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St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
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Full Board
Monday, February 2, 2026
6:09 PM

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Ms. Doyle welcomed everyone to the meeting and requests that mobile devices be silenced. She informed attendees that restrooms are accessible through the doors at the back of the room. In the event of an emergency, there are two exits, one at the entrance and another at the front of the room. She asks for patience, as the Deputy Clerk will be sharing 88 comments under communications. She expressed gratitude to those who expressed interest in sharing and to all of you who joined this evening.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Sheridan attended the meeting remotely from 1460 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater Florida.

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

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

Mr. Hull moved to amend the agenda to remove a resolution, “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Professional Services Related to the Grant Application for the Replacement of County Route 27 Bridge over Oswegatchie River and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways”

Mr. Hull moved to amend the resolution, “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease with the Workforce Development Board for Space at the Human Services Center for the One Stop Career Center and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator’s and Treasurer’s Office”, to remove the fifth Be It Further Resolved, authorizing the Budget modification, and remove “and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator’s and Treasurer’s Office” from the title, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Haggard moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2026, and January 12, 2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications were read by the Deputy Clerk:

1. A letter was received from Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush’s office thanking us for sending copies of Resolution No. 2-2026 and Resolution No. 14-2026.

Communications Submitted to publiccomment@stlawco.gov

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2. Barbara Gordon of Potsdam submitted comments stating that she is opposed to the agreement between the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office and ICE.
3. Paul Petroccione of Canton had two (2) comment submissions, the first stating he would like the Board to delay action on the 287(g) agreement until after a court case in Nassau County is decided, which would determine whether NY law prevents the police from arresting or detaining people for civil violations of federal immigration law. The second submission stated the agreement would harm the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the people of St. Lawrence County, no matter how much clarification is done about the agreement.
4. Claire Derriennic of Potsdam submitted comments opposing any 287 G agreement between the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department and ICE, and specifically opposes any tactics used that will harm people.
5. James Galasinski of Canton submitted comments opposing a 287(g) agreement with ICE. Specific concerns include sheriff's officers abusing their power and targeting specific groups of people. Border patrol agents are already present in the County.
6. Chandler Crosby of Potsdam submitted comments requesting that ICE not be involved in training our Sheriff Deputies, that it will bring lawsuits, and cites several lawsuits against ICE and their tactics.
7. Jeffry Wilson of Massena submitted comments that the ICE agreement supports Trump's agenda and racism. He questions the Sheriff's influence over the legislators, and asks if any federal funding from the ICE agreement will be shared amongst the County or just go to the Sheriff's Office.
8. Kathy O'Shaughnessy of Massena submitted comments opposing the potential partnership with ICE, citing fear tactics, lawsuits, and the potential for overrun budgets.
9. Thomas Gokey of Canton submitted comments urging the Board to vote no on any local cooperation with ICE. He cited conversations with family and friends in the Twin Cities, and the fear and terror of ICE they have.
10. Leo Burger of Russell submitted comments urging the Board to not sign an agreement with ICE, citing the violence ICE uses and violates the 4th amendment. He is concerned that local law enforcement will target specific groups of people, and questions the cost of this agreement in principles and lawsuits.
11. Christine Sitts of Fowler submitted comments strongly opposing signing a 287(g) agreement. She is concerned about the plan to demand proof of citizenship from Native Americans from the Awkwesasne reservation and military families that do not look or speak like locals. She wonders if our local law enforcement who receive ICE training qualify for the same federal/absolute immunity of ICE officers. She implores the use of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, and offers a 4th grade Social Studies teacher do a staff development day for law enforcement. She fears that if the agreement gets approved, she will be hesitant to call police in the future.
12. Carrie Stoffel of Massena submitted comments stating that ICE has no place in the North Country, and to keep them out of the area. They are violent and untrained.
13. Roy Porter of Canton submitted comments opposing the St Lawrence County sheriff's office entering into a 287(g) agreement with ICE. The taxes in St. Lawrence County are already too high, and he does not want County tax dollars supporting questionable operations. The Federal government should be paying for Federal operations, especially in light of funding freezes and cuts to social programs. Mr. Porter believes that the primary focus of our local law

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enforcement should be upholding local laws, and not to serve some paramilitary political agenda.

14. Lora Lunt of Potsdam submitted comments urging the Board to vote no on proposition 287(g). She questions what work deputies will abandon if they work for ICE. She does not want ICE's destruction in our community, or tax dollars supporting them.

15. Alexander Loomis of undisclosed residency submitted comments strongly opposing the proposed 287(g) agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, citing concerns about ICE involvement leading to deaths, injuries, and be an extreme affront to the civil liberties of all people within the county. If our County enters into this agreement, he fears local law enforcement will be distrusted.

16. Alanna Gillis of Canton submitted comments strongly encouraging the county to NOT go forward with the proposed agreement with ICE. She wants all community members to be valued equally and not targeted due to racial profiling and discrimination.

17. Joette Holgado of Canton had two (2) comment submissions regarding the ICE MOU. The first says ICE has turned into a violent and unaccountable domestic police force, forcing people to hide for their safety, like Anne Frank. The second asks the Board to vote no on the ICE agreement, saying it will bring fear and chaos to our community.

18. Lisa Hillard of Massena submitted comments objecting to the potential 287(G) MOA between ICE and the St Lawrence County Sheriff. Our local law enforcement will be tasked with doing ICE's job and taken away from their regular duties, with the County paying for it and taking on liability. The agreement will be costly and dangerous.

19. Penny Francis of Madrid submitted comments regarding the ICE agreement. She says Border Patrol has worked with local law enforcement for years, and questions the need for ICE agents to assure our safety in the North Country.

20. Laura Potts of Potsdam submitted comments stating she is opposed to any cooperation between local law enforcement and ICE.

21. Lauren Roberts of Madison Trust Company sent two (2) comment submissions, the first inquiring about including an additional resource on our Veteran's Services webpage, and the second following up on that email.

22. Jackie Woodside of Ogdensburg submitted comments asking the Board to not allow ICE into our local area, as we are not overrun with illegal immigrants.

23. Alyse Millikan of Canton submitted comments strongly opposing the signing of a 287(g) agreement between the sheriff and ICE, with concerns about the 4th Amendment right to due process and financial burden on the County.

24. Sarah Lister of Potsdam submitted comments stating that ICE Officers recently used a 5 year old to bait and arrest his family members, and that SLC law enforcement should not partner with an agency that would do this.

25. Penny Lou Clark of Potsdam submitted comments stating she sees no need for the Sheriff to partner with ICE. We do not need ICE actions in our community, and says that the Sheriff's Department is doing an adequate job without ICE.

26. Sarah Coupal of Potsdam submitted comments urging the Board to vote no on the resolution authorizing the 287(G) agreement with ICE, stating she feels unsafe in a community with large ICE presence, unidentified agents, and unmarked vehicles. She feels the work of ICE is best suited to the federal government and our local police force should focus on local issues.

27. Angela Sweigart-Gallagher of Canton submitted comments stating she is troubled by the proposal for the St. Lawrence County sheriff to partner with ICE, stating other communities

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with similar agreements have seen an increase in racial profiling and constitutional violations. Additionally, this agreement will refocus our limited local resources on ICE work, and erode public trust in our law enforcement.

