of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the St. Lawrence County Legislature to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the County to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the County for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Treasurer within 5 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The Board of Legislators, at its annual organizational meeting each January, shall designate the banks authorized for the deposit of moneys and the maximum amount which can be deposited at each bank. Additionally, the County Treasurer may select any bank allowable under New York General Municipal Law for investment purposes only, up to a limit of \$10,000,000 per bank, unless otherwise noticed in this policy. Should the Treasurer invest in any bank not already designated at the annual organizational meeting, yet allowable under New York Municipal Law, the Treasurer must provide a report to the Board of Legislators at the monthly Finance Committee following any such investment.

VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, all deposits of St. Lawrence County, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

By a pledge of eligible securities with an aggregate market value as provided by General Municipal Law, equal to aggregate amount of deposits.

By an eligible irrevocable letter of credit issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

IX. SAFEGUARDING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by the depository or a third party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure County deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection or such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the County to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the County, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment to the County or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the County a perfected interest in the securities.

X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law Section 11, the County Legislature authorizes the County Treasurer to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts
- Certificates of deposits
- Obligations of the United States of America
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States
- Obligations of the State of New York
- Obligations issued by a municipality, school district or district corporation in New York State, other than the County
- Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general state statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments
- Through a Deposit Placement Program, certificates of deposit in one or more “banking institutions”, as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r
- General obligation bonds and notes of any state other than this state, provided that such bonds and notes receive the highest rating of at least one independent rating agency designated by the state comptroller
- Obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of any state in the United States maturing within two hundred seventy days, provided that such obligations receive the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller and that the issuer of such obligations has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six months, provided, however, that the issuer of such obligations need not have received such rating during the prior six-month period if such issuer has received the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state

comptroller and is the successor or wholly-owned subsidiary of an issuer that has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six-month period or if the issuer is the product of a merger of two or more issuers, one of which has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six-month period, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one corporation

- Bankers' acceptances maturing within two hundred seventy days which are eligible for purchase in the open market by Federal Reserve banks and which have been accepted by a bank or trust company which is organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof and which is a member of the Federal Reserve system and whose short-term obligations meet the criteria outlined in clause (7). Provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such bankers' acceptances of any one bank or trust company; or
- Obligations of, or instruments issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by, any agency or instrumentality of the United States acting pursuant to a grant of authority from the Congress of the United States, including but not limited to, any federal home loan bank or banks, the Tennessee valley authority, the federal national mortgage association, the federal home loan mortgage corporation and the United States Postal Service, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one agency
- No-load money market mutual funds registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and operated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, provided that such funds are limited to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or in obligations of agencies or instrumentalities of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America (including contracts for the sale and repurchase of any such obligations) and are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such funds

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the monies were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within two years of the date of purchase. When applying this requirement to repurchase agreements, the repurchase date and not the maturity of the underlying maturity, shall govern.

XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The County shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments, which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the County. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Treasurer is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians. Such listings shall be evaluated at least annually.

XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer is authorized to contract for or place orders for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Articles 5G and 3A of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board.
3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.
4. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized investment adviser provided that all investments are directed by authorized personnel of the County, all trading partners are authorized by the designated Bank and the investment advisory agreement is approved by the Treasurer.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the County, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Treasurer by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the County a perfected interest in the securities.

XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.
- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States or guaranteed by agencies of the United States.
- No substitution of securities will be allowed unless the substitute securities are delivered to an independent custodian for the account of the County before the previously purchased securities are released.
- The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2026

**AUTHORIZING BLANKET BOND IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL
SURETIES FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, official undertakings are required for certain public officials, and

WHEREAS, the surety on such undertakings may be a fidelity or surety corporation,
and

WHEREAS, the reasonable expense of procuring such surety shall be a charge against the State or political subdivision or municipal corporation, respectively, in and which the official or employee is elected, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence wishes to provide such a surety for its elected officials and employees as follows:

- A. \$200,000/loss coverage for the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and all other employees required to be bonded,
- B. \$200,000/loss coverage for the County Clerk,
- C. \$900,000/loss coverage for the Treasurer,
- D. \$5,000 deductible on all of the above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a blanket bond in lieu of individual sureties for County Officials and Employees.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2026

**AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS
AND DEPARTMENTAL CASH DRAWERS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, several County departments utilize petty cash accounts and/or cash drawers in their daily operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes petty cash accounts and departmental cash drawers, as follows:

<u>Petty Cash Account</u>		<u>Departmental Cash Drawers</u>	
Community Services	\$250	Sheriff Civil Department	\$100
Probation	400	Mental Health	100
Sheriff	1,500	Chemical Dependency, Canton	100
Social Services	1,500	Treasurer	250
Highway	<u>150</u>	County Clerk	1,000
Total	\$3,800	County Clerk DMV, Canton	600
		County Clerk DMV, Massena	400
		County Clerk DMV, Ogdensburg	300
		County Clerk DMV, Gouverneur	300
		Public Health	250
		Real Property	100
		Solid Waste Transfer, Ogdensburg	450
		Solid Waste Transfer, Massena	450
		Solid Waste Transfer, Star Lake	450
		Solid Waste Transfer, Gouverneur	450
		Social Services	<u>200</u>
		Total	\$5,600

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Department will submit an annual reconciliation of each petty cash account and cash drawer to the Treasurer at the end of each year.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2026

CORRECTING AND REFUNDING ERRONEOUS TAXES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 provides a local option for erroneously levied taxes in the amount of \$2,500 or less to be corrected or refunded upon application according to Section 554 and 556, respectively, of the Real Property Tax Law upon recommendation of the County Director of Real Property Tax Services and approval of the Treasurer of the County, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and the Director of Real Property Tax Services recommend that this option be adopted in order to make these corrections and/or refunds to the taxpayer erroneously assessed in a more timely and efficient fashion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes correcting and refunding erroneous taxes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopt the provisions set forth in Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 allowing the County Treasurer to correct tax bills or issue a check for the refund where taxes have been paid upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the approval of the Treasurer for the calendar year 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before the 15th day of each month, the Real Property Director shall submit a report to the Board of Legislators of the corrections or refunds processed by the Treasurer during the preceding month indicating the name of each recipient, the location of the property, and the amount of the correction or refund.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2026

**AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR
RICHARD E. WINTER CANCER TREATMENT CENTER**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Ogdensburg City School District Tax Bill for the Richard E. Winter Treatment Center, designated as tax map number 59.022-3-25.11/1, did not receive a Wholly Exempt Non Profit Exemption, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Article 5 allows for Correction of Assessment Rolls and Tax Rolls using the RP 554 Form for certain errors and filed with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and approved by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has affirmed that a correction should occur pursuant to Article 5 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be corrected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction of taxes, as follows:

