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St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room

Full Board
Monday, April 6, 2026
6:00 PM

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Ms. Terminelli. Mr. Denesha offered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legislator Terminelli is excused. Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Sheridan will be attending the meeting remotely from 2252 Lake Ridge Dr, Belmont, NC. Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Gennett will be attending the meeting remotely from 1350 CR 53, Brasher Falls, NY.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Hull.

Mr. Denesha made a motion to withdraw item #10, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

The motion to approve the agenda carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hull moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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

Jack Jarrett of Massena submitted comments expressing concern about housing prices and the shortage of affordable housing in St. Lawrence County. He suggests incentivizing the conversion of vacant buildings to residential units and/or offering property tax relief to first-time homebuyers for a defined time period.

Susan Dillon of Potsdam submitted comments regarding prayer at meetings. She asks that the Board consider inclusive prayer for people of all beliefs.

Concerned Citizens of Oswegatchie submitted comments regarding concern about information release protocols and school district coordination, citing a recent event at Heuvelton Central School. They stated that critical information was shared with media outlets before the school or parents were properly communicated with.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Sheridan left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Raamitha Pillay, Colton

Mr. Sheridan returned to the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Lisa Ames, Canton

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2026

**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 Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients, and

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WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the 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 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.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 106-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2026

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

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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 five (5) population centers (Ogdensburg, Canton, Potsdam, Massena, and Gouverneur) in St. Lawrence County 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.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 107-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2026

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, the survivors and advocates created an environment that fostered a foundation for change and moving forward, there is a renewed focus on prevention, healing, and action, and

WHEREAS, recognizing 25 years of SAAM, so much has been accomplished and there is still a great deal of work ahead; and together, we can continue to shift culture, strengthen prevention, and create a world free from sexual violence and by standing in solidarity, a world where everyone is safe, valued, and respected can be created, and

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WHEREAS, talking about sexual violence significantly impacts survivors, their families, the communities, and society; voices have power and that when one of us does not feel safe or respected, we are all affected and as such, efforts must be made to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and efforts need to continue 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 help build communities across the County who play an active role to raise awareness to help prevent sexual assault.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 108-2026, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2026

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, stress is a common and natural response to life events, work demands, and personal challenges, and when unmanaged can negatively affect physical health, mental well-being, and overall quality of life, and

WHEREAS, prolonged or excessive stress has been linked to a range of health concerns, including heart disease, high blood pressure, anxiety, depression, and other chronic conditions, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about stress and its effects can help individuals recognize warning signs, reduce stigma surrounding mental health, and encourage the use of healthy coping strategies and support resources, and

WHEREAS, promoting stress-management, self-care, and resilience contributes to healthier individuals, families, workplaces, and communities, and

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WHEREAS, community organizations, healthcare providers, employers, and public agencies play an important role in supporting stress awareness, prevention, and access to resources that promote emotional and mental well-being, and

WHEREAS, National Stress Awareness Month provides an opportunity to educate the public about the impact of stress, encourage healthy lifestyle choices, and foster conversations about mental health and wellness,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes April as National Stress Awareness Month.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 109-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2026

PROCLAIMING EARTH DAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has traditionally emphasized the preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and the man-made environment within the County, and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2026, marks the 56th anniversary of Earth Day, and since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, since its establishment by the Board of Legislators in 1971, the Environmental Management Council (EMC) has worked to advise the Board of Legislators, and to foster public understanding of, environmental matters affecting the County, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with "Earth Day", the EMC will sponsor and encourage public participation in environmentally responsible activities and educational programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 22, 2026, to be Earth Day in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby encourage all people throughout the County to participate in programs and activities, on Earth Day and throughout the year, that promote a healthy environment in conjunction with a stronger economy, and that improve awareness about the interactions between people and the environment.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 110-2026, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 111-2026

**PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the 3,069 counties in the Nation serve more than 330 million Americans and provide essential services to create healthy, safe, and vibrant communities, and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of the lives of county residents, and