28. Lisa Torrey of Potsdam submitted comments stating it would be highly irresponsible of the Board to approve the 287(g) agreement given the deteriorating reputation of ICE, the lawsuits and rescinded agreements in other counties, and the public outcry.

29. Prashant Athavale of Potsdam submitted comments opposing the 287(g) Agreement. A 287(g) agreement would shift federal immigration enforcement onto local government. It would divert county law enforcement and jail resources away from core public safety priorities, impose additional administrative and detention costs on local taxpayers, and increase the County's exposure to legal liability, including claims arising from wrongful detention and civil rights violations. There are also concerns about the scope of the agreement, safeguards against abuse, and training and accountability.

30. Amy Gouge of Oswegatchie submitted comments stating that entering into the 287(g) agreement would be a major mistake, citing concerns with ICE's tactics and enforcement focus.

31. Timothy Burley of Massena submitted comments citing deep concerns about ICE and the county's potential agreement with them in light of the death of Alex Pretti. He asks the Board to table the resolution.

32. Nicole Breman of Oswegatchie submitted comments stating she does not support the county working with ICE or the Trump administration. She states the resolution is vague and open to abuse, opening the County to legal, reputational, and financial risk. She states residents will report crime less, making everyone less safe, and asks the Board to reject 287(g).

33. Dale Stoughtenger of Hammond submitted comments strongly opposing the County's agreement with ICE. He does not want the County to turn into Minneapolis and lose the North Country lifestyle.

34. Daniel Kent of Waddington submitted comments stating that the proposed agreement with ICE is a solution in search of a problem. He says undocumented people keep a local industry functioning, and the solution is to expand visa programs. He says ICE is causing more harm than good and will bring trouble to our County.

35. Lauren Diamond-Brown of Potsdam submitted comments regarding a strong opposition to a 287(g) agreement with ICE, believing it will make the community less safe.

36. Peter Beekman of Canton submitted comments requesting the Legislators keep this phrase in mind when debating the 287 (g) agreement, "We are judged by the company we keep." This agreement will jeopardize local law enforcement's reputation. Our local law enforcement has more training than ICE.

37. Barbara Lee of Canton submitted comments asking the Board to table the resolution on ICE until further study is completed.

38. Kayla Riley of Potsdam submitted comments opposing the proposed resolution authorizing the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office to enter into 287(g) agreements with U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), citing economic and fiscal concerns, reputational harm, less recruitment and retention of employees, human rights and civil liberties concerns, less safety in the community, and process and public accountability concerns.

39. Natalia Singer of Canton submitted comments opposing ICE coming to the North Country to train officers, citing concerns about 4th Amendment violations, racial profiling, low public approval of ICE, negative effect on the local economy (particularly with enrollment at local colleges), and lack of clarity on the agreement structure and accountability.

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40. Dan Roiger of Canton submitted comments in support of the County Sheriff working with ICE to deport criminal aliens.
41. James Grant of Canton submitted comments opposing the 287(g) agreement with ICE, particularly the possibility of the Task Force Deployment model, citing unconstitutional practices by ICE leading to erosion of public safety.
42. Ben McAllister of Lawrence submitted comments regarding the electric rate increases approved for National Grid under Case 24-E-0322, stating his electric bills during the winter have become unsustainable for his energy-efficient home. He says that investing in geothermal and/or electric heating systems, which are encouraged and incentivized by New York State, become financially punitive in practice.
43. Pat Walzer of Parishville submitted comments urging the Board to consider the immediate and lasting effects of the 287(g) agreement with ICE, citing ICE violating citizen's rights, and asking the Board to not allow ICE to destroy trust or corrupt our County.
44. Blair Madore of Potsdam submitted comments regarding the agreement with ICE. While they support legal immigration enforcement with due process and trust our local law enforcement, they do not trust ICE to train or direct our officers, citing dishonesty and unconstitutional practices. If immigration enforcement is left in the hands of our local law enforcement, they support the program. However, if ICE has authority and can direct our officers, they believe the agreement is too dangerous.
45. Tara Tent of Canton submitted comments asking the Board not to partner with ICE, that it will erode trust in local law enforcement, citing a lack of proper training of ICE agents.
46. Eric Premo of Canton submitted comments regarding his experiences as a war veteran.
47. Linda Petroccione of Canton submitted comments stating that ICE tactics and techniques make our population less safe, and that we should not have our local police force trained by them.
48. Bill Merna of Oswegatchie submitted comments stating his thoughts can be shared.
49. William Frank of Potsdam submitted comments in support of the 287(g) agreement with ICE, stating that unchecked illegal immigration is a financial strain on our systems and an assault on our sovereignty and freedom. He says the agreement is common-sense public safety and asks the Board to stand with law-abiding citizens.
50. Samhain Addams of Potsdam submitted comments stating the 287(g) agreement with ICE is the wrong move, as ICE is fascist and training our local officers by them is unsafe. They do not want people in the community murdered.
51. Logan Atkinson of Norwood submitted comments asking the Board to vote no on the 287(g) agreement with ICE, stating that their actions are anti-American.
52. Scott Schulte of Potsdam submitted comments opposing to the 287(g) agreement with ICE, citing this collaboration will undermine the trust and safety of immigrant communities, increase racial profiling, erode civil liberties, and prevent immigrant communities from seeking help. He says we should invest in community-based safety initiatives instead.
53. Stephanie Gubelin of North Elba in Essex County submitted comments stating that signing the 287(g) contract will make constituents live in fear, destroy community trust in law enforcement, and prevent people from wanting to visit the County.
54. Mary Necaie of Massena submitted comments requesting that the Board table the vote on the 287(g) agreement to give the Board and the public more time to consider the ramifications of the agreement. She states that the Sheriff's Office is already overworked and this agreement

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would distract them from their regular duties. She states the agreement will have a negative impact on our local economy and increase racial profiling, as well as liability concerns.

55. Erika Barthelmess of Canton submitted comments opposing the Sheriff's memorandum with ICE, citing ICE's unlawful tactics. She urges the Board to focus on lowering taxes and cost of living.

56. Rosella Todd Valentine of Canton submitted comments urging the Board not to do business with ICE, stating the agreement will hurt immigrants on local farms and international students at local colleges.

57. Lauris Kelly of Canton submitted comments stating that ICE is untrained and will damage our local colleges. She and her family want to see growth and not fear in the North Country.

58. Alexandra Jacobs Wilke of Potsdam submitted comments voicing deep concern for the proposed 287(g) agreement with ICE, citing loss of public trust in law enforcement making everyone less safe, legal and financial risks, and loss of civil liberties.

59. Phyllis Sinclair of Franklin County submitted comments stating there has not been demonstrated need for an agreement with ICE, and that it would hurt immigrants on local farms and those who attend local colleges.

60. Eudora Watson of Potsdam submitted comments asking the Board to vote no on the Sheriff's agreement with ICE, citing ICE's recent scandals and overreach. Other communities with these agreements are cancelling them.

61. Paul Siskind of Norwood submitted comments opposing the 287(g) agreement with ICE and asking the Board to table the resolution, citing confusion by Legislators about which model was being agreed to, misrepresentation of the agreement as a training program, the ambiguity of the resolution, and dismissiveness when speaking with Legislators.

62. Lou Ann Lange of Potsdam submitted comments opposing an agreement with ICE in light of the recent events in Minnesota.