Name:	Richard E. Winter Cancer Treatment Center
St. Lawrence County:	City of Ogdensburg
School District:	Ogdensburg City School District
Tax Roll Year:	2025-2026 School Tax Bill
Tax Map No.:	59.022-3-25.11/1
Original Bill:	\$73,873.76
Corrected Bill:	0
Reason:	Assessor did not apply the Wholly Exempt Non Profit Exemption to this parcel.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2026

USE OF COUNTY-OWNED MACHINERY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways recommends that the Board of Legislators permit the use of County-owned machinery, tools, equipment, and personnel by any terms as provided for in Section 133-A of the Highway Law, when it is for public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the use of any County-owned street or highway machinery, tools or equipment, by New York State, any municipal corporation, political subdivision, district, district corporation or school district located within the State, when recommended, by the County Superintendent of Highways.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS
FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE ON THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Cosponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the agreements for winter maintenance on the County road system have been negotiated with the Towns, and the County Highway Superintendent is authorized and directed to enter into such agreements with such towns for and on behalf of the County as provided in Section 135 and Section 135A of Highway Law, and

WHEREAS, the committee designated to negotiate included three (3) town supervisors, two (2) legislators, and the Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the new agreement shall cover three (3) plowing seasons, beginning on or about October 1, 2026 and ending June 1, 2029, and

WHEREAS, the Towns will be divided into tiers with the Towns of Clifton, Fine, Piercefield, and Pitcairn being Tier II, and the other towns being Tier I, and

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WHEREAS, in return for the performance of such work, the County will pay to Tier I Towns \$6,150 per mile for the 2026-2027 winter season, \$6,400 per mile for 2027-2028, and \$6,650 per mile for 2028-2029 (HC051424 40500), and

WHEREAS, the County will pay to Tier II Towns the sum of \$6,661 per mile for the 2026-2027 winter season, \$6,911 per mile for 2027-2028, and \$7,161 per mile for 2028-2029 (HC051424 40500), and

WHEREAS, of the 32 towns in St. Lawrence County, 26 are currently under similar agreements with the County for winter maintenance (the Towns of Canton, Clare, Pierrepont, Lisbon, Potsdam, and Russell are not participants of this agreement),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign multi-year agreements for winter maintenance on the County road system, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY EASEMENTS
FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 54 & MCEWEN ROAD BRIDGE
OVER ALLEN BROOK IN THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is undertaking a necessary infrastructure improvement project involving the replacement of the CR 54 & McEwen Road Bridge over Allen Brook in the Town of Lawrence, NY, with funding partially provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the necessary bridge replacement and construction staging, the County requires the acquisition of certain temporary and/or permanent easements from two (2) affected property owners, and

WHEREAS, the County has negotiated fair and reasonable compensation for the required easements based upon appropriate valuations, and

WHEREAS, the compensation amounts agreed upon for the required easements are four hundred dollars (\$400) for Tax Parcel # 45.002-1-15.1 and six hundred dollars (\$600) for Tax Parcel # 45.002-1-16.1 (HM551124 49900 B5),

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary documents for the purchase of the required easements for Tax Map No. 45.002-1-15.1 and Tax Map No. 45.002-1-16.1, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS GRANTING A
PERMANENT EASEMENT TO NATIONAL GRID FOR ELECTRIC
UTILITY INSTALLATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 298-2025 authorized the solicitation of bids for the construction of the Maintenance and Administration Facility (the "New Facilities"), and

WHEREAS, the successful operation of the New Facilities requires the installation of new, dedicated electrical service, including a transformer and associated lines and equipment, to be provided by National Grid, and

WHEREAS, National Grid requires a permanent utility easement across a defined portion of the County Property to site the new transformer, run necessary conductors, and access the equipment for maintenance, repair, and replacement, and

WHEREAS, granting this easement is a necessary and essential prerequisite for completing the construction and allowing the New Facilities to become operational,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary deeds, easement agreements, and documents related to the granting of a permanent easement to National Grid for electric utility installation for the construction of the Maintenance and Administration Facility, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorizing this utility easement to National Grid is for the purpose of constructing, installing, and permanently maintaining a transformer, related conduits, wires, and other electrical apparatus necessary to serve the New Facilities at the County Property located at 7074 US Highway 11, Potsdam, New York., and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this easement will be granted if and only if the Project moves forward to construction phase.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2026

**AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH AN ASSISTANT HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
MANAGER AND CREATE AND FILL A SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK
POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is committed to maintaining efficient and effective administrative operations, and

WHEREAS, a retirement is anticipated in early 2026, and the duties previously associated with the Assistant Highway Administration Manager position are no longer necessary in their original form, particularly since the superior position of Highway Administration Manager no longer exists to provide direct administrative oversight, and

WHEREAS, the title of Senior Account Clerk possesses the level of accounting necessary to complete the work, record-keeping, and administrative skills that would effectively receive and retain the training, and to take on complex responsibilities, including assisting with payroll, accounts payable/receivable, and budget preparation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish an Assistant Highway Administration Manager (Position No. 318100001) and create a Senior Account Clerk (Position No. 100200048).

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 27-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

January 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO OPERATIONS AND TESTING
REQUIRED AT THE LANDFILL**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the expenses for Solid Waste equipment repair and maintenance, postage, and landfill testing are projected to exceed the 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, an increase in revenue received this year that can be offset by the added revenue and the remainder decreased in the contractual line for the fleet,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Solid Waste for equipment repair and maintenance, postage, and landfill testing, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WH081604 42202 RECY	W RECY Equip Repair & Maint	\$60,000
WLO81604 43015	W OGD State Fees	1,200
WA017104 42402	W ADM I/D Postage	<u>500</u>
		\$61,700

INCREASE REVENUE:

W1021305 550FS	W LR FEES - Fuel Surcharge	\$41,700
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WO081604 421FL	W OPR Fleet Lease	\$20,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 28-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

January 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2026

ACCEPTING NEW YORK 250 (NY250) LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATION FUNDS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND MODIFYING THE ~~2025~~ 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Reagen, District 1
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature allocated funding to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to support New York's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution through the New York 250 (NY250) initiative, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has received notification from NYSED identifying a Local Partnership Allocation to support countywide activities aligned with the NY250 themes of civic participation, inclusive history, and community resilience, and

WHEREAS, these one-time, formula-based funds are intended to catalyze locally led programming that highlights the people, places, and ideas that shaped both New York State and the nation, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has identified itself as the designee to receive and administer the NY250 Local Partnership Allocation, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has established a 250th Commemorative Committee composed of community members, municipal representatives, and historians, to plan and coordinate events in recognition of this historic anniversary, and