WHEREAS, counties as intergovernmental partners enact local, state, and federal programs to address the needs of residents every year, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County with counties across the Country take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways, and

WHEREAS, the nation is celebrating 250 years of independence this year and local government at the county level have a long and rich history of serving residents, and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to raise awareness of county responsibilities, programs, and services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 2026 as National County Government Month and encourages all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to participate in county government celebration activities with special attention given the 250th Anniversary of America.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 111-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 112-2026

**RECOGNIZING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTERING OF
THE SWE KAT SI CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October 11, 1890, by four (4) determined women, Mary Desha, Mary Smith Lockwood, Ellen Hardin Walworth, and Eugenia Washington, with a cast of supporting patriotic citizens, and

WHEREAS, following the example of these women, local women sought to create a local chapter of the National Society of the DAR in Ogdensburg, NY, and

WHEREAS, these ladies met at the house of Harriet Hasbrouck on January 9, 1896, and

WHEREAS, under the authority of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), they established the Swe Kat Si Chapter of the NSDAR, and

WHEREAS, they chose Swe Kat Si as the name of their chapter, the Huron name for Black River, and chose orange as their official color, and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1896, the Swe Kat Si Chapter of the DAR became part of the national lineage organization, and

WHEREAS, the first regent of the newly formed Swe Kat Si chapter was Harriet Hasbrouck, and

WHEREAS, the Swe Kat Si Chapter of the DAR is dedicated to the core mission of historical preservation, education, and patriotism, and

WHEREAS, one of the first accomplishments of the Swe Kat Si Chapter of the DAR was to commission the Abbe Francois Picquet Monument in 1899 dedicated to the memory of Abbe Picquet who established a mission in May 1749 at the confluence of the Oswegatchie and St. Lawrence Rivers in Ogdensburg, NY, and

WHEREAS, the Swe Kat Si members continue to perform the initiatives set forth by their founding members, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor the Swe Kat Si Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 130th anniversary of the chartering of the Swe Kat Si Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 112-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2026

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

By Mr. Burke, District 12

WHEREAS, in 1983, then President Ronald Reagan, declared April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” and each year since the President of the United States issues a proclamation announcing April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to the children of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, children who have been abused or neglected have a higher risk of developing various health conditions as adults, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, and suicide, and

WHEREAS, all children of St. Lawrence County have the right to be raised in a safe and secure environment that prepares them for a future full of opportunity, and sadly, child abuse and neglect threaten the lives and health of many of the children of the County who have been subjected to verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect, and

WHEREAS, it is essential for communities to create partnerships among families, human service agencies, schools, law enforcement, and businesses that provide supportive resources and reinforce protective measures to ensure the health and well-being of children and families to reduce incidences of child abuse and neglect, and

WHEREAS, providing community-based prevention services to those families can help avoid the ongoing need for protective services, law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment of adults recovering from abuse as children, and

WHEREAS, during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, observed each April, all individuals are encouraged to direct their attention to this critical issue and to support programs that promote the safety and security of children, and take the opportunity to acknowledge the many dedicated caseworkers who devote countless hours to ensuring the welfare and well-being of children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Mr. Burke moved to adopt Resolution No. 113-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2026

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE
CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET**

By Mr. Burke, District 12

WHEREAS, the New York State Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), authorized pursuant to Title 5-C of Article 6 of the New York Social Services Law (§410-Z through §410-Z-1) and administered by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in partnership with county social services districts, provides financial assistance to eligible families to offset the cost of child care while parents or guardians work, attend training, or pursue education, and

WHEREAS, CCAP funding is derived from a combination of federal funds under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), state appropriations contained in the annual New York State Enacted Budget, and required local maintenance-of-effort contributions administered through county social services districts, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the State of New York expanded eligibility for CCAP by increasing the income threshold from two hundred percent (200%) to three hundred thirty percent (330%) of the Federal Poverty Level, allowing families earning approximately \$110,000 annually for a family of four to qualify for childcare assistance, and

WHEREAS, this expansion of eligibility dramatically increased the number of families seeking assistance, with the number of children receiving childcare subsidies statewide increasing from approximately 60,000 children in 2022 to approximately 160,000 children in 2025, and

