



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA
MS. RITA CURRAN, CHAIR
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
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5:30 PM**



RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2026

3. NATIONAL GRID PRESENTATION: ENERGY PRICES, PROJECT UPDATES, AND EASEMENTS - Andrea Smith, External Affairs Manager and Alberto Bianchetti, Director of Corporate Affairs

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – RICK RUSAW

- A. Proclaiming the Week of April 12-18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a Combined SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESINET) Readiness Grant and Modifying the 2026 Budget for Emergency Services (Res)

5. HUMAN RESOURCES – JONNIE DOROTHY

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with ProAct to Provide Pharmacy Benefit Management Services (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Personnel Officer to Waive Civil Service Exam Fees for Deputy/Police Officer Civil Service Exams in 2026 (Res)

6. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

- A. Proclaiming April 2026 as Fair Housing Month (Res)
- B. Transit Update - New Equipment (Discussion)

7. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

- A. Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month with the Theme of "25 Years Stronger: Looking Back, Moving Forward" (Res)
- B. Arming of Probation Officers Update (Discussion)

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha)
- B. Alternative to Incarceration Board (Burke)
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard)
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Curran)
- E. Environmental Management Council (Terminelli)
- F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha)
- G. Jury Board (Sheridan)
- H. Local Government Task Force (Forsythe)
- I. Planning Board (Hull)

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

April 6, 2026

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-18, 2026 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, firefighting, or emergency medical services (EMS), and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property, and

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are critical in improving the chance of survival for patients who experience sudden cardiac arrest by recognizing the need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other lifesaving interventions prior to arrival of EMS, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center have continued to perform their critical duties with unwavering professionalism throughout an extensive multi-year facility renovation, operating from a temporary location during that time and demonstrating remarkable adaptability, resilience, and steadfast commitment to ensuring uninterrupted emergency communications services for the residents and visitors of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services have been recognized with the distinguished 2024 Telecommunicator of the Year Award, a testament to their extraordinary dedication, exemplary performance, and consistent willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in service to the public, thereby upholding the highest standards of integrity, compassion, and excellence in emergency response communications, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and formal recognition of these Public Safety Telecommunicators for their flexibility, cooperation, and steadfast dedication while working in an alternate location during renovations, acknowledging that such circumstances require additional coordination, perseverance, and commitment to maintaining the highest level of service to the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of April 12–18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in St. Lawrence County in honor of the individuals whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and citizens safe.

April 6, 2026

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS DIVISION OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF
INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR A COMBINED
SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK (ESINET)
READINESS GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY
SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has awarded a grant of \$689,655 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 January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a combined SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESINET) Readiness 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 ES24	ES24 Technical Equipment	\$548,655
X2Z30204 42202 ES24	ES24 Other Fees and Services	<u>141,000</u>
		\$689,655

INCREASE REVENUE:

X2Z33895 56000 ES24	ES24 State Aid	\$689,655
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April 6, 2026

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PROACT TO PROVIDE
PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, since at least 2002, St. Lawrence County (SLC) has contracted with ProAct to provide pharmacy benefit management services, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with ProAct is scheduled to expire May 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, in December 2025, the Benefit Consultants (Alera Group) for St. Lawrence County secured Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for pharmacy benefit management services, and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Committee reviewed the responses to the RFPs, and

WHEREAS, the ProAct proposal ensures no disruption of benefits or services, provides an estimated 6% savings (\$1,061,994) (T5090458 84500) over current costs over the next three (3) years, and includes a partnership with CanaRx to monitor potential drug interactions between medications obtained through CanaRx and those dispensed through our pharmacy plan, and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Committee recommends continuing Pharmacy Benefit Management services with ProAct for the next three (3) years, and

WHEREAS, ProAct has agreed to provide Pharmacy Benefit Management services under a three (3) year contract commencing June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2029,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a three (3) year contract (June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029) with ProAct to provide pharmacy benefit management services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

April 6, 2026

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE PERSONNEL OFFICER TO WAIVE CIVIL SERVICE EXAM
FEES FOR DEPUTY/POLICE OFFICER CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS IN 2026**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State (NYS) Civil Service Law and St. Lawrence County (SLC) Civil Service Rules require St. Lawrence County to administer Civil Service Law within the County of St. Lawrence, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Personnel Officer in the Human Resources Department is appointed to carry out the laws of NYS Civil Service, which include the administration of the exam process, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Personnel Officer charges \$30 per Deputy/Police Officer exam, and

WHEREAS, NYS Civil Service charges St. Lawrence County \$15 per Deputy/Police Officer exam, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested the exam be offered at no cost to applicants for a third consecutive year to expand the applicant pool and support recruitment efforts, and

WHEREAS, waiving the exam fee will result in a loss of revenue and an additional cost of the exam which will have to be paid to NYS Civil Service, and

WHEREAS, Human Resources did not budget for this revenue loss and will result in decreased revenue (CP012605 55000) for 2026 due to this change in exam fees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Personnel Officer to waive civil service exam fees for Deputy/Police Officer civil service exams in 2026.

April 6, 2026

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, April 11, 1968, marked the signing of the Fair Housing Act into law, which proclaims a national policy of equal housing opportunity for all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, and

WHEREAS, since the Board of Legislators established the St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force in 1991, the Task Force implemented a variety of activities to promote equal access to housing for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability (physical or mental), creed, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or military status, and

WHEREAS, most recently, Resolution No. 200-2024 adopted the St. Lawrence County Assessment of Fair Housing, which identifies strategies to educate the public about housing discrimination, and short and long-term strategies to improve equal opportunity for affordable housing in the County, and

WHEREAS, this year, Planning Staff will deliver fair housing training sessions to the County's five (5) population centers (Ogdensburg, Canton, Potsdam, Massena, and Gouverneur) on exclusionary zoning and identify strategies these communities can implement to affirmatively further fair housing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 2026 as Fair Housing Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators reaffirms its commitment to promote equal housing so that all County residents are given the opportunity to live in safe, decent housing of their choice.

April 6, 2026

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH WITH THE
THEME OF "25 YEARS STRONGER: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD"**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign theme, "25 Years Stronger: Looking Back, Moving Forward" honors the history, growth, and commitment to a safer future for all. Looking back, we recognize the survivors and advocates who laid the foundation for change. Moving forward, we renew our focus on prevention, healing, and action, and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate 25 years of SAAM, we recognize how far we've come and the work still ahead. Together, we can continue to shift culture, strengthen prevention, and create a world free from sexual violence. By standing in solidarity, we can build a future free from sexual violence and create a world where everyone is safe, valued, and respected, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that how we talk about sexual violence significantly impacts survivors, their families, our communities, and society. We also understand that our voices have power and that when one of us does not feel safe or respected, we are all affected. As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others, to end sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House provides St. Lawrence County with services which range from prevention, crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy, including a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, and

WHEREAS, through the month of April, events are planned in St. Lawrence County to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month with the Theme of "25 Years Stronger: Looking Back, Moving Forward", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to raise awareness to help prevent sexual assault.