63. Lynn Hall of Potsdam submitted comments opposing the 287(g) agreement with ICE due to undermining public safety, expending already limited county resources, bringing harm to economic development, increasing racial profiling, and dangerously implicating St. Lawrence County in the business of detaining and deporting our immigrant family members and neighbors.

64. Phil Neisser of Potsdam submitted comments urging the Board to vote against the agreement between the Sheriff and ICE, stating that the agreement will change our local officers and community for the worse.

65. Kate McHargue of Potsdam submitted comments expressing deep concern about the 287(g) agreement with ICE, stating that ICE has perpetuated human rights violations and violence and is dangerous to both immigrants and citizens.

66. Wendy Bright of Potsdam submitted comments expressing deep concern about the 287(g) agreement with ICE and asking to Board to vote no, citing increased burden on local safety net programs, wasted tax dollars, and legal liability.

67. Alison Chapman of Potsdam submitted comments questioning what training ICE could give our deputies that isn't covered in the SUNY Canton Criminal Justice Program.

68. Nicole Richards of Rossie submitted comments strongly opposing the Sheriff's Office working with ICE, stating the community's sense of safety will be gone if this agreement goes forward due to ICE's violations of constitutional rights and misconduct.

69. Richard Paolillo of Stockholm submitted comments stating that ICE violates due process, the 4th amendment, and habeas corpus, and does not want our County involved with ICE.

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70. Sue Abbott-Jonesl of Saranac Lake submitted comments stating a 287(g) agreement affects everyone, even people outside of the County, and that the our local governments will be giving up autonomy to the federal government.

71. Cory Shutts of Norwood submitted comments urging the Board to vote no on the 287(g) agreement with ICE, stating that ICE breaks constitutional amendments and acts like Nazis. They do not want ICE coming to the North Country.

72. Bobbi Haldane of Canton submitted comments strongly opposing the ICE resolution, stating they want the rule of law and constitutional rights in the North Country, and do not want a repeat of the events in Minneapolis.

73. Rebecca Casselman of Massena/Louisville had two (2) comment submissions of the same letter urging the Board to vote no on the 287(g) MOA with ICE, citing federal overreach and violence in Minneapolis, economic risks, legal liability, and erosion of local trust.

74. Kia-Beth Bennett of De Peyster submitted comments urging the Board to vote no on the ICE agreement, stating that the County will lose millions of dollars in economic activity from people staying home and not participating in cultural activities.

75. Corina Bassity of Waddington submitted comments stating that ICE should not be part of our county or have any part in training anyone.

76. Logan LaMere of Massena submitted comments stating they do not want ICE in St. Lawrence County, with the recent deaths in Minnesota and ICE's racial profiling and infringement of Constitutional Rights.

77. Laura Zuckerman of Potsdam submitted comments asking the Board to not enter an MOU with ICE due to federal overreach, and to protect the people in the County.

78. Mary Ann Ashley of Canton submitted comments requesting that the Board not sign the 287 Agreement with ICE, citing the potential for lawsuits, increased taxpayer burden, unvetted ICE agents, and wrongful tactics.

79. Allison Fleury of Norwood submitted comments asking the Board to vote no on ICE, stating ICE ignores laws, violates orders, and does not honor due process, and having their training would erode public trust in our local law enforcement.

80. Annagret Staiger of Potsdam submitted comments asking the Board to vote against 287(g), saying it will jeopardize the public's trust in local law enforcement due to ICE bringing chaos and fear.

81. McKenna Boula of Chase Mills submitted comments asking if the Board has had enough open and curious conversations with residents and constituents about how the 287(g) agreement would affect them.

82. Dwight Tuinstra of Colton submitted comments requesting the Board table the 287(g) resolution until the Board and citizens have time to understand all of its issues and plans to mitigate risks regarding considerable expenses, loss of economic activity, increased risk to public safety, and significant legal exposure.

83. Laurence Zuckerman of Potsdam submitted comments urging the Board to vote against the proposed agreement between the Sheriff's Office and ICE, stating we do not need ICE's training and tactics in the county, but more trust in local officers.

84. Macey Kodama of Potsdam submitted comments stating that partnering with ICE would be a betrayal to our community, breaking trust with local law enforcement and bringing the events in Minneapolis to the North Country.

85. Heidi Chamberlain submitted a letter signed by faith leaders in the North Country encouraging the Board to vote no on the 287(g) agreement between the Sheriff's Office and

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ICE, stating that it will increase racial profiling, make the public less safe, and fracture trust with the Sheriff's Office. It is signed by:

Rev. Kathryn Boswell, Episcopal Church; retired; Norwood;
Rev. Heidi Chamberlain, Potsdam United Methodist Church;
Pastor Carrie Demers, First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur;
Rev. James Galasinski, Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton;
Rev. Katrina Hebb, First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam;
Rev. Brett Johnson, Canton United Methodist Church and Grace United Methodist Church, Massena;
Rev. Thomas H. Jones, United Methodist, retired; Rensselaer Falls;
Pastor Benjamin Lalka, First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur and North Gouverneur United Methodist Church;
Rev. A. Meigs Ross, St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Norwood
Rev. Charles Smith, Episcopal Church; retired; Potsdam;
Rev. Judith Van Kennen, Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ, Massena;
Rev. Marty Weitz, Presbyterian Church (USA), retired; Canton;
Rev. Shaun Whitehead, Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ, Massena;
Rev. Laurena Will, First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg;
Rev. Dr. D. Richard Will, Presbyterian Church (USA), retired; Parishville;
Rev. Mary Woodman, Presbyterian Church (USA), retired; Canton;
Rev. Shea Zellweger, Hammond Presbyterian Church.

86. Caroline Demers submitted the same letter from faith leaders in the North Country.

87. Anna McMaster of Macomb submitted comments asking the Board to vote no on any ICE involvement or training in the county.

88. Susan Dillon of Potsdam submitted comments asking the Board to table the 287(g) proposal.

89. Will Siegfried of Potsdam submitted comments stating that any agreement with ICE will corrupt the integrity of St. Lawrence County.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Brad Mintener, Canton
Cathy Shrady, Canton
Ginger Storey-Welch, Pierrepont
Alysia Eason, Potsdam
Yuniya Phillip McBride, Potsdam
David Katz, Russell
George McHugh, Winthrop
Adam Jarrett, Morristown
James Hidy, Massena
Eileen Jarrett, Morristown
Laura Potts, Potsdam/Norwood
Bruce McClure, Village of Norwood/Town of Potsdam
Jane Lammers, Canton
Stephen Austin, Canton

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A brief recess was taken at 7:42 p.m. to improve the audio.

The meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m.

