



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. GLENN WEBSTER, CHAIR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026
BOARD ROOM AND LIVE VIA
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**



RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2026

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

- A. Accepting a Donation from the Edward C. Seymour VFW Post #1231 to Community Services for the Food Pantry Project and Modifying the 2026 Budget for Community Services (Res)

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – ERIN STREIFF

- A. Recognizing March as National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month (Res)
- B. Supporting Immunization as a Critical Public Health Practice (Res)
- C. Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Public Health Department (Res)
- D. Sunshine and Buzz Light Year Award (Discussion)

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

- A. Modifying the 2026 Budget for Social Services for the Shelter Arrears Eviction Foreclosure Program (Res)

6. YOUTH BUREAU – ALEXA BACKUS CHASE

- A. Proclaiming Friday, March 6, 2026 as the 3rd Annual "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday" in St. Lawrence County (Res)

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health (Curran)
- B. CDP Board of Directors (Burke)

- C. Community Services Board (Haggard)
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha)
- E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli)

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE EDWARD C. SEYMOUR VFW POST #1231
TO COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY PROJECT AND
MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services recognizes the increasing need for food assistance among individuals having financial struggles in our community, and

WHEREAS, this project aligns with the mission of Community Services to promote the health and well-being of our community by addressing the critical issue of food insecurity, and

WHEREAS, the Edward C. Seymour VFW Post #1231 in Canton, NY generously gifted \$400,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the donation from the Edward C. Seymour VFW Post #1231 for the Food Pantry Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for Community Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 42800	A CACD Other Supplies	\$400
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A1127055 55000	A LR CHEM DEP Gifts & Donations	\$400
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March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NATIONAL TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
AWARENESS MONTH**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a serious public health issue that affects individuals of all ages and backgrounds, often resulting from falls, motor vehicle crashes, sports injuries, violence, or other incidents, and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries can have long-lasting physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral effects, impacting not only individuals who sustain injuries but also their families, caregivers, and communities, and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and education about traumatic brain injury can help reduce stigma, promote prevention, improve early identification, and support access to appropriate treatment and services, and

WHEREAS, individuals living with traumatic brain injuries demonstrate resilience and strength, and deserve understanding, inclusion, and support to achieve their highest possible quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the International Brain Injury Association estimates that about 1 in 60 Americans are living with disabilities related to TBI, and

WHEREAS, local organizations, healthcare providers, advocates, and community partners work diligently to support individuals affected by traumatic brain injury through education, prevention efforts, rehabilitation, and community-based services, and

WHEREAS, the observance of Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of brain health, recognize the impact of TBI, and encourage continued efforts to support those affected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the month of March as National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Health Department will host events to raise awareness regarding ways to avoid Traumatic Brain Injury in the fall of 2026.

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING IMMUNIZATION AS A CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, immunization is one of the most effective and evidence-based public health practices for preventing the spread of infectious diseases and protecting individuals, families, and communities, and

WHEREAS, vaccines have significantly reduced illness, disability, and death from diseases such as measles, polio, influenza, whooping cough, and other vaccine-preventable conditions, and

WHEREAS, maintaining high immunization rates is essential to achieving community immunity, thereby protecting vulnerable populations including infants, older adults, individuals with compromised immune systems, and those unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons, and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases can place a significant burden on local health systems, schools, workplaces, and community resources, and

WHEREAS, public confidence in safe, effective, and accessible vaccines is critical to sustaining community health and resilience, and in 2025 there were 672 immunizations administered by Public Health in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, health departments, healthcare providers, schools, and community partners play a vital role in education, outreach, and equitable access to immunization services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators affirms its support for immunization as a critical public health practice essential to protecting the health and well-being of the community.

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FUNDS AND
MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has received a Performance Incentive Achievement Award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$23,084, and

WHEREAS, this achievement award must be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services, and while costs associated with any eligible activity are acceptable, local health departments are encouraged to consider utilizing the award funds in support of climate/extreme weather activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of the performance incentive achievement award funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2026 Budget for the Public Health Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees and Services	\$23,084
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PP034015 56000	P SA Public Health and Clinic	\$23,084
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March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE SHELTER
ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, New York State has appropriated funds to provide services and expenses related to the payment of shelter arrears necessary to retain housing for certain households that are in receipt of or who would be eligible for ongoing or emergency Public Assistance, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has extended the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Program to provide vital shelter arrears assistance to help eligible households retain permanent housing, and

WHEREAS, the maximum of six (6) months of arrears assistance per household can be provided through the SAEF Program, and

WHEREAS, the allocation amount of \$92,119, of which \$45,612 was spent in 2025, will be for services provided between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for Social Services for the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 SAEF	D SAEF Other Fees and Services	\$46,507
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46105 56000 SAEF	D FA SAEF Revenue	\$46,507
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March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 AS THE 3RD ANNUAL "FIVE HOUR FREE (FROM SOCIAL MEDIA) FRIDAY" IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 75-2024 and Resolution No. 66-2025 proclaimed the first two (2) "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday" events in St. Lawrence County, respectively, and

WHEREAS, adolescents and adults are spending significant amounts of time on digital devices and social media platforms, with adolescents averaging more than eight (8) hours per day on screens for entertainment and social interaction, excluding school-related use, and

WHEREAS, excessive screen time and social media use have been linked to increased risks of anxiety, depression, sleep disruption, attention difficulties, and reduced in-person social connection, making healthy technology habits an important public health concern, and

WHEREAS, strong social connections, family engagement, physical activity, and community involvement are proven protective factors that support positive youth development and overall mental health, and

WHEREAS, the Teen Ambassadors of the St. Lawrence County Youth Committee voted unanimously at the Youth Committee Meeting on January 11, 2026 to continue the "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday" initiative for a third consecutive year as a youth-led effort to promote balance and well-being, and

WHEREAS, "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday" encourages adolescents and adults of all ages to voluntarily disconnect from social media and non-essential screen use for a five (5) hour period, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to better engage in meaningful social media free activities and strengthen connections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims Friday, March 6, 2026 as the 3rd annual "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday" in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents, schools, businesses, and community organizations are encouraged to participate by registering and promoting and supporting activities that foster connection, wellness, and community engagement during the designated five (5) hour period.