



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS AND LIVE VIA
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6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PRAYER FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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March 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.

PROCLAIMING MARCH 6, 2026 AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Employee Assistance Program Committee has historically collaborated with the Board of Legislators and the CSEA Local Unions to support and celebrate the work of St. Lawrence County Municipal Government Employees, and

WHEREAS, March 6, 2026, marks the 31st anniversary of National Employee Appreciation Day, and since 1995 it has served to recognize the hard work and contributions of employees around the country, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with "Employee Appreciation Day", the Employee Assistance Program will sponsor events to celebrate and encourage St. Lawrence County Municipal Government Employees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims March 6, 2026 as Employee Appreciation Day in St. Lawrence County.

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and
Ms. Curran, District 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING IMMUNIZATION AS A CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, expenses incurred due to multiple high profile cases created prosecution expenses in excess of the approved 2025 Budget amounts, and

WHEREAS, additional expenses have been incurred for transcripts and automotive fees, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2025 Budget for the District Attorney's Office to cover the additional costs,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

J1011651 12000	J Supervisory/Administrative	\$11,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

J1011654 46500	J Transcripts - Other Payments	\$9,200
J1011654 44000	J I/D Automotive Expenses	<u>1,800</u>
		\$11,000

March 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2026 TO MARCH 31, 2027

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 154-2012 authorized the Chair to sign contracts for the lease/purchase of Spillman Technologies Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, providing the capability to communicate between dispatch and patrol vehicles and to manage law enforcement records, and

WHEREAS, Spillman Technologies was acquired by Motorola Solutions in 2016 and is a leading provider of comprehensive law enforcement and public safety software solutions for computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and records management systems (RMS), and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions is transitioning its multi-year CAD and RMS maintenance agreements to a subscription-based contract model that would require the County to pay for bundled features and services that are not currently utilized or required, and

WHEREAS, to avoid unnecessary additional costs while evaluating future service and contract options, the County has determined that renewing the agreement for a single one (1)-year term is in the best fiscal interest of the County at this time (XP036404 42004), and

WHEREAS, the Potsdam Police Department was included in the initial contract in 2012, and Res. 491-2019 authorized the Village of Canton, Village of Massena, and the City of Ogdensburg to join the partnership, and

WHEREAS, use of a common CAD and RMS platform among multiple law enforcement agencies enhances information sharing, operational efficiency, and coordinated public safety response throughout St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the participating local law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for payment of their respective portions of the annual maintenance costs, with such costs to be allocated proportionally and reimbursed to the County in accordance with established billing arrangements, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the contract is \$114,250, with St. Lawrence County paying \$71,000; the City of Ogdensburg paying \$15,000; the Village of Massena paying \$12,000; the Village of Canton paying \$6,250; and Potsdam Police Department paying \$10,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one-year contract with Motorola Solutions for annual maintenance and support of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services for the period of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign associated agreements with the Village of Canton, Village of Massena, City of Ogdensburg, and Village of Potsdam law enforcement agencies governing participation in the CAD and RMS system, upon approval of the County Attorney.

March 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A 4-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE A MULTI-FUNCTION DEVICE (MFD) LEASE AND PRINT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the current lease and maintenance agreement for the multi-function devices (MFD) which are used to handle the majority of the County's printing, scanning, and copying needs is coming to a close in March 2026, and

WHEREAS, through a competitive bidding process, Toshiba Business Solutions was selected as the MFD contract providing the best value to the County, and

WHEREAS, this agreement covers both lease payments for the devices and all parts, maintenance, and supplies except paper and staples, and

WHEREAS, this partnership promises further value to explore electronic document imaging and related matters, and

WHEREAS, there will be approximately 85 MFD units in over 15 locations across County offices, and

WHEREAS, the cost for this contract is not to exceed \$411,461.28 (CD016804 42102 MSPC),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a 4-year agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions to provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) Lease and Print Management Program for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

March 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

ACCEPTING A FY26 CARES UP GRANT FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH'S SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER (OMH SPCNY) AND THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HYGIENE (RFMH) AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) has awarded a FY26 CARES UP grant, in the amount of \$42,250 (S4Z34905 56000 CARES) to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, with a contract period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this funding is to continue to develop a comprehensive public health prevention strategy for Correctional Officers that goes beyond access to high quality, confidential mental health services, but also includes an upstream approach that integrates resiliency and wellness training programs into the workplace to decrease the shame and stigma often present within these professions, and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Facility intends to use this funding to expand the in-house wellness program to include exercise equipment, workshop and training, participation incentives, printing and office supplies for trainings and events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the FY26 CARES UP grant from NYS Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) and authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4Z31502 26000 CARES	Other Equipment	\$20,000
S4Z31504 41102 CARES	Educational Workshops	7,500
S4Z31504 41901 CARES	I/D Central Printing	500
S4Z31504 42000 CARES	Office Supplies & Exp	500
S4Z31504 42800 CARES	Other Supplies	5,000
S4Z31504 43007 CARES	Other Fees and Services	6,500
S4Z31504 44500 CARES	Other Travel Reimbursement	<u>2,250</u>
		\$42,250

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4Z34905 56000 CARES	NYS CARES UP Grant Revenue	\$42,250
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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.

March 2, 2026

Operations Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR INTEREST
EARNED ON THE HOWARD G. BUFFET FOUNDATION GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 238-2024 approved the acceptance of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation (HGBF2) Grant for the Sheriff's Office and grant accounts were created, and

WHEREAS, this funding source requires interest earned on the grant funds to be applied to the HGBF2 Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for interest earned on the Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 43007 HGBF2	S CRIM HGBF Other Fees & Services	\$276,300
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z24015 55000 HGBF2	S HGBF Interest & Earnings	\$276,300
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will roll over to future years until fully expended.

March 2, 2026

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

Services Committee: 2-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

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

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

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700

B SPEC Contingency Account

\$1,500

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

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

March 2, 2026

Finance Committee: 2-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

March 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2025-2026 CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DISCOVERY REFORM GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County District Attorney received updated notification of a funding option for the “2025-2026 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant” in the amount of \$476,279 through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the period of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, this is an increase of \$141,498 over 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, the grant will subsidize the cost of an Assistant District Attorney position, with focus on the implementation of discovery and/or bail reform efforts by the Legislation of Discovery, the partial cost of Grand Jury Transcripts, the PCMS Program Discovery Storage Fees used for discovery, and keeping up with the demands, the cost of Cellebrite UFED Program, the cost of the Axon program, and the cost of the total FARO for one (1) year (covering both District Attorney and Sheriff's cost), and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and New York State Attorney recognize the value of the assistance of the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, and the Prosecution Criminal Management System (PCMS) to their agencies and other agencies throughout the county and have generously offered to assist the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department with the implementation of discovery and/or bail reform efforts through this grant (J1030895 56000 ATP),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2025-2026 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant and any subsequent amendments with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

March 2, 2026

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RESOLUTION NO.

**REAPPOINTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR ST. LAWRENCE
COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2014, Donald R. Chambers was originally appointed as St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent and reappointed in Resolution No. 68-2022 to the term of office that expires March 16, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the work of the Superintendent and the Highway Department is critical to the safety of the staff as well as everyone who travels on the roads and bridges in the County, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has conducted a 360-degree performance appraisal and made the recommendation to the Board of Legislators that Don Chambers be reappointed to a four (4) year term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators reappoints the Superintendent of Highways for St. Lawrence County, effective March 17, 2026 to serve a four (4) year term expiring March 16, 2030.