Trinity Middlemiss, Canton
Alex Ferguson, Canton
Anne Townsend, Colton
Tom Whitesell, Potsdam
Ethan Flamand, Potsdam
Adburd Brown, Fine/Oswegatchie
Nathan Tejeda, Canton
Ember Donnell, Potsdam
Lauren Jackson-Beck, Potsdam
Raamitha Pillay, Colton
AJ Martin, Potsdam
Katrina Hebb, Canton
Chris Edwards, Potsdam
William Frank, Potsdam
Stuart Amoriell, Lake Placid
Prashant Athavale, Potsdam
Philip Neisser, Potsdam
Shir Filler, Franklin
Forrest Law, Brighton
Rivka Eckert, Potsdam
Robin McClellan, Stockholm
Narley Wright, Massena
Michael Greer, Potsdam
Dana Leight Thompson, Akwesasne
Natalia Singer, Canton
Sarah Nandi, Potsdam
Cassandra Bolesh, Potsdam
Marceline Barnes, Potsdam
John Williams Jr., Norwood
Alyse Millikan, Canton
Dylan Hewitt, Glens Falls
Kim Bouchard, Potsdam
Don Rivera Borsh, Potsdam
Susan Mitchell, Canton
Anna Ladouceur, Canton
Jeff Mitchell, Canton
Claire Derriennic, Potsdam
Will Trithort, Potsdam
Matthew Brookover, Potsdam
Quinn Sabre, Potsdam
William Eckert, Potsdam
Karen King, Potsdam

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Marie Amell
Deb Cheatham
Fallan Jacobs
Rose Mcleod
Megan Judware, Potsdam
Keith Frey
Daniel Gagliardi, Canton
Casey Grev, Potsdam
Regina Willette, Pierrepont
Mike Gagliardi, Canton
McKenna Boula, Chase Mills
Christine Sitts, Fowler
Paul Siskand, Norwood
Gennaro Paul DeFiore, Massena
Casey Roberson, Canton

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

WHEREAS, ICE, as a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), ~~has asked to~~ **under the Jail Enforcement Model, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), will** train approved selected Sheriff's Office personnel ~~to provide warrant service and/or task force deployment as needed, working strictly under ICE direction and supervision to perform certain limited functions, assigned to the Correctional Facility to~~

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identify criminal aliens and immigration violators in custody and place them into immigration proceedings, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, and Mr. Webster.

Ms. Haggard moved to table the resolution to consider the people heard tonight and what they had to say, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Levato, and failed by a roll call vote with eleven (11) no votes, and four (4) yes votes (Levato, Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli.)

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution, to update the title "Authorizing the St. Lawrence County Sheriff to Enter into a Section 287(g) Memorandum of Agreement Jail Enforcement Model with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), to update the third whereas, "WHEREAS, the selected 287(g) Jail Enforcement Model necessitates training and certification for Sheriff's Office personnel", to update the fourth whereas, "WHEREAS, under the Jail Enforcement Model, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), will train approved Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the Correctional Facility to identify criminal aliens and immigration violators in custody and place them into immigration proceedings",

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update, “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the St. Lawrence County Sheriff to enter into a Section 287(g) Memorandum of Agreement Jail Enforcement Model with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)”, seconded by Mr. Lighfoot, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) no votes (Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli.)

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to include, “and to revisit in a year to assess” in the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Reagen called the question on the amendment, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

The motion to amend the resolution was carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) no votes (Levato, Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli.)

Ms. Terminelli moved to table the amended, amended resolution, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and failed with eleven (11) no votes, and four (4) yes votes (Levato, Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli.)

Resolution passed with a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) no votes (Levato, Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli.)

*Note: Strikes and bolds reflect amendments made during the Board Meeting.

A brief recess was taken at 11:56 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:06 p.m.

Services Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2026 ANNUAL PLAN FOR FUNDING
WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging requires each Office for the Aging to submit an Annual Plan for Funding, and

WHEREAS, these funds enable the Office for the Aging to provide a variety of programs, services and referrals to county residents sixty (60) and older, and

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WHEREAS, the 2026 Plan for funding must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2026 Annual Plan for Funding with the New York State Office for Aging, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 47-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO
RECEIVE ADDITIONAL UNMET NEEDS FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK
STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has provided additional unmet needs funding for the Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funding is to provide services to eligible clients within the County who are currently on wait lists to receive services such as home delivered meals, Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS), home care services, and respite services, and

WHEREAS, the funds may be used to provide services for individuals who are awaiting services, to address additional needs identified among current and new clients, and for costs that are appropriately attributable to the delivery of services, and

WHEREAS, the unmet needs funding waives the local match requirement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Office for the Aging to receive additional unmet needs funding from the New York State Office for the Aging as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

OAZ67724 43007 OT	O PFA Other Fees & Services	\$1,471,648
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INCREASE REVENUE:

OAZ37725 56000 OT O SA OFA Program Revenue \$1,471,648

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

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 47-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO RE-CREATE THE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS, CREATE AND FILL A CASE MANAGER POSITION, CREATE AND FILL A BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has received additional unmet needs funding to be utilized to address needs of older adults that cannot be met by other resources, and

WHEREAS, at one time over fourteen (14) years ago, the Office for the Aging operated a home repair program that was greatly beneficial to older adults, but was eliminated due to budget cuts, and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a great need for minor home repairs amongst older adults, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging will utilize the unmet needs funding to restore this vital program to help older adults remain in their homes for as long as possible (OAZ37725 56000 HR), and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging would need to create and fill a Case Manager to implement and oversee the program, as well as create and fill a Building Maintenance Worker to provide the home repair services, and

WHEREAS, the unmet needs funding will fully pay for the salaries and benefits for the Case Manager and Building Maintenance Worker positions, and

WHEREAS, the unmet needs funding waives the local match requirement, and

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WHEREAS, depending on the success and implementation, additional appropriations and/or staff may be needed in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes to re-create a home repair program for older adults, create and fill a Case Manager position, and create and fill a Building Maintenance Worker position for the Office for the Aging, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the unmet needs funding were to not be reallocated at the same funding levels in the future, these positions and the program would be brought back before the Board of Legislators for reconsideration and/or elimination, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

OAZ67724 46500 HR	O PFA Home Repair	\$300,000
OAZ67721 11000 HR	O PFA Direct Service Workers	110,608
OAZ67728 81000 HR	O Retirement	15,801
OAZ67728 83000 HR	O Social Security	7,777
OAZ67728 84000 HR	O Workmens Compensation	2,802
OAZ67728 84500 HR	O Group Life Insurance	202
OAZ67728 86000 HR	O Hospital & Medical Insurance	29,402
OAZ67728 86500 HR	O Dental Insurance	1,290
OAZ67728 89000 HR	O Vision Insurance	<u>386</u>
		\$468,268

INCREASE REVENUE:

OAZ37725 56000 HR	O SA OFA Program Revenue	\$468,268
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 48-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION, EVENTS, AND CLIENT NEEDS, AND CREATE AND FILL A SENIOR ADVOCATE WORKER FOR THE ELDERLY POSITION UTILIZING THE UNMET NEEDS FUNDING FOR SENIORS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging plans to create a program designed to provide social activities and events to engage older adults outside of their homes, encourage usage of congregate dining centers, and improve health outcomes due to the epidemic rates of depression and isolation suffered by older adults, and

WHEREAS, the high rates of isolation and depression amongst older adults has similar health outcomes to smoking a pack of cigarettes a day for years, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging seeks to create and fill a Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly to implement the program and provide some of the program's activities/events, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging will also seek to contract with local educational organizations in the future to provide additional educational programming, and

WHEREAS, the unmet need funding waives the local match requirement, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging will utilize the unmet need funding to pay for the programs, contracts, and staffing to include benefits and salary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes to create programs for education, events, and client needs, and create and fill a Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly Position utilizing the unmet needs funding for seniors in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the unmet needs funding were to not be reallocated at the same funding levels in the future, these positions and the program would be brought back before the Board of Legislators for reconsideration and/or elimination, and