WHEREAS, despite this significant expansion in eligibility and demand, funding allocations to counties have not increased proportionally, resulting in substantial shortfalls in the amount of funding available to serve eligible families, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County received approximately \$3.4 million in Child Care Assistance Program funding for the current fiscal year, which has proven insufficient to meet local demand for childcare assistance services, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has reported that, at the current rate of program utilization, the County was projected to exceed its allocation by approximately \$1,300,000 by the end of December 2026, forcing the County to deny most new applications except for state-mandated priority cases such as families facing homelessness or receiving public assistance, and

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WHEREAS, further projections indicate that the County will face a deficit of approximately \$1.3 million in CCAP expenditures beyond its allocation, and that an estimated \$4 million in additional funding would be necessary to fully serve all eligible families seeking assistance in the County, and

WHEREAS, more than two-hundred (200) St. Lawrence County families are expected to be denied assistance due to the exhaustion of available CCAP funding, leaving working parents without the financial support necessary to maintain employment and access safe childcare, and

WHEREAS, this situation is not unique to St. Lawrence County, as more than half of the counties in New York State have exhausted their childcare assistance allocations early in the fiscal year, demonstrating a statewide structural funding gap between program demand and available funding, and

WHEREAS, according to policy analyses of CCAP funding levels, St. Lawrence County's projected spending under current demand trends could reach approximately \$5.86 million in the upcoming funding period, compared to an allocation of roughly \$3.23 million, resulting in a potential shortfall exceeding \$2.6 million if funding levels remain unchanged, and

WHEREAS, the inability to provide adequate child care assistance negatively impacts working families, employers, and childcare providers, particularly in rural counties such as St. Lawrence County where access to childcare services is already limited, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of this funding shortfall threatens the financial stability of childcare providers and may result in reduced capacity, program closures, and increased childcare deserts in rural communities, and

WHEREAS, counties have limited fiscal capacity to absorb these increased costs locally and must rely on sufficient State funding to administer the program effectively,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and the New York State Legislature to provide adequate and sustainable funding for the Child Care Assistance Program in the State Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of New York should ensure that funding allocations reflect the expanded eligibility thresholds enacted by the State in recent years and the resulting increase in program enrollment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State should work collaboratively with counties to ensure predictable and sufficient funding levels that prevent counties from exhausting their allocations early in the fiscal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Senator Dan Stec, and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

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Mr. Burke moved to adopt Resolution No. 114-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO. - WITHDRAWN

**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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Please note in the Agenda Approval motion that this resolution was withdrawn to be presented at a later time.

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Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2026

**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.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 115-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Operations Committee: 3-9-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2026

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.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 116-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Reagen.

Rick Engle, County Sheriff, was recognized to provide additional information about the resolution.

The motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2026

**AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A FISCAL OFFICER AND CREATE AND FILL
A PRINCIPAL FISCAL OFFICER IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services is committed to efficient and effective administrative and clinical operations, a recent review of the current fiscal team structure was conducted to ensure alignment with the evolving departmental needs as well as civil service titles, and

WHEREAS, currently there is a Senior Fiscal Officer and a Medical Biller in the Department and due to restructuring within the fiscal team and the removal of a Senior Account Clerk from the 2026 Budget, additional duties are being assigned to the current Fiscal Officer, and

WHEREAS, the tasks that have not been completed include reconciling amounts from prior fiscal years, balancing revenue holding accounts and distributing to the revenue accounts accurately, including State Aid funds, and compiling fiscal records and/or reports necessary for the annual completion of the Consolidated Fiscal Report submitted to New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Principal Fiscal Officer can complete these tasks for the Department and keep them current going forward,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a Fiscal Officer and create and fill a Principal Fiscal Officer in Community Services.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 117-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR PASS
THROUGH FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE
OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR APPROVED AGENCIES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received updated funding authorization from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid as pass through funds for approved community agencies that includes support for programming, salary, and fringe adjustments, and