WHEREAS, the funds shall be used to support countywide programs, educational activities, and events commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in St. Lawrence County, under the coordination of the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemorative Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts New York 250 (NY250) local partnership allocation funds for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the ~~2025~~ 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1M75104 46000 SP	B Prtnr AG - 250TH Spec Proj	\$15,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

B1M32895 56000

SA Other Education

\$15,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 29-2026, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Levato, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran moved to change the year in the resolution to 2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

The motion to adopt the resolution, as amended, carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2026 St. Lawrence County Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with each of the organizations listed, upon approval of the County Attorney:

<u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBERS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
ABS Solutions, LLC	CD016804 43007	\$5,000
ABS Solutions, LLC - Juniper	CD016804 42004	\$20,000
ABS Solutions, LLC & Software House Intl. - Barracuda Email Protection	CD016804 42004	\$52,000
ABS Solutions, LLC & Software House Intl. - Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription	CD016804 42004	\$167,000
Adoption STAR, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Adobe	CD016804 42004	\$15,000
Bigleaf Networks	CD016804 43007	\$12,500
Catholic Charities (CSS)	A4143224 465CC	\$401,625
Childcare Coordinating Council of North Country	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Children's Home of Jefferson County	A4143224 465CH	\$23,422
Citizen Advocates	A4143224 465CA	\$451,279
Claxton Hepburn Medical Center (Lifeline - DSS)	Various Accounts	\$40 monthly/case
Claxton Hepburn Medical Center (Lifeline - OFA)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Cornell Cooperative Extension (BOL)	B1A87504 465CE	\$340,713

Cornell Cooperative Extension (OFA)	ON067724 430SF	Rate Schedule
Cornell Cooperative Extension (PH)	PP040104 465CE	\$112,488
DeKalb Development Fund	ON067724 40700	\$4,140
Dr. Michael Sikirica, Medical Examiner	PC011854 43016	Rate Schedule
Family Counseling Services of NNY, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Fortinet	CD016804 42004	\$23,500
Geocove Inc.	CD016804 43007	\$5,000
Gouverneur Community Center, Inc.	ON067724 40700	\$7,800
Glenns Falls Hospital	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
SLC CDP Gouv Neighborhood Center (HEAP Outreach)	DAH60104 430OF HEAP	\$35 per unit
Health Services of Northern New York	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
HiView Solutions	CD016804 42004	\$6,000
Homemakers of Western NY	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Horizon Information Systems, Inc.	DAS60104 47801	up to \$1,300
Horizon Information Systems, Inc. (Programming)	DAS60104 47801	Rate Schedule
James McGuinness & Associates, Inc.	PK040504 42004	\$13,000
Just Walk! Inc. (Walk with a Doc)	PP040104 43007	\$250
Karole Houle-Marolf	DAA60104 43007	\$4,680
KnowBe4	CD016804 42004	\$16,000
LabCorp	DAC60104 43004	\$51 per unit
Linda Buchanan	ON067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Massena Meals on Wheels	ON067724 430CA	Rate Schedule
Mental Health Counseling Services of NNY	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Morristown Fire District	ON067724 40700	\$6,600
NCC Systems	CD016804 43007	\$5,000
Network Experts of NY (vCISO)	CD016804 43007	\$40,000
Neurodevelopmental Health Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Nitel	CDS16804 42302	\$6,500
North Country Freedom Homes	A2342504 46500	\$708,534
Northern Lights Home Health Care	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living	A4143224 465NR	\$193,066
NYS DOCCS Office	ON067724 45200	Rate Schedule
NYSID, Inc.	DAA60104 43006	up to \$203,512
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	PC011854 451000 / 407MF	Rate Schedule
Potsdam Housing Authority	ON067724 40700	Site Use Only
Qualified Individuals	DAS60104 430QI	Rate Schedule
RealVNC	CD016804 42004	\$6,500
Rel Comm	CD016804 42306	\$90,000
Rel Comm - Fax Finder	CDS16804 42302	\$25,000
Renewal House (Services Non-Residential)	DPF61094 46500 ADC	up to \$105,034
Renewal House (Indirects/Residential)	DSG60704 46500 DVIO	up to \$101,207
Renewal House (TANF, Non-Residential)	DSG61094 46500 DVIO	up to \$36,473
Residential Treat and Detention Centers	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Resolution Center of Jefferson & Lewis Co.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Rubenzahl, Knudsen & Assoc. (Psych Services)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
S&L Electric	CD016804 43007	\$3,000
Safe Harbour	Various Accounts	\$16,000
School Districts	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule

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Saint Lawrence Pathology, PLLC	PC011854 43016	Rate Schedule
Schneider Geospatial	R1013554 42004	\$8,600
SL Child Care Council (Registration)	DSD60554 46500 CCBG	\$146,546
SL Child Care Council (Exempt)	DSD60554 46500 CCBG	\$77,685
SLC Dept of Community Services	DAS60104 43007 CCDS	up to \$210,000
SLC Dept of Community Services (Employee Cnsl)	DAS60104 45100	Rate Schedule
SLC Dept of Community Services (Qualified Ind)	DSC61194 465PS	Rate Schedule
SLC District Attorney (Investigations)	DAB60104 430FI	up to \$81,815
SLC Historical Association	B1M75104 46000	\$20,000
SLC Information Technology	DAA60104 47802	up to \$316,971
SLC Soil & Water Conservation District	B1S87304 46000	\$65,000
SLC Trails Services Agreement	B1070204 46000	\$50,000
SLC Trails Services Agreement	BF079894 43007	\$22,000
SLC Forestry	BF087104 43007	\$80,000
SL Lewis BOCES (Parenting Ed)	DSG60704 465PE	\$179,545
Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SVPC)	A2442504 46500	\$1,928,511
Seaway Valley Prevention Council	A4143224 465SV	\$48,770
Seniors Helping Seniors	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center	A2142304 46500	\$466,838
St. Lawrence Health System	PC011854 451000 / 407MF	Rate Schedule
Specbee, LLC	CD016804 42004	\$8,000
STEP-BY-STEP	A4143224 465SS	\$760,852
STEP-BY-STEP (DSS Warming Cntr)	Various Accounts	up to \$233,444
THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc.	A4143224 465TL	\$598,288
Tiffany Nelson-Fuse (Parenting Assessment)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY	A4143224 465AR	\$606,499
The Mental Health Assoc of Jefferson County	A4143224 465JD	\$109,732
Town of Fine	ON067724 40700	\$4,200
TRANE U.S. Inc.	Various Accounts	\$26,429
Twin Pier Pathology	PC011854 451000 / 407MF	Rate Schedule
United Helpers	A4143224 465UH	\$292,589
USDA APHIS Wildlife Services	HM351104 43007	\$9,000
Venesky & Company	PA040104 43003	\$35,150
Volunteer Transportation Center	OA067724 443VT	Rate Schedule
Volunteer Transportation Center (DSS)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Wendy's Wonderful Kids	DAS60104 430HF	Rate Schedule
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. / YAP (CORE)	DSC61194 465YA	\$796,356
YAP (Raise the Age)	Various Accounts	\$399,926
YAP (Reunification)	DSC61094 465YA PRP	\$1,260,487
YAP (YES)	DSC61094 465YA PJDC	\$428,648
Zoom	CD016804 42004	\$13,500