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

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

OAZ67721 11000 EV	O PFA Direct Service Workers	\$50,257
OAZ67728 81000 EV	O Retirement	7,179
OAZ67728 83000 EV	O Social Security	3,533
OAZ67728 84000 EV	O Workmens Compensation	1,264
OAZ67728 84500 EV	O Group Life Insurance	92
OAZ67728 86000 EV	O Hospital & Medical Insurance	13,360
OAZ67728 86500 EV	O Dental Insurance	586
OAZ67728 89000 EV	O Vision Insurance	175
OAZ67724 430CN EV	O PFA Client Needs	656,976
OAZ67724 46500 EV	O PFA Events & Activities	250,000
ONZ67724 41103 EV	O NUTR Education Programs	<u>100,000</u>
		\$1,083,422

INCREASE REVENUE:

OAZ37725 56000 EV	O SA OFA Program Revenue	\$983,422
ONZ37725 56000 EV	O SA OFA Program Revenue	<u>100,000</u>
		\$1,083,422

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

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND THE HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM, CREATE AND FILL THREE NUTRITION SERVICES AIDE POSITIONS, LEASE SIX ADDITIONAL VEHICLES UTILIZING THE UNMET NEED FUNDING AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging would like to expand the Home Delivered Meal program to help alleviate wait lists, serve more clients, add additional meal routes, and increase service to current limited routes, and

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WHEREAS, currently there are twenty-four (24) home delivered meal routes, three (3) of which do not receive five (5) days a week service, and

WHEREAS, there are six (6) known areas where services have been requested (Harrisville, Macomb, Chase Mills/Louisville, Depeyster, South Colton/Piercefield, and Route 11 between Canton and Potsdam), and

WHEREAS, in order to serve these additional areas and clients, the Office for the Aging is requesting to create and fill three (3) Nutrition Services Aides positions, as well as lease six (6) additional delivery vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging would utilize the unmet need funding to fully pay for the salaries and benefits for the three (3) Nutrition Services Aide positions and the cost of the leased vehicles, and

WHEREAS, depending on the success and implementation, additional appropriations, staff and/or vehicles may be needed in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes to expand the Home Delivered Meal Program, create and fill three Nutrition Services Aide Positions, lease six additional vehicles utilizing the unmet need funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the unmet needs funding were to not be reallocated at the same funding levels in the future, these positions and the program would be brought back before the Board of Legislators for reconsideration and/or elimination, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to Modify the 2026 Budget for the Office for the Aging as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

ONZ67721 17000 NE	O Nutr Regular Part-Time	\$111,717
ONZ67728 81000 NE	Retirement	15,959
ONZ67728 83000 NE	Social Security	7,855
ONZ67728 84000 NE	Workers Compensation	2,810
ONZ67728 84500 NE	Group Life Insurance	205
ONZ67728 86000 NE	Hospital & Medical Insurance	29,697
ONZ67728 86500 NE	Dental Insurance	1,303
ONZ67728 89000 NE	Vision Insurance	389
ONZ67722 26000 NE	O Nutr Other Equipment	<u>150,000</u>
		\$319,935

INCREASE REVENUE:

OAZ37725 56000 NE	O SA OFA Program Revenue	\$319,935
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND THE HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIICAP) AND NY CONNECTS PROGRAM, CREATE AND FILL A SENIOR ADVOCATE WORKER FOR THE ELDERLY POSITION, AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, due to the quickly increasing numbers of older adults turning sixty-five (65), there has been a significant increase in call volume and in-person visits from clients seeking information, services, and referrals to programs to assist them to age in place, and

WHEREAS, there are over 28,000 older adults in St. Lawrence County and this number will grow exponentially in the coming years, and

WHEREAS, there is only one (1) staff member in the department dedicated to HIICAP to offer Medicare Counseling to those older adults, and

WHEREAS, the numbers of clients served through NY Connects has gone from 1,280 in 2021 to over 2,500 in 2025, and

WHEREAS, there has been a steady and significant increase in Medicare-related inquiries from 453 in 2021 to 1,518 in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Department does not have the staffing available to keep up with the high volume and clients are waiting longer to receive information, assistance, and Medicare Counseling, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging would like to create and fill a Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly, who will be cross-trained in both HIICAP and NY Connects to provide information, assistance, and Medicare counseling to older adults, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging will use unmet needs funding to fully pay for the salary and benefits of the Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes to expand the Health Insurance Information Program (HIICAP) and NY Connects Program, and create and fill a Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly Position, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the unmet needs funding were to not be reallocated at the same funding levels in the future, these positions and the program would be brought back before the Board of Legislators for reconsideration and/or elimination, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to Modify the 2026 Budget for the Office for the Aging as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

OAZ67721 11000 NY	O PFA Direct Service Worker	\$50,257
OAZ67728 81000 NY	O Retirement	7,179
OAZ67728 83000 NY	O Social Security	3,533
OAZ67728 84000 NY	O Workmens Compensation	1,264
OAZ67728 84500 NY	O Group Life Insurance	92
OAZ67728 86000 NY	O Hosptial & Medical Insurance	13,360
OAZ67728 86500 NY	O Dental Insurance	586
OAZ67728 89000 NY	O Vision Insurance	<u>175</u>
		\$76,446

INCREASE REVENUE:

OAZ37725 56000 NY	O SA OFA Program Revenue	\$76,446
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR SPECIAL
PATROL OFFICERS, SAFETY NET, AND ADOPTION**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs for the Special Patrol Officer contract and an increase in administration costs for the Volunteer Transportation Center contract, and

WHEREAS, Safety Net chargebacks for client notices and legal services for the disabled have increased, and

WHEREAS, Adoption Star for child placement was initially budgeted for 2024 and the placement process took longer than anticipated, making it necessary to modify the 2025 Social Services budget to cover expenses for 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services for Special Patrol Officers, Safety Net, and Adoption as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60104 430SS	D Adm Security Services	\$34,909
DAP60104 499CN	D TA Client Notices	28,000
DAP60104 499DC	D TA Legal Svc for Disabled	16,500
DSG60704 445VD	D Parenting Transportation	76,500
DSG60704 46500 ADSV	Adoption Services Payments	<u>35,000</u>
		\$190,909

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 21000	D Adm Furniture & Fixtures	\$13,472
DAA60102 22002	D Adm Personal Computers	10,775
DAC60104 430SF	D SCU Sheriff Fees	5,000
DAT60104 41102	D Trng Educational Workshops	5,000
DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	60,000
DSJ61234 465IB EAJD	D EAF JD/PINS Institution Board	40,000
DAE60104 40700	D Emp Building & Property	<u>9,655</u>
		\$143,902

INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$218
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	21,876
DSG36705 56000	D SA Services for Recipients	12,917
DAS46155 570CW	D FA FFFS Child Welfare Services	10,687
DAS36105 560CW	D SA EAF Protective & Foster Care	<u>1,309</u>
		\$47,007

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 53-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 54-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 55-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 56-2026, seconded by Mr. Hull and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 57-2026, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 58-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 59-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 1-12-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2026

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 60-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM
FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF A BUILDING AT 18 MAIN
STREET IN THE TOWN OF HAMMOND**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County (“County”) has developed a strategic plan to target potentially environmentally contaminated properties throughout the County to assist in making these once economically productive properties beneficial to their communities again, and

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

“Site”

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

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

WHEREAS, petroleum contamination exists under the structure at the site, but remediation is not possible at this time until the original structure is demolished, and

