



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. BEN HULL, CHAIR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
BOARD ROOM AND LIVE VIA
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5:30 PM**



RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 26, 2026

3. WIOA - PAM LEWIS

- A. Modifying the PY25 Budget for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts (Res)
- B. Dislocated Worker Program - Workforce Reductions at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (Discussion)

4. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for a Heating and Cooling Water System Treatment and Legionella Prevention Program Services for County Facilities (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Casella Waste Services for Refuse Services at Harrowgate Commons in Massena (Res)
- C. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the Employee Assistance Program to Accept Contributions from CSEA Local 845, the Deputy Sheriff's Association, and the Sheriff's Supervisors Association and Provide Matching Increases from St. Lawrence County (Res)
- D. Supporting Senate Bill S.8454 and Assembly Bill A.9074 that Would Amend the Public Officers Law in relation to Waiving the Residency Requirement for the St. Lawrence County Public Health Director and Director of Community Services (Res)
- E. Authorization to Transfer the Function of the Fleet Lease Program to the Purchasing Office and Modify the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office (Res)
- F. Adopting Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2026, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" (Res)

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Artificial Intelligence Committee (Hull)
- B. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha)
- C. Fiscal Stability Committee (Lightfoot)
- D. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan)
- E. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli)
- F. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers)
- G. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers)
- H. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen)
- I. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster)
- J. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe)
- K. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster)
- L. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Levato)
- M. Time and Attendance Committee (Perkins)

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

9. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE PY25 BUDGET FOR THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM DISLOCATED WORKER ACCOUNTS TO ADULT ACCOUNTS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Notice of Authorization PY25-3 was issued with the remaining allocation of funding for Program Year 2025 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds would provide more flexibility and ensure that WIOA is able to provide services to as many eligible participants as possible, and

WHEREAS, all participants eligible for the Dislocated Worker Program will be enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program, and no eligible participant will be denied services, including training services, due to the transfer of funds, and

WHEREAS, WIOA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking section 683.130, grants Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) the authority to transfer one hundred percent (100%) of a program year allocations between the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, and

WHEREAS, the LWDB authorized, with Resolution Number 26-A14-02, the transfer of funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY25 Budget for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to transfer formula funds from dislocated worker accounts to adult accounts as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA562924 461TU TRAN	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$130,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE562911 11000	Direct Service Worker	\$13,000
UE562911 12000	Supervisory/Admin	6,200
UE562911 14000	Clerical	4,000
UE562911 19550	Health Ins Buyout	300
UE562914 40700	Rent	2,000
UE562914 43005	Advertising	500
UE562914 430WI	WIB Expenses	6,000
UE562914 47800	DP Charges	728
UE562918 81000	Retirement	3,525

UE562918 83000	Social Security	1,880
UE562918 84000	Worker's Compensation	606
UE562918 84500	Group Life Insurance	1,000
UE562918 86000	Health & Medical Insurance	5,819
UE562918 86500	Dental Insurance	400
UE562918 89000	Eye Coverage	100
UE562924 461OJ	OJT Employer Reimbursement	3,942
UE562924 461TU	Tuition/Books/Fees	<u>80,000</u>
		\$130,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA547905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$130,000
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DECREASE REVENUE:

UE547905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$130,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds at the end of the Program year will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A HEATING AND COOLING WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT AND LEGIONELLA PREVENTION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR COUNTY FACILITIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, periodic treatment and testing is performed to satisfy the requirements of the New York State Department of Health and the Legionella Prevention Program for County facilities, and scale and corrosion inhibitor treatments are necessary to maximize the functionality and service life of the County's heating and cooling equipment, and

WHEREAS, Buildings and Grounds current contract with M.I.S. of America for services associated with heating and cooling water system treatment and Legionella Prevention Program for County Office Buildings ended on December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, M.I.S of America provides monthly on-site testing, the use of M.I.S. of America Equipment, and associated media and chemicals used for testing and treatment at a new contract cost of \$1,376 per month beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 with an overall three (3) year contract amount of \$49,525 (BG016204 42202),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for a heating and cooling water system treatment and Legionella Prevention Program services for county facilities, upon approval of the County Attorney.

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CASELLA WASTE SERVICES FOR REFUSE SERVICES AT HARROWGATE COMMONS IN MASSENA

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County owned building located at 21 Harrowgate Commons in Massena currently occupies the district offices of Probation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Social Services, and the back-up center for the 911 Center, and

WHEREAS, Casella Waste Services has provided refuse services at a rate of \$128/monthly, and this service agreement will maintain the same service for 24 months following the date of the signed contract (BGM16204 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Casella Waste Services for refuse services at Harrowgate Commons in Massena, upon approval of the County Attorney.