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 30-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2026

NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 214, Subdivision 2, of the New York State County Law, requires that the Board of Legislators annually designate at least two (2) newspapers published within the County as official newspapers for the publication of all local law notices and other matters required by law to be published, and

WHEREAS, said section requires that the designation take into consideration two major political parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby designates the following newspapers for various publication purposes for the Year 2026:

LOCAL LAWS AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED

Johnson Newspapers

North Country This Week

Gouverneur Tribune Press

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 31-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2026

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision four of section 6305 of the Education Law, counties that do not have a community college are required to pay for partial tuition for its residents, which is charged back to the respective towns and villages, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bills and any additional bills anticipated through the end of 2025 require a request for a transfer of funds to cover the cost of appropriations,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for costs associated with community college tuition, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$145,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1E24904 46502	B EDUC Community Colleges Tuition	\$145,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TECANA, LLC
FOR ELECTRONIC VOUCHERING SOFTWARE FOR THE
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is mandated to provide indigent defense under Section 18-b of County Law, and

WHEREAS, the County provides indigent representation through the Office of the Public Defender and Assigned Counsel through the St. Lawrence County Bar Association, and

WHEREAS, an Electronic Vouchering System will enable attorneys to most easily and efficiently submit invoices for payment, and track payments, while also providing a mechanism for collecting case data as required by the State, and

WHEREAS, two (2) systems have been reviewed, and Tecana, LLC was determined to be the most user-friendly and cost-effective software program for St. Lawrence County, at a cost of \$4,500 for one-time training and implementation and a monthly cost of \$1,295 (IAZ11704 42004 HH),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Tecana, LLC for electronic vouchering software for the Assigned Counsel Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 33-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2026

ADOPTING A REVISED ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Administration is tasked with an annual review of the Purchasing Policy for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, a period of time has passed since a review of the Policy has been presented for consideration, and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised St. Lawrence County Purchasing Policy to be dated December 2025 contains updates that are allowable under New York State General Municipal Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts the revised St. Lawrence County Purchasing Policy dated December 2025.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY



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INTRODUCTION

Purchasing is a term used to describe the activities of obtaining materials, supplies, equipment and services that are required for the operation of county business.

The purchasing system is governed by General Municipal Law Sections 103 and 104, the goal of which is the protection of the public's tax dollar from elements of favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, corruption and fraud.

In general, the objectives of purchasing are to buy materials, supplies, equipment and services of the right quality, in the right quantity, from the right source and at the right price.

The Board of Legislators has delegated the responsibility and authority for purchasing and all of the accompanying functions to the Purchasing Agent/the County Administrator.

The keynote of any successful purchasing process is cooperation; cooperation between department heads, and the Purchasing Office, cooperation between the Purchasing Office and the fiscal staff, cooperation between the governing board and all officers and employees of the County.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

As used in this handbook:

1. "Blanket Purchase Order" shall mean a purchase order which is issued to one vendor for a specific period of time for items frequently purchased.
2. "Board" shall mean the Board of Legislators
3. "Claim" shall mean a request by a vendor for payment for materials furnished or for services rendered.
4. "Commodities" shall mean standard articles of commerce in the form of material goods, supplies, products or similar items.
5. "Invitation for Sealed Bids" shall mean the solicitation process used for competitive, Sealed bidding. The response to a sealed bid is an offering which must be accepted or rejected without change.
6. "Invoice" shall mean a formal statement or billing submitted by a vendor, showing the amount due and terms of payment for supplies delivered or for services rendered.
7. "Piggybacking" shall mean the purchasing of commodities and/or services by utilizing a contract let by another public entity. (Can only be done when certain criteria are met. Contact Purchasing Office for more information).
8. "Professional Services" are unique, technical functions performed by independent contractors whose occupation is the rendering of such services and whose services often require a license to operate. Examples, include but are not limited, to the following: medical services, management consultation services, architects and/or engineering services, accounting, appraisal, and legal services.
9. If a "Declaration State of Emergency" or "Public Emergency" shall mean the need for the procurement of goods or services arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrences or conditions whereby circumstances may affect public buildings, public property or the life, health, safety or property of the inhabitants of St. Lawrence County.
10. "Public Work" shall mean construction, including major repairs or alterations, general maintenance, and/or repairs to County facilities, building services contracts or other labor-intensive projects.
11. "Purchase Order" shall mean a formal, detailed notice to a vendor to furnish supplies or equipment.
12. "Purchasing" shall mean the act of obtaining supplies, equipment or services necessary to carry out a particular function of the County.
13. "Purchasing Agent" shall mean the person designated to contract for necessary supplies, equipment and services. Local Law No. 1 for the Year 1990, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has delegated these responsibilities to the County Administrator.

14. “Request for Proposals” (RFP) shall mean a more formal and detailed process to acquire of a quote, usually used when acquiring services. A RFP should include a work statement or performance specification detailing what is required, the time frames within which the work is to be completed and evaluation criteria by which a proposer will be judged. The firm’s experience and ability to perform the specified work, the firm’s personnel and past performance may be evaluated. Price is not the sole factor in determining the award of the proposal.
15. “Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) shall mean a qualifications-based competitive selection process. Vendors are required to submit their qualifications for a project, allowing the County to select the firm who is most qualified for the project. It is allowable for fee negotiations to begin after the firm has been identified.
16. “Request for Quotation” shall mean the process used for seeking competition on small purchases which do not require competitive sealed bidding. The quotation response shall be accepted as-is, without change or negotiation.
17. "Requisition" shall mean a written request to the Purchasing Office for County Departments for one or more items or services necessary to carry on or improve a particular function of the County.
18. "Requisitioner" shall mean the staff member or department head, or their authorized delegate, initiating a request for goods or services.
19. “Services” shall mean the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor, not involving the delivery of a specific end product.
20. "Specifications" shall mean a written description of needed supplies, equipment or services setting forth in a clear and concise manner the characteristics of the items and/or services to be purchased and the circumstances for the purchase.
21. "Vendor" shall mean a supplier of goods or services to the County.