WHEREAS, following acquisition of judgment and title to the Site by the County, in 2022 and 2023, the agreement between the Fund and the County requires the State of New York, through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Site should the existing structure be removed, at a cost to be solely borne by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate cleanup and redevelopment of the Site, the County secured funds from the National Grid Brownfield Remediation Fund to provide up to \$28,311 in funding in the form of a grant to be used for up to 25% of the eligible remediation, demolition, and/or energy infrastructure costs of the project, and to assist in the demolition of the original structure at the Site, which would permit the State of New York to complete remediation and permit the County to list the property for sale, and

WHEREAS, additional funding from the St. Lawrence County Blighted Property Program has been committed to execute the building demolition and to remove hazardous materials, so that the environmental contamination can be remediated by the State of New York, which will make the site ready for redevelopment, and

WHEREAS, the County, through its outside environmental counsel, Gary Bowitch, Esq., has solicited quotes for the building demolition and to remove hazardous materials, and

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WHEREAS, the County Attorney and environmental counsel, Gary Bowitch, Esq. recommend awarding the contract to JEDA Environmental Services (T1013254 43007), and

WHEREAS, the Tax Foreclosure Team recommends the demolition and removal of 18 Main Street, Town of Hammond, Tax Map #127.053-3-1, as well as awarding a contract for demolition and abatement services to JEDA Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of a Building at 18 Main Street in the Town of Hammond, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC TO CONDUCT PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY OWNED BY EMERSON AND ELEANOR WALKER AS WELL AS PROPERTY OWNED BY STRUIK HOLDINGS, LLC

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against properties owned by Emerson and Eleanor Walker, with a physical address of County Route 24 in the Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 147.028-4-19)("Walker site") and Struik Holdings, LLC, with a physical address of 432 State Street in the City of Ogdensburg, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 48.079-2-23)("Struik site"), hereinafter, collectively referred to as the "Properties," and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$1,164.92, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$5,249.98 for a total of \$6,414.90 on the parcel owned by the Walkers and delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$21,505.37, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$6,230.48 for a total of \$27,735.85 on the parcel owned by Struik Holdings, LLC, and

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WHEREAS, Phase I environmental site assessments were conducted on the Properties, for the Walker site on October 27, 2025, and for the Struik site on October 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have a Phase II environmental site assessment, which will include installing test pits, conducted with respect to each of the properties to determine if there are underground tanks, pipelines, and/or petroleum contamination, and

WHEREAS, the County, through its outside environmental counsel, Gary Bowitch, Esq., has solicited quotes for the conduct of a Phase II environmental site assessment of each parcel along with the preparation of written Phase II reports describing the findings of the investigations at Properties, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and environmental counsel, Gary Bowitch, Esq. recommend awarding the contract to Odin Environmental, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the contract will be in the amount of \$6,380 for Emerson and Eleanor Walker and \$8,550 for Struik Holdings, LLC sites (T1013254 43007) to complete Phase II environmental site assessments and to prepare Phase II reports for each of the Properties to retain the services of Odin Environmental, LLC to do this work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Odin Environmental, LLC to conduct Phase II environmental site assessments with respect to property owned by Emerson and Eleanor Walker as well as property owned by Struik Holdings, LLC, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR THE
FLEET LEASING PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, since 2008, St. Lawrence County has managed a fleet of county-owned vehicles to intentionally move away from reimbursing mileage and provide safe vehicles for employees to carry out their daily tasks or travel to professional development opportunities outside the County, and

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WHEREAS, this practice began by annual purge of county-owned vehicles as fleet vehicles were acquired and an annual evaluation of the used vehicle market provided guidance on returning vehicles in a manner that maximized the return and allowed for any financial gains to be rolled into the leases for the following year, and

WHEREAS, annually the budgets for the Fleet Leasing Program are appropriated in three funds; general (01), highway (04), and solid waste (05), and

WHEREAS, the majority of the fleet vehicles are paid from the General Fund (01) and for the 2025 Budget, there was \$240,000 budgeted in the general fund, \$348,000 in Highway, and \$26,000 in Solid Waste for a total of \$614,000 and the total for the year exceeded budgeted appropriations,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

TF013254 421FL	Fleet Leasing Program	\$70,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$70,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2026 Budget has been increased by \$70,000 to accommodate for the increase in cost.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SCHNEIDER
GEOSPATIAL, LLC FOR LICENSING, HOSTING, AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT
FOR IMAGE MATE ONLINE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-2001 was adopted in August 2001 providing access to real property information through the Image Mate Online Program provided by Systems Development Group, Inc. (SDG), and

WHEREAS, the Image Mate Online Program allows for review of property information for parcels within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, SDG began offering two (2) new feature enhancements for the Image Mate Online Program: the first item provided two-tiered access to the Image Mate Online Program, and the second item lists all county, town, school, and village bills for each parcel by year, and

WHEREAS, in August 2024, SDG was purchased by Schneider Geospatial, LLC and continues to provide St. Lawrence County with a publicly accessible web-based property information portal featuring land assessment, taxation, Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA), and digital map data utilizing existing real estate and GIS datasets, and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$9,896.60 (R1013554 43007) with Schneider Geospatial Beacon Portal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Schneider Geospatial, LLC for licensing, hosting, and software support for Image Mate Online for the Real Property Office, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be retroactive to January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH
FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT THROUGH THE
2026-2027 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SALT BID**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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WHEREAS, for eleven (11) years, the Superintendent of Highways has advised the Franklin County Highway Superintendent that Franklin County will be able to purchase road salt through the 2026-2027 St. Lawrence County salt bid, and

WHEREAS, including road salt estimates from Franklin County in the bidding process will likely lower the cost per ton for both counties, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways recommends that permission be granted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a cooperative agreement with Franklin County for the purchase of road salt through the 2026-2027 St. Lawrence County salt bid, upon approval by the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2026

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to align with operational needs, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget allocations for sub-contracted services and machinery rentals have been exhausted, and

WHEREAS, surplus revenue and a decrease in other appropriation lines are available to offset the necessary increases, and

WHEREAS, the Department seeks to modify the budget to more accurately reflect actual 2025 operations for plowing on State Roads,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highway for winter maintenance, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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HM351104 40600	Machinery Rental	\$66,000
HM351104 454HS	Highway Supplies	43,000
HM551104 40600	Machinery Rental	45,000
HM551104 454BS B2	Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	<u>187,000</u>
		\$341,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HC051424 40600	H CSR Machinery Rental	\$173,000
HS051444 40600	H Snow Machinery Rental	60,000
HS051444 465CO	H Snow 50-59 Sub-Contracts	<u>327,000</u>
		\$560,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

HS023025 55000	H LR State Snow Removal	\$169,000
HG027705 55000	H HSOG Services Other Government	<u>50,000</u>
		\$219,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2026

**AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH AN ASSISTANT CIVIL ENGINEER AND
CREATE AND FILL AN ENGINEERING AIDE III POSITION IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has struggled to recruit for the role of an Assistant Civil Engineer as well as retain staff due to pay rates that do not meet the competitive standards of the geographic area, and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department anticipates the departure of its two (2) primary engineering professionals within the next few years, and

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WHEREAS, it is critical to implement a proactive succession plan to facilitate a robust transfer of institutional knowledge and technical expertise before the departure of senior staff, and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Engineering Aide III allows the Department to attract a skilled technical practitioner who can support immediate operations while being trained in specific departmental workflows, and

WHEREAS, this reclassification is essential to maintain service levels, ensure department continuity, and provide a sustainable path for technical support within the Engineering Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish an Assistant Civil Engineer (Position No. 313100003) and create and fill an Engineering Aide III (Position No. 313200002).