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM CSEA LOCAL 845, THE DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, AND THE
SHERIFF'S SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION AND PROVIDE MATCHING
INCREASES FROM ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides an important outlet of support services, cosponsors the Annual Health Fair for the past forty (40) years, and partners with the County to do activities that demonstrate appreciation for the efforts made by County Employees, and

WHEREAS, EAP has historically been funded jointly by the County and CSEA Local 1000 at \$1,000 per organization, and as part of an ongoing effort to strengthen the Program and increase available offerings to support all employees, the County Administrator made a request of the remaining six (6) unions that include; Council 82, Council 82 Supervisors, CSEA 845, Deputy Sheriff's Association, Indigent Defenders, and Sheriff's Supervisor Association to contribute to this important program that supports the county workforce, and

WHEREAS, the following unions have agreed to make a contribution toward the Employee Assistance Program;

- CSEA Local 845 \$1,000
- Deputy Sheriff's Association \$250
- Sheriff's Supervisor Association \$250, and

WHEREAS, the County is hopeful that the other three Unions will consider a contribution and that those who are contributing will consider making this an annual appropriation that supports resources, helps maintain the Annual Health Fair, and continues to improve the opportunity to share appreciation with all employees, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator offered to match the contribution, similar to the practice with CSEA, up to \$5,000 and with the new total being \$1,500, a budget modification is requested to match the contribution by the Bargaining Units listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to accept contributions from CSEA 845, the Deputy Sheriff's Association, and the Sheriff Supervisors' Association and to match union contributions for the Employee Assistance Program as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700

B SPEC Contingency Account

\$1,500

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1190704 46500	B EAP Other Payments	\$3,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

B1127055 55000	B EAP Donations	\$1,500
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March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S.8454 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.9074 THAT WOULD
AMEND THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW IN RELATION TO WAIVING THE
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC
HEALTH DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in order to assure an adequate pool of qualified applicants for the positions of Public Health Director and Community Services Director and to retain such applicants, it is necessary that all personnel holding said offices be permitted to reside within the county or any county adjoining St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the County requested the passage of Senate Bill S.8454 and Assembly Bill A.9074 to amend the Public Officer Law in relation to waiving the residency requirement of certain public officers in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, if approved by the New York State Legislature Section 3 of the Public Officers Law is amended by adding a new subdivision 76 to read as follows:

76. In the county of St. Lawrence, the provisions of this section requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which such person shall be chosen or within which their official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding the office county public health director or director of community services of the county of St. Lawrence, provided that such person resides in a county adjoining St. Lawrence County within the State of New York; provided, however that any person performing such functions or holding the office of county public health director or director of community services in any other county shall be a resident of such county unless otherwise provided by law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports Senate Bill S.8454 and Assembly Bill A.9074 that would amend the Public Officers Law in relation to waiving the residency requirements for the St. Lawrence County Public Health Director and Director of Community Services.

STATE OF NEW YORK

9074

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

September 5, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. GRAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to waiving the residency requirement for the St. Lawrence county public health director and community services director

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3 of the public officers law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 76 to read as follows:

3 76. In the county of St. Lawrence, the provisions of this section
4 requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or
5 municipal corporation of the state for which such person shall be chosen
6 or within which their official functions are required to be exercised,
7 shall not prevent a person from holding the office of county public
8 health director or director of community services of the county of St.
9 Lawrence, provided that such person resides in a county adjoining St.
10 Lawrence county within the state of New York; provided, however that any
11 person performing such functions or holding the office of county public
12 health director or director of community services in any other county
13 shall be a resident of such county unless otherwise provided by law.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

8454

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

July 11, 2025

Introduced by Sen. STEC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to waiving the residency requirement for the St. Lawrence county public health director and community services director

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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2 new subdivision 76 to read as follows:

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4 requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or
5 municipal corporation of the state for which such person shall be chosen
6 or within which their official functions are required to be exercised,
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8 health director or director of community services of the county of St.
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March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER THE FUNCTION OF THE FLEET LEASE PROGRAM TO THE PURCHASING OFFICE AND MODIFY THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, since 2016, St. Lawrence County has maintained a fleet through the Enterprise Fleet Management Services (Resolution No. 18-2016) to provide safe county vehicles for employees to utilize for the purpose of conducting their work in the field or to attend professional development opportunities, and

WHEREAS, funds are appropriated annually in the general fund to maintain the fleet, additionally funds are budgeted in departments in the general fund (i.e. Social Services) that receive reimbursement along with departments that reside in funds outside the general fund (i.e. Highway and Solid Waste) and funds are appropriated in those funds to maintain their portions of the fleet, and

WHEREAS, the intent to relocate this function was planned as positions were realigned in the Purchasing Office increased in 2025 in part to ensure better management of programs like the fleet and to have focused analysis of the Programs, and

WHEREAS, new accounts are recommended to be created to accommodate a transfer of oversight by the Purchasing Office within the County Administrator's office, and

WHEREAS, in 2026, there is \$320,000 is budgeted in the General Fund lease expense account to cover fleet expenses and the goal is to spend from the appropriate accounts to track spending and to better prepare the budget for 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes to transfer the function of the Fleet Lease Program to the Purchasing Office and modify the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

TF013254 421FL	T SLC Equipment Leasing	\$320,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BCG16404 421FL	Fleet Leasing Program	\$305,000
BCG16404 44100	I/D Fuel Charges	5,000
BCG16404 44001	Other Automotive Supplies	<u>10,000</u>
		\$320,000

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW A (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2026, "SETTING SALARIES
FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, that the Board of Legislators held a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2026, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" on March 2, 2026, at 5:50 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers, and

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

Section 1. That salaries for the Year 2026, effective January 1, 2026, for the following employees shall be set as follows:

Coroner (4)	\$12,000
Public Defender	\$127,341

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.