PURCHASING POLICY AND CONTROL

1. The Purchasing Office shall be responsible for developing and administering the purchasing program of St. Lawrence County in conjunction with the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.
2. The St. Lawrence County Purchasing Office is hereby authorized to make all purchases of necessary goods and services by any means legally available within the State of New York and within all applicable rules and regulations, in the best interest of the taxpayers of St. Lawrence County.

As authorized by New York General Municipal Law 103 and St. Lawrence County Local Law No. 1 for the year 2014, purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to article eight of the Labor Law) may be awarded on the basis of best value, as defined in section 163 of the State Finance Law and as authorized in section 103 of the General Municipal Law, to a responsive and responsible offeror. When the bid specifications state that the bid will be awarded on the basis of “best value”, the specifications will also include the criteria that will be used to award the bid. In assessing best value when awarding the purchase contract, non-price factors can be considered. Non-price factors can include, but are not limited to, environmental benefits, energy efficiency, reliability of a product, efficiency of operation, difficulty/ease of maintenance, useful lifespan, ability to meet needs regarding timeliness of performance, and experience of a service provider with similar contracts. The basis for a best value award, however, must reflect, whenever possible, objective and quantifiable analysis. Bids awarded by best value must be scored and the scoring must be documented. The manner in which the evaluation and award of offers will be conducted and, as appropriate, the relative importance of weighting of price and non –price factors should be included in the bid specifications. Such basis may also identify a quantitative factor for offerors that are small business or certified minority or women-owned business enterprises as defined in subdivisions one, seven, fifteen and twenty of section 310 of the Executive Law.

Not all bids will benefit nor are eligible for the best value award method. Prior approval from the Purchasing Office is required to proceed with a bid to be awarded by best value. Bids solicited in this manner will be titled a Request for Competitive Offers. Bids to be awarded in this manner must still be awarded to a responsive and responsible bidder or offeror.

PROCEDURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES, EQUIPMENT OR GOODS

Dollar Limit	PROCEDURE
\$1 - \$5,000	At the discretion of the Purchasing Agent
\$5,001 – \$10,000	Documented quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available). Confirming fax/email quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available)
\$10,001 – \$30,000	Formal written quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available)
\$30,001 and up	Sealed bids in conformance with Municipal Law, Section 103.

The following language should be added to applicable bids (those for goods and services which do NOT require prevailing wages):

The contract, if awarded, will be to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder (s) in part or in whole who meet (s) all the terms of the specifications. St. Lawrence County guarantees no minimum or maximum purchases or contracts as a result of award of this bid. St. Lawrence County reserves the right to allow all municipal and not for profit organizations authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that the extension of such contracts are at the sole discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between St. Lawrence County and the vendor. Vendor may not look to St. Lawrence County for payment in the event another municipality or authorized entity piggybacks on a St. Lawrence County awarded bid and orders equipment, materials or supplies, but fails to pay for them. Additionally, St. Lawrence County reserves the right to purchase any goods or services included as a part of this bid from any means legally available to it at any time.

Proper documentation is required when the quote or bid is not awarded to the vendor giving the lowest price. Quotes and/or bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor.

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS/CONTRACTS

Section 220 of the Labor Law requires public work contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, etc., employed in the performance of a public work contract not less than the prevailing rate of wage and to provide supplements (fringe benefits) in accordance with the prevailing practices in the locality where the work is performed.

Whenever a project is contemplated where labor is involved, the issue of prevailing wages should be considered. The prevailing rate schedule must be included in the specifications for the contract to be awarded and is deemed part of the public work contract.

A request must be submitted for a Prevailing Wage Schedule for the particular job in question. A package of current wage schedules must be provided, along with forms that must be filled out and returned to the Labor Department. Each job has its own assigned number and name. For example, you cannot just use a Prevailing Wage Schedule for carpenters for each carpenter job that comes along. A Prevailing Wage Schedule must be requested for each particular job.

PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS/CONTRACTS

Dollar Limit

Procedures

\$1 - \$10,000

At the discretion of the Purchasing Office

\$10,001 – 15,000

Documented quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available).

Confirming fax/email quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available)

\$15,001 - \$35,000

Formal written quotes or Request for Proposals from at least three separate vendors (if available) are required

\$35,001 and up

Formal sealed bids in conformance with General Municipal Law, Section 103.

In all circumstances, whenever the lowest quote is not awarded, there must be written documentation of the reason for the award. Under no circumstances can a quote that exceeds the bid limit be awarded.

PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND/OR CONSULTANTS

The intent of General Municipal Law, Section 104-b, also includes the hiring of consultants and professionals for services. The following policy shall apply:

Dollar Limit	Procedure
\$1 - \$10,000	Award will be upon the recommendation of the department head, and with the approval of the Purchasing Agent.
\$10,001 – 25,000	Documented quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available) with confirming fax/email quotes. The award will be made upon the recommendation of the department head and the approval of the Purchasing Office.
\$25,001-\$50,000	Prices will be obtained by formal written quotes from at least three separate vendors (if available). The award will be made upon the recommendation of the department head and the approval of the Purchasing Office.
\$50,001 and up	Prices will be obtained by either Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from at least three separate vendors (if available). The award will be made upon recommendation of the department head and the approval of the Purchasing Office.

ALL RFPS AND RFQS SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE PURCHASING OFFICE PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION TO PROSPECTIVE VENDORS

The County may vary from this professional services procurement policy, with the approval of the Purchasing Agent/County Administrator and/or Board of Legislators' approval.

Please see RFP guidelines section on the next page for assistance in preparing RFPs.

Awards to someone other than the lowest proposer must be properly documented with the rationale/reason for rejection of the lowest price. Any and all procedures not specifically covered in this policy will be adhered to as covered in General Municipal Law, Section 104-b.

Exceptions to the Professional Services process are as follows. These procurements are subject to the approval of the Purchasing Agent.

1. Human Service contracts which provide Direct Professional Services to clients. These services shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. Agreements between the County Legislature and non-profit organizations, the federal government, or other state or local governments, including the transfer, sale or exchange of goods and/or services.
- b. Contracts in which the nature and scope requires contracting with multiple agencies or individuals to provide the same service, or which all vendors are needed to fulfill the demand.
- c. Set Rate Contracts - those contracts that the payment rate is set by local, state or federal agencies.
- d. Human service contracts in which client-choice is required by state or federal guidelines.

2. Professional Service Agreements and Contracts between the County and the following:

- a. United States Government.
- b. New York State Government, including, but not limited to, state agencies and units of the State University of New York.
- c. Other local governments, school districts, and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).
- d. Not-For-Profit Organizations.
- e. Public Benefit Corporations or Public Authorities.
- f. Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- g. Soil and Water Districts.