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2026

**ESTABLISHING THE PY25 BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE
AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (SCION) OFFICE OF MENTAL
HEALTH (OMH) INITIATIVE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.01 expanded the three (3) year pilot program to a five (5) year program, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.02 states that each local LWDB, will receive up to \$30,000 in New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) funds annually through the period of performance, and

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WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the year three (3) additional NYS OMH funding of \$30,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 26-A14-01, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION OMH Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board meeting on January 14, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from September 16, 2025, to July 31, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes establishing the PY25 Budget for the NY Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Office of Mental Health (OMH) Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR562901 12000 SOMH	Supervisory/Administrative	\$978
UR562901 14000 SOMH	Clerical	693
UR562904 40700 SOMH	Bldg & Property Rent	93
UR562904 41400 SOMH	Liability & Other Insurance	9
UR562904 42000 SOMH	Office Supplies & Expenses	6
UR562904 42002 SOMH	Copying Expenses	6
UR562904 42300 SOMH	Other Communication Services	6
UR562904 42400 SOMH	Postage	6
UR562904 42700 SOMH	Membership & Dues	8
UR562904 430WI SOMH	WIB Expenses	330
UR562904 47800 SOMH	DP Charges	45
UR562908 81000 SOMH	Retirement	229
UR562908 83000 SOMH	Social Security	125
UR562908 84000 SOMH	Workers' Compensation	44
UR562908 84500 SOMH	Group Life Insurance	3
UR562908 86000 SOMH	Hospital & Medical Insurance	386
UR562908 86500 SOMH	Dental Insurance	23
UR562908 89000 SOMH	Vision Insurance	10
UR562911 11000 SOMH	Direct Service Worker	8,421
UR562911 14000 SOMH	Clerical	555
UR562911 19550 SOMH	Health Insurance Buyback	1,220
UR562914 40700 SOMH	Bldg & Property Rent	927
UR562914 41100 SOMH	Educational Workshops	500
UR562914 41400 SOMH	Liability & Other Insurance	140

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UR562914 41901 SOMH	I/D Central Printing	60
UR562914 42000 SOMH	Office Supplies & Expenses	462
UR562914 42002 SOMH	Copying Expenses	80
UR562914 42300 SOMH	Other Communication Services	48
UR562914 42400 SOMH	Postage	18
UR562914 42700 SOMH	Membership & Dues	202
UR562914 430WI SOMH	WIB Expenses	368
UR562914 47800 SOMH	DP Charges	633
UR562918 81000 SOMH	Retirement	1,346
UR562918 83000 SOMH	Social Security	718
UR562918 84000 SOMH	Workers Compensation	231
UR562918 84500 SOMH	Group Life Insurance	23
UR562918 86000 SOMH	Hospital & Medical Insurance	0
UR562918 86500 SOMH	Dental Insurance	340
UR562918 89000 SOMH	Vision Insurance	130
UR562924 461TU SOMH	Tuition/Books/Fees	0
UR562924 461PW SOMH	Participant Wage	8,500
UR562928 81000 SOMH	Retirement Participants	1,275
UR562928 83000 SOMH	Soc Sec Participants	680
UR562928 84000 SOMH	Wrk Comp Participants	123
		<u>\$30,000</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR547905 57000 SOMH	NY SCION OMH Revenue	\$30,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER
ELEVATOR CORPORATION FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE IN
COUNTY FACILITIES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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WHEREAS, the importance of preventative maintenance and adequate response time for repairs has required a review of the current status of contractual relationships the County has for elevator maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the county solicited proposals to provide elevator maintenance for county facilities and Schindler Elevator Corporation has provided the only bid which meets necessary specifications, and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall commence on January 1, 2026, and continue for five (5) years thereafter, for monthly elevator service at a cost of \$1,590 per month (BG016204 43007) or a lump sum payment of \$19,080 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation to provide elevator maintenance for County facilities, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PERMIT THE USE OF
COUNTY PARKING LOTS FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, local agencies and organizations have periodically requested permission to use county parking lots for community events and activities, and

WHEREAS, allowing use of the county-owned parking lots can promote community engagement and cooperation and benefit the public, provided that such use does not interfere with county operations or compromise public safety, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators would like to delegate authority for this function to the County Administrator to approve requests for the use of county-owned parking lots for community events without the requirement of action by the Board of Legislators, subject to conditions and limitations as required, upon approval by the County Attorney,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to authorize use of county parking lots for community activities and training, with a report provided annually to the Board of Legislators.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 70-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2026

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2026, "SETTING SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES"

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, there are approximately twelve (12) titles of positions in St. Lawrence County that require a local law for mid year modifications, among them are the titles of Coroner and Public Defender, and

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2026 will establish salaries for these two titles, and

WHEREAS, In August of 2025, Chair Forsythe appointed a committee chaired by Legislator Margaret Haggard, District 10 to review compensation for the Position of Coroner, currently there are four elected Coroners who serve St. Lawrence County at an annual salary with mileage and benefits of \$9,147.26, and

WHEREAS, following a recommendation from the Coroner Program Salary Review Committee, the salary for St. Lawrence County Coroners shall be increased by \$2,852.74 to \$12,000 and continued access to mileage and benefits, to be set to the amount listed below, and

WHEREAS, in addition, a salary adjustment for the Public Defender is recommended by the County Administrator, in part due to the restructuring of indigent defense in St. Lawrence County which has resulted in increased responsibilities for the Public Defender, the compensation for the Public Defender shall be increased from \$117,063, set to the amount listed below, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that said Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby sets a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2026, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" to be held on March 2, 2026, at 5:50 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers.

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

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.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 71-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE FOR UTILITIES AND REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE AT THE
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the costs for equipment repair and maintenance for the correctional facility are budgeted in the organizational accounts GBJ in the County Administrator's Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Unit of Buildings and Grounds is working to ensure the appropriations are coded to the appropriate units where they are spent, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the increased costs of utilities, a modification to the budget is necessary for 2025, and

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WHEREAS, increases in these Building and Grounds appropriations can be offset by available funds within the existing budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for utilities and repairs & maintenance for the Correctional Facility, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BGM16204 41600	BM Mass Electricity	\$10,000
BGM16204 40800	BM Mass Bldg & Property Maint	<u>20,000</u>
		\$30,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

BG030895 560CF	BLDG Court Facilities Aid	\$37,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BGJ16204 42202	BLDG Jail Equipment Repair & Maint	\$30,000
BG016204 41600	BLDG Electricity	<u>37,000</u>
		\$67,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 72-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2026

**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, Resolution No. 36-2026 authorized the Treasurer's Office 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 health facilities, and

WHEREAS, total 2025 appropriations are projected at \$1,379,000, a 27.5% increase over 2024 costs of \$1,081,952, and a 104.5% increase over 2023 costs of \$674,287, and

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WHEREAS, as a reminder this extraordinary increase in appropriations is due to a regulation change by New York State to reduce the prior obligation to share in the cost of these expenses fifty-fifty (50/50), to one hundred percent (100%) county expense, a change that has been challenged by counties, NYSAC, and the Local Mental Hygiene Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, rollover language resulted in a shortage of total appropriations needed for mental health services through the end of the year and the Department has received additional revenue that may offset the increase in appropriations,