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WHEREAS, this is one-hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for approved contract agencies and approved by the Community Services Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for Community Services for pass through funding received from the New York State Office of Mental Health to approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	ARC Advances	\$24,210
A4143224 465CA	Citizens Advocates Adv	9,764
A4143224 465CC	Catholic Charities Advances	9,648
A4143224 465CH	Children's Home Jefferson Co Adv	594
A4143224 465JD	J P Dwyer Vet Peer Supp Proj	2,780
A4143224 465NR	Nrthn Reg Cntr for Ind Liv Adv	5,020
A4143224 465SS	Step by Step Advances	24,302
A4143224 465SV	Seaway Valley Pre Cncl	1,528
A4143224 465TL	Thrive Advances	8,258
A4143224 465UH	United Helpers Advances	<u>4,660</u>
		\$90,764

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$90,764
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 118-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR PASS THROUGH FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received an updated NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) State Aid funding authorization to pass through funding for approved community agencies that includes programming, salary, and fringe support adjustments, and

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WHEREAS, this is one-hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for approved contract agencies and approved by the Community Services Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for Community Services for pass through funding received from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support for approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2134865 46500	A St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$1,205
A2342504 46500	A NCFH Canton Other Advances	30,932
A2442504 46500	A SEACAP Other Advances	160,161
A2542304 46500	SLC Sheriff Jail Meds	<u>14,559</u>
		\$206,857

INCREASE REVENUE:

A2134865 56000	A SA St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$1,205
A2334865 56000	A SA NCFH Canton Alcohol Addic	30,932
A2427355 56000	A SA SEACAP Other Advances	160,161
A2534865 56000	A SA Sheriff Jail Meds	<u>14,559</u>
		\$206,857

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 119-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CITIZEN ADVOCATES TO PROVIDE COUNTY-WIDE CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board recognizes the ongoing need to ensure that there are comprehensive behavioral health crisis response services available in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 39-2025, authorized a contract with Citizen Advocates to provide these comprehensive services associated with County-wide Crisis Response with \$150,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for start-up costs to include the purchase of a vehicle, staffing, and electronic health record enhancements, and

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WHEREAS, the comprehensive services also include twenty-four (24) hour mobile crisis response services, available licensed/certified staff able to practice in New York State, an electronic health record in place, and the ability to bill Medicaid Managed Care for both telephonic and mobile responses, and an appropriate level of crisis follow-up services, and

WHEREAS, these comprehensive services focus on supporting and assisting law enforcement who are often tasked with the majority of in-person behavioral health crisis contacts, and

WHEREAS, of the initial \$150,000, Citizen Advocates was unable to expend the full one-time allocation and has an outstanding balance of \$62,788, and it is the recommendation of the Local Government Unit to provide an extension to December 31, 2026, with the expectation that all the items are complete by year-end,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension to December 31, 2026, with Citizen Advocates to provide County-Wide Crisis Response Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, 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:

A2742304 465CA OSF	Citizen Advocates OSF Payments	\$62,788
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A2727355 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$62,788
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 120-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstain (Curran), and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 121-2026

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR PASS THROUGH FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR AN APPROVED AGENCY FOR START-UP FUNDING FOR HOUSING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) for the start up funding for supportive housing receives authorization from New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) to pass through funding for community agencies in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the funding is one hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for contract agencies and approved by the Community Services Board on March 3, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 392-2025 authorized a re-allocation state funding to assist with costs for the expansion and addition of supported housing beds to THRIVE and STEP by STEP, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the respective funding in the amount of \$42,000 could not be reallocated to THRIVE due to the specific category of the OMH State funding code, and

WHEREAS, a one-time reallocation of alternative State Aid surplus funding to THRIVE to make whole the \$70,000 being used to assist with costs associated with the expansion and addition of supported housing beds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for pass through funding received from New York State Office of Mental Health for this approved agency, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	\$42,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	\$42,000
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 121-2026, seconded by Ms. Haggard and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 122-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH
WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has renewed the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program (CYSHCN) Grant for the time period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030, and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program provides resources and referrals for children in the community to ensure access to healthcare, insurance, information, and support services, and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant, was awarded a one-time award of additional funding to support Community Accessibility and Inclusion (CAI) activities in the amount of \$38,945, bringing the total funding amount for year one (1) of the five (5) year grant to \$105,340 (PE044895 57000 CSHN), and