3. Contracts for legal services and support services related to the provision of the legal services.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

A Request for Proposals (RFP) is a formal invitation to submit an offer. The offer is to provide a solution to a problem or a need that an organization has identified. The RFP is used when the County is not sure what solution would best suit our needs or when we are looking for different solutions. RFP should be used when procuring professional services which involve a specialized skill, training or expertise (i.e. architects, engineers, consultants, software specialists).

All RFP's should contain the following:

- Background Information (provide a brief overview of your organization; provide a brief overview of the procurement subject matter; describe the background surrounding this procurement; list key dates/events, including the due date for the RFP and possibly the time frame for selection of proposal by the County; list definitions)
- Objectives and Technical Requirements (include specific objectives and desired outcomes – also include any specific technical requirements for the contract. List any criteria which are required to qualify vendors for this procurement. This may include past experience requirements, financial statements, staffing and personnel biographies and certification/license requirements)
- Cost Proposal Requirements (describe how you would like the cost proposals submitted (i.e. fixed price, lump sum, cost plus)
- Contractual Terms and Conditions (list the standard terms and conditions – include a sample contract if available)
- Administrative Section (describe how inquiries to the RFP can be handled, pre-proposal conference info, insurance requirements)
- Proposal Format & Content (describe in what format all proposals are to be submitted – proposals can be rejected if not submitted in the proper format)
- Proposal Evaluation Criteria (describe what criteria will be used to evaluate the RFP)
- Proposal Evaluation Team (List who will be evaluating the RFP)
- Attachments (list what attachments, i.e. non-collusion certificates, reference sheets, etc. That must be returned with the proposal)

FEDERAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The federal programs of the County are governed by the Uniform Guidance issued by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In accordance with the requirements set forth by 2 CFR sections 200.317 through 200.326 of the Uniform Guidance, the following guidelines must be followed.

- Article 3, Section B of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law sets forth policy that County officers or employees must avoid conflicts or potential conflicts of interest. This would include conflicts of interest with regards to the selection, award, and administration of contracts.
- State or local geographical preferences in evaluation of bids do not apply to federally funded programs. No language can be included in procurement solicitations contrary to this section.
- Thresholds for small dollar purchases are outlined in the St. Lawrence County Purchasing Policy. These thresholds are applicable to federal programs.
- Procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition. Specifications shall not include unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business with the County.
- The County cannot enter into a contract funded by the Federal Government with a contractor that is debarred or suspended by an agency of the Federal or New York State Government.
- Construction contracts greater than \$250,000 are required to have at a minimum the following bonding requirements.
 1. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price.
 2. Performance and payment bonds on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price.
- Contracts subject to this section must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to part 200 – Contract provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under Federal Award.
- The County will perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold of \$250,000. At a minimum, the cost analysis will include an independent estimate prepared before receiving bids or proposals.

POLICY NOTES AND EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY

1. If an emergency exists where the delay caused by soliciting quotes would endanger the health, welfare, or property of the municipality, or more importantly the individual tax payer, then the procurement of goods or services will be at the discretion of the County Administrator, with documentation as to the nature of the emergency being sent to the Purchasing Office, within five (5) working days of such procurement.
2. The Purchasing Office. shall procure supplies and equipment, as needed, at the best possible price and maintain adequate records to show that this was done. Section 103 of the General Municipal Law allows for exceptions to competition (true leases, surplus equipment and sole source are examples). These purchases shall be made as outlined in General Municipal Law.
3. Purchase contracts for materials, equipment and supplies involving an estimated annual expenditure of over \$20,000, and public works contracts involving over \$35,000, shall be awarded only after public advertising and soliciting for formal bids (pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law).
4. All contracts, which require public advertising and competitive bidding, shall be awarded as provided by law and the rules and regulations of the board. Recommendations for awarding contracts shall be submitted by the appropriate department head and/or employee.
5. Purchases shall be made as required under Section 175 a and b of the State Finance Law and Section 162 of the Procurement Stewardship Act of 1995, through available state contracts of the Office of General Services, Division of Purchasing, the List of Preferred Source offerings from Correctional Industries (Corcraft), Industries for the Blind, and Industries for the Disabled (NYSID), or under County Contracts pursuant to Section 408-a of the County Law, whenever such purchases are in the best interest of the county.

The List of Preferred Source offerings also contain a requirement to notify preferred sources when certain SERVICES are needed. After you have determined a need for a service, you must check with the Purchasing Office to determine if the service being requested is available from one of the Preferred Sources. If the service is listed, you must contact the Preferred Source and provide them with your requirements. They have 10 days to let you know if they can fulfill your needs. Purchasers are not allowed under the law to solicit bids or award contracts for listed services until the above procedure has been completed.

Purchases made by utilizing New York State contracts may be done without the requirement of obtaining quotes or bids as New York State has already gone to bid for these items. Purchases made through National Cooperative contracts or other piggybackable municipal contracts must be pre-approved by the Purchasing Office as these contracts need to be individually vetted prior to use.

The use of New York State contracts, national cooperative contracts or municipal contracts may alleviate the necessity for quotes or bids; however, obtaining price quotes is still advised as these contracts may not represent the best possible price for the County.

When utilizing any of the above contracts, the department is responsible for submitting proper supporting documentation to the Purchasing Office including but not limited to: proof that the vendor holds a current contract, proof that the item (s) being purchased are included in the contract, and contract price verification.

New York State, national cooperative or municipal contract pricing, may be negotiated downward from the stated contract price.

6. The Purchasing Office shall issue purchase orders after first determining that unencumbered balances of budgetary appropriations are adequate to cover such obligations.

7. Supplies used by various offices and departments shall be uniform whenever consistent with operational goals and in the interest of efficiency or economy. These supplies may be available in the Central Stockroom.

8. When two or more responsible bidders who have met the specifications, and have furnished the required security, submit bids or quotations identical in price, preference in the award shall be given to a local St. Lawrence County vendor. If the tie involves multiple St. Lawrence County vendors, lots will be drawn among the local vendors to determine the award. For purposes of this section, a St. Lawrence County vendor is defined as a business in which the majority of the ownership of the business is by persons whose primary residence is in the County of St. Lawrence, State of New York. If the tie does not involve any St. Lawrence County vendors, lots will be drawn among the bidders who submitted the tie bids or quotations to determine the award.

9. All purchase orders and contracts entered into by St. Lawrence County are subject to compliance with the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law.

PURCHASING PROCEDURES GENERAL

1. With the exception of purchases made under blanket purchase orders and/or confirming orders (those requiring immediate action), only the person designated as Purchasing Agent may commit the county for a purchase. The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has delegated these responsibilities to the County Administrator.