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:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees & Services	\$100,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

BG030895 560CF	Bldg Court Facilities Aid	\$100,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 73-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 74-2026

**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, Resolution No. 32-2026 modified the 2025 County Administrator's Budget in the amount of \$145,000 to cover expenses through the end of 2025 and

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unfortunately, the County received several supplemental invoices after the estimate was prepared for the previous resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to estimate how many students will be attending community colleges that will submit completed certificates of residency to their college for reimbursement by St. Lawrence County,

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	\$31,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1E24904 46502	B EDUC Community Colleges Tuition	\$31,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 74-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 1-26-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE WITH THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR SPACE AT THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER FOR THE ONE STOP CAREER CENTER AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S AND TREASURER'S OFFICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 205-2020 authorized the most recent lease between St. Lawrence County and the Workforce Development Board for space to be utilized for the operation of the One Stop Career Center, and that lease expired June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, there is a long standing partnership between St. Lawrence County and the Workforce Development Board that has supported providing career services for individuals seeking employment in the County and since 2001, the Human Services Center has been the home of the One Stop Career Center to support those services, and

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WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of the lease, a review of the existing model by the County Administrator and the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board yielded an opportunity to redesign the space, reduce the footprint to support the next generation of jobseekers and therefore, the financial obligation to the partners while continuing to sustain the relationship between county departments, the Workforce Development Board, and the organization that owns the building, the Canton Human Services Initiative, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the space occupied in the prior lease agreement was 6,990 square feet and through the proposed changes has been reduced in square footage to 3,444 square feet with the County taking possession of the difference in space of 3,546 square feet, and

WHEREAS, this change accomplishes a number of goals; it adapts to the environment to better support jobseekers, it reduces the bureaucracy between county departments paying for space returning to the County, it provides a new space to be occupied by the Youth Bureau, and increases available conference room space by 1,087 square feet in five (5) new spaces that will be set up with technology to improve access for meetings and training, and

WHEREAS, more specifically, this change increases available county meeting room space by 1,087 square feet in five (5) new spaces that will be set up with new technology to improve access for employees and the public for meetings and training, and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease, as proposed, is five (5) years from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, with two (2) one (1) year extension options,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease with the Workforce Development Board for space at the Human Services Center for the One Stop Career Center for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the space authorized in the recommended lease be reduced by 3,546 square feet and the total area occupied by the Workforce Development Board be 3,444 square feet, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the space be updated along with the assumed county meeting room space be updated with technology to effectively facilitate training and professional development for county departments and One Stop Partners, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Bureau occupy 718 square feet (575 in one area and 143 in Group Room 1) of space in the county operated portion of the One Stop Career Center footprint to facilitate greater involvement for the youth of St. Lawrence County to focus on the development of a strong work ethic to make a positive impact on the workforce, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator provide updates to the Board of Legislators and follow up periodically to determine if the updated model works well for jobseekers and staff alike, and

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Treasurer's Office and Social Services as follows:~~

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B-SPEC Contingency Account	\$34,024
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T2013254 40700	T-Treas Rent Shortfalls	\$34,024
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize two (2) one (1) year extension options if the performance of the lease meets the expectations of St. Lawrence County, this will provide a conclusion to the lease with the Workforce Development Board at the conclusion of the initial County lease with the Canton Human Services Initiative, Inc.

*Note: Strikes and bolds reflect amendments made during the Board Meeting.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR FOSTER CARE
AND ADOPTION EXPENSES**

By Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, funding eligibility regulations for children in foster care and adoption cases determine which accounts expenses are paid out of, and for 2025 a request to reallocate some of the available funds into the correct line items,

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

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSC61094 465IB CCEA	D EAF Institution Board	\$465,000
DSG60704 445VD	D Parenting Transportation	<u>53,000</u>
		\$518,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSC61194 465IB ADCFC	D ADCFC Institution Board	\$375,000
DSJ61234 465IB EAJD	D EAF JD/PINS Institution Board	<u>52,407</u>
		\$427,407

INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$1,060
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	6,846
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	1,466
DAT27015 55000	D Prior Year Refunds	68
DSS27015 55000	D LR ST Prior Year Refunds	259,045
DSD27015 550000	D LR DC Prior Year Refunds	<u>228</u>
		\$268,713

DECREASE REVENUE:

DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	\$39,201
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	<u>138,919</u>
		\$178,120

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 76-2026, seconded by Mr. Hull and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM
FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE RATE INCREASES**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

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, and

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WHEREAS, increased costs result in an increase in associated revenue,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430FC	IA AC Family Court Cases	\$250,000
IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	<u>80,000</u>
		\$330,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

IA030255 56000	IA AC SA Indigent Legal Services	\$150,000
IAZ30895 56000 CFA	Counsel at First Appear SA	<u>180,000</u>
		\$330,000

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 77-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2026

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR MEDICAL FEES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Ms. Curran, District 15

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

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received revenue from workers' compensation reimbursement that is in excess of the budgeted amount in the 2025 Budget, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for medical fees at the Correctional Facility as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031504 43004	S JAIL Medical Fees	\$20,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S4026835 550WC

S LR W/C Reimbursement Salary

\$20,000

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 78-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Burke and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

IX. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle shared that the agendas for the Operations Committee and Services Committee will be sent to you today, providing additional time for review before the meeting. Due to the full Board meetings occurring one week after the Finance Committee meeting, the agenda will be shared as soon as possible. For the Services Committee meeting, the Community Services report and Social Services Monthly Statistics will now be emailed, in accordance with the new deadlines. While Department Heads will be ready to address any questions you may have, the actual reports will not be included on the agenda.

Ms. Doyle expressed her appreciation to all staff members from the Sheriff's Office, Information Technology Department, Buildings and Grounds Department, Board of Legislators Department, and Senior staff for their efforts in organizing tonight's event, ensuring that democracy could be celebrated by all attendees. She also offered her sincere apologies for the sound issues and thanked Chair Forsythe for permitting a brief recess to enhance the PA system's sound quality in the room.

Additionally, Ms. Doyle announced that the vacant positions for Deputy Director of Emergency Services and part-time Director of Governmental Services will be advertised this week.

She also mentioned that the DANC presentation from the Board of Directors will be rescheduled for next week.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS: There was no report.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was no report.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 12:34 a.m., to discuss litigation, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 12:42 a.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Gennett moved to appoint the following individual to the **Youth Advisory Board Youth Committee (Term to Expire: 6/30/2027)**, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Mitchell Romans, Gouverneur 13642

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Mr. Gennett moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board (Term to Expire: 12/31/2029)**, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Ellen Pluta, Heuvelton 13654

Mr. Gennett moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board – Mental Health Subcommittee (Term to Expire: 12/31/2029)**, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Ellen Pluta, Heuvelton 13654

Mr. Gennett moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Community Services Board – OPWDD Subcommittee (Term to Expire: 12/31/2029)**, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Elizabeth Turner, North Lawrence 12967
- Jennifer Sibley, Ogdensburg 13669
- James Williams, Colton 13625

Mr. Gennett moved to appoint the following individual to the **Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Term to Expire: 2/2/2029)**, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Ross Kostin, Heuvelton 13654

XIII. CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no Chair's appointments.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Chair Forsythe adjourned February 2, 2026, Full Board Meeting at 12:44 a.m., as there was no further business.