The Auditing staff and the Purchasing Office will review these purchases and inform the County Administrator whenever items could have been purchased for a minimal amount, and were not, thereby wasting the taxpayers' dollars.

2. The material, equipment, supplies and/or services to be purchased shall be of the quality and quantity required to serve the function in a satisfactory manner, as determined by the requisitioner and the Purchasing Office.

3. It is the responsibility of the requisitioner to provide an adequate description of items needed and prepare the specifications to procure the desired commodity and/or service. The Purchasing Office will assist the requisitioner in the preparation of specifications. All requisitions are processed through the County's MUNIS Financial System.

4. It is the responsibility of the Purchasing Office to make alternative suggestions to the requisitioner if, in the judgement of the Purchasing Office, the specifications would restrict competition or otherwise preclude the most economical purchase of the required items. In case of disagreement as to the content of the specifications, the County Administrator, after reviewing all available data, shall make the final determination.

5. When a low bidder proposes an alternative as "an equal" to what is specified, it is the responsibility of the Purchasing Office, department head, and/or the County Attorney, to determine whether the proposed substitution is, in fact, equal.

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER PROCEDURES

Blanket purchase orders are used for items which are frequently purchased from the same vendor on an "as needed" basis during a certain calendar period. A blanket purchase order eliminates the processing of many individual purchase orders and allows the department's flexibility in ordering and receiving commodities.

Procedures:

The requesting department initiates a purchase requisition for the calendar period needed. The dollar amount is estimated by the department head (or designer) and is reviewed by the Purchasing Office. The Purchasing Agent will issue an encumbered purchase order. The purchase order number must be given to the vendor when ordering commodities and must appear on all paperwork received from the vendor. After receiving the last invoice for the month, process the invoices for payment.

If the dollar amount on the blanket purchase order will be used up before the end of the purchase order period and additional purchases must be made, submit a request to the Purchasing Office to increase the purchase order. **DO NOT EXCEED THE ENCUMBERED BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER DOLLAR AMOUNT.** Exceeding the dollar amount appropriated on a blanket purchase order is, in fact, placing an order without the approved appropriation of funds. The New York State Comptroller's office states that this practice does not conform to accepted accounting principles.

The department(s) submitting blanket purchase requisitions for a particular commodity, (i.e. food), on existing awarded county bid contracts, will not be allowed to purchase any other items on that blanket PO (i.e., dishes, etc.) on the blanket purchase order issued. The request department will submit a separate purchase requisition.

CONFIRMING ORDERS

A verbal order, subject to subsequent confirmation by a written purchase order, may be given in cases where immediate action is needed. Naturally, such a deviation from "normal" will have a very limited use, and prior permission is needed from the County Administrator or Purchasing Office.

The individual placing such an order shall justify the need for this action. Inadequate time given by the Department for processing will not be considered a valid reason for this process.

A confirming order shall be issued immediately after the availability of funds is determined and certified. This order shall follow the same procedures as other orders but shall have priority so that the vendor will receive the order without delay. The order shall be marked "confirming".

The county will not be responsible for orders placed in this manner, unless a confirming order has been cleared through the purchasing office.

EXCEPTIONS TO PURCHASE ORDERS

Thus far, we have discussed the procedures to be followed when a purchase order is needed. We reflect on the need for cooperation and control.

Control involves not only compliance with required purchasing procedures but also affects paperwork. "Over-papering" can ruin the effectiveness of the system almost as quickly as noncompliance.

There are certain expenditures for which the processing of a purchase order/requisition is unnecessary. The following shall be made without purchase orders/requisitions:

1. Contracts for services - any encumbrance should be on the basis of contracts
2. Employee expenses such as travel and conference expenses, meals, mileage and other reimbursable expenses in performance of day-to-day duties
3. Reimbursement of petty cash funds
4. Utility bills
5. Service contracts for a fixed monthly or annual amount. (May be encumbered on the basis of contracts)
6. Interdepartmental charges. Medical examinations and veterinarian fees
7. Legal notices and classified advertisements
8. Postage Meter Costs

COUNTY PURCHASING

Section 103(3) of the General Municipal Law permits any municipality to purchase materials, equipment or supplies utilizing County Bid Awards. The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has authorized the inclusion of a provision allowing municipalities, and/or subcontract agencies, located wholly or partly within the county, to participate in purchase contracts awarded by them (pursuant to County Law, 408-a).

All purchases shall be subject to audit and inspection by the municipality, and the municipality shall be solely responsible for any payments due.

All printed material relating to the procurement of the item, and subsequent payment to the vendor, shall make reference to the county contract.

SALE AND DISPOSITION OF COUNTY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY

The sale or disposition of personal property, which is no longer of use by St. Lawrence County, shall be in accordance with the following rules and regulations adopted by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, except as otherwise provided by law:

To allow preference to municipalities in St. Lawrence County, surplus equipment and supplies will be offered to municipalities before being offered to the general public.

1. Notices will be sent to all St. Lawrence County Towns, Villages, and the City of Ogdensburg listing the surplus equipment and supplies available, and times that they may inspected. Municipalities will be given a minimum of two weeks to inspect and bid on the surplus equipment and supplies.

2. After the municipalities have their opportunity to bid on the surplus equipment and supplies, the remaining items will be offered to the general public through Auction or sealed bid.

The equipment or supplies offered will be awarded to the highest bidder. Tie bids will be determined by drawing lots. The County does reserve the right to reject any, and all bids. The County also reserves the right to sell to next highest bidder if the successful bidder fails to accept the award.

3. Transfer of surplus equipment to Political Subdivisions and School Districts in St. Lawrence County: The County Administrator may authorize the transfer of items valued at less than \$250.00 to municipal governments and school districts in St. Lawrence County at no cost to the municipality.

This transfer may be accomplished in the following manner:

- (a) By written request of a municipality or school district to the County Administrator.
- (b) By a letter being sent by the Purchasing Office to all St. Lawrence County Towns, Villages, School Districts, and the City of Ogdensburg. This letter would indicate that surplus equipment valued at less than \$250 is available at no cost to the municipalities or school districts. Instructions for viewing and picking up the Purchasing Office will provide the surplus equipment.

January 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2026

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430AC	IA AC Appeals Cases	\$50,000
IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	200,000
IA011704 430FC	IA AC Family Court Cases	<u>100,000</u>
		\$350,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

IA030255 56000	IA AC SA Indigent Legal Services	\$350,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COURT-ORDERED SERVICES AT
NEW YORK STATE OPERATED INPATIENT MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York Mental Hygiene Law, Section 43.03 (c) mandates a county cost for persons receiving services, pursuant to a court order, at a state-operated inpatient facility for indefinite/extended periods of time, and

WHEREAS, counties are mandated to incur the cost of court-ordered chargebacks which are haphazard, disproportionate, and cannot be accurately budgeted, forecaster, or planned for, and

WHEREAS, the cost of an individual receiving inpatient services is currently \$1,151.61 per day,

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 costs associated with court-ordered services at New York State operated inpatient mental hygiene facilities, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$400,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees & Services	\$400,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

January 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH HERMON-DEKALB
CENTRAL SCHOOL AND HEUVELTON CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 8-2022 authorized the Chair to sign contracts establishing the School Resource Deputy (SRD) Program with St. Lawrence County School Districts, and

WHEREAS, Hermon-Dekalb Central School and Heuvelton Central School have each completed their initial contracts, along with subsequent extensions, and have expressed satisfaction with the services provided through the SRD Program, and

WHEREAS, both school districts would like to continue participation in the SRD Program and wish to enter into new contracts to ensure continued services for their students and staff, and

WHEREAS, Hermon-Dekalb Central School desires to enter a new two (2)-year contract, with the option for two (2) additional one (1)-year extensions, for a contract period commencing January 1, 2026 and concluding December 31, 2027, with optional extensions through December 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, Heuvelton Central School desires to enter a new eighteen (18)-month contract to align with its academic calendar, commencing January 1, 2026 and concluding June 30, 2027, with the option for two (2) additional one (1)-year extensions, which, if exercised, would extend Heuvelton's agreement through June 30, 2029,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with Hermon-Dekalb Central School and Heuvelton Central School for participation in the School Resource Deputy Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 37-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 12-22-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE VILLAGE OF CANTON FOR THE USE OF THE CANTON RECREATION
PAVILION ICE RINK AND THE RILEY COMMUNITY ROOM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County will hold an employee appreciation event at the Canton Recreation Pavilion, owned by the Village of Canton, and

WHEREAS, employees will have the opportunity to ice skate and utilize the Riley Community Room for games and activities, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with the Village of Canton for the use of their facilities, and

WHEREAS, the cost associated with the rental of the space is \$250 (09TG0050 50200),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a facility rental agreement with the Village of Canton for the use of the Canton Recreation Pavilion Ice Rink and the Riley Community Room, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 38-2026, seconded by Mr. Levato and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE TO REAPPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE 250TH COMMEMORATION OF THE UNITED STATES**

By Mr. Reagan, District 1

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated in the 2024 and 2025 Budget for the purpose of funding activities in support of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, and

WHEREAS, not all the funds were utilized and as the anniversary approaches this year, the Committee assigned to plan activities would like to make the funds available for use, and

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 214-2024 authorized a portion of the funds (\$15K) to the Chamber of Commerce for marketing and the purchase of items that could be shared with members of the public, and

WHEREAS, the Committee would like to access the funding in the near future and provide opportunities to municipalities and school districts as the County prepares for this momentous occasion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for activities related to the 250th Anniversary of the United States as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$30,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Appropriated	\$30,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1M75104 46000 SP	B Prtnr Ag - 250th Special Proj	\$30,000
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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-2026, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH KAS
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FOR A HAZARDOUS
STUDY FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SURROGATE BUILDING**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, a Request for Quotes for a Hazardous Materials Survey for the St. Lawrence Surrogate Building was issued and the County received three (3) quotes, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing bids and checking references, the recommendation is KAS Environmental Science & Engineering as the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$7,045, and

WHEREAS, the hazardous material survey will identify and assist the County in addressing issues within the building, and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the results, KAS will prepare a summary report, which will outline methodology, laboratory results, identification of quantity/condition/location of ACM's, lead-based paint, PCB's and hazardous materials, conclusions and recommendations which will allow for determining the scope necessary for asbestos/hazardous material remediation of the building,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with KAS Environmental Science & Engineering for a Hazardous Study for the St. Lawrence County Surrogate Building, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Doyle congratulated Chair Forsythe and Vice Chair Denesha on their reelections.

Ms. Doyle reported that the Surrogate Building steps are currently on hold due to the weather. The County is working with the vendor to make progress on the project as weather allows. The Surrogate Building windows are beginning to be replaced. Abatement is happening in identified areas that were determined as part of the Hazardous Materials Study that occurred for the window replacement project.

The Administrator has the 90% plans for the Highway Administration & Maintenance Facility in her office, and the Board is welcome to come view them. Within the next ten (10) days, a start date for the Courthouse Improvement Project is being determined.

Tomorrow, January 3rd, the employee event "Skating into the New Year" is taking place at the Canton Pavilion for all interested employees.

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for adopting the amended schedule for Board Meetings and agenda deadlines. Ms. Doyle reminded the Board that there is no meeting on January 5th, the combined Operations/Services committee meetings will be on January 12th, no meeting on January 19th due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and the Finance Committee will be on January 26th. The Finance Committee will be the first meeting with the new agenda schedule in place.

On Tuesday, January 6, the third meeting of the 250th Committee will occur. On Wednesday, January 7th, the Buildings & Grounds Committee will begin its 2026 meetings at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Doyle reported that all of the tax bills went out before year-end and should be landing in mailboxes this weekend.

Ms. Doyle shared that this year, there will be development and recommendations for a Mission, Vision, and Values to unite all departments in the County. This will be worked on in the first part of 2026 to bring recommendations to the Board. It will also be a useful tool to retain and recruit employees.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Reagen said that he believes tonight is the first time there has been a bipartisan vote for the Chair of the Board of Legislators, and congratulated Mr. Forsythe on his reelection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 7:34 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Mr. Reagen moved to suspend the rules to discuss removing a resolution from the table titled, "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," seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Ms. Curran left the meeting at 8:53 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Ms. Curran moved to remove the resolution titled "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" from the table, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Ms. Curran moved to adopt the resolution titled "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," seconded by Mr. Perkins, and failed by a roll call vote with seven (7) yes votes (Reagen, Forsythe, Sheridan, Levato, Burke, Terminelli, and Curran), six (6) no votes (Lightfoot, Smithers, Denesha, Perkins, Hull, and Webster), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Mr. Denesha moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Board of Health (Term to Expire: 12/31/2031)**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett):

- Jessica Scillieri Smith, DVM, Canton 13617

Mr. Denesha moved to appoint the following individual to the **Youth Advisory Board Youth Committee (Term to Expire: 10/20/2028)**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett):

- Nevaeh Plotnick, Star Lake 13690

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Forsythe made no change to the existing Committee chairs.

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ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Curran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Gennett).

Chair Forsythe adjourned the Organizational Board Meeting at 9:10 p.m., as there was no further business.