WHEREAS, the funding for the remaining four (4) years will be in the amount of \$66,395 annually, bringing the total award for the full contract period to \$370,920, and

WHEREAS, the one-time CAI funding amount of \$38,945 is an increase of \$1,113 from the amount specified in Resolution No. 179-2025, and

WHEREAS, the annual funding amount of \$66,395 is an increase of \$542 per year from the amount specified in Resolution No. 119-2025, and a total increase of \$2,042 from the prior grant allocation of \$64,353,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Public Health Department to accept additional funds for the Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

PE044895 57000 CSHN	P FA CSHN Grant	\$40,987
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PE040594 43007	P ECP Other Fees & Services	\$2,042
PE040592 26000	P ECP Other Equipment	5,000
PE040594 42800	P ECP Other Supplies	<u>33,945</u>
		\$40,987

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 122-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 123-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO ACCEPT A STIPEND RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE
NEW YORK STATE 1115 WAIVER SESSION**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the North Country Initiative is a partnership of hospitals, independent physicians and specialty care, behavioral health, and community based organizations, working together to reform the healthcare system across northern New York's Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department participated in a New York State 1115 Waiver session hosted by the North Country Initiative in September 2025, intended to support collaboration, planning, and implementation efforts related to Medicaid transformation and public health initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the New York State 1115 Waiver Program aims to improve access to health care for the Medicaid population, improve the quality of health services delivered, expand coverage to additional New Yorkers, and support the delivery of health-related social need services, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this participation, the Public Health Department has been notified retroactively that the North Country Initiative is awarding the Department a stipend in the amount of \$500 (PP027055 55000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Public Health Department to accept a stipend related to participation in the New York State 1115 Waiver Session as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

PP027055 55000	P LR Gifts & Donations	\$500
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P Prev Other Fees & Services	\$500
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 123-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 124-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS
FOR RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTING
THE FOUR PERCENT (4%) RURAL MODIFIER FOR UNDERSERVED
AND RURAL AREAS OF NEW YORK STATE**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the contracts for Early Intervention Program Services are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

WHEREAS, providers hired after December 31, 2019, will be paid the rates for new providers listed below, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have approved the four percent (4%) rate modifier for underserved and rural areas of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the four percent (4%) increase will be applied to core in-person Early Intervention Services that are provided to children who reside in rural and underserved areas of New York State that meet certain criteria, and

WHEREAS, the criteria for zip code selection in rural and underserved areas statewide are based upon three (3) measures; poverty, rurality, and number of days waiting for core services, and

WHEREAS, zip codes were selected that met at least one (1) of the following criteria; poverty percentage greater than the poverty threshold, rural percentage greater than the rural threshold, and number of days awaiting services greater than the county's average number of days awaiting services, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Medicaid State Plan amendment, the ten (10) eligible zip codes will be reviewed periodically, not less than annually, and

WHEREAS, the following core services are eligible for the four percent (4%) modifier; evaluations, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and special instruction (PE040594 430DS PROV, PE040594 48600 PROV, and PE040594 443CM PROV),

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign amendments to the contracts for rates for Early Intervention Services and implementing the four percent (4%) rural modifier for underserved and rural areas of New York State, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

<u>In-Person Services:</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers with 4% Modifier for Approved Zip Codes:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers with 4% Modifier for Approved Zip Codes:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$175	\$182	\$155	\$161
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$108	\$112	\$100	\$104
Supplemental Evaluations	\$108/\$150	\$112/\$156	\$100	\$104
Interpreter Services	\$60		\$60	
Direct Service Visit	\$60		\$45	
Direct Service Visit (SLP)	\$62	\$64	\$45	\$47
Direct Service Visit (SI, OT, PT)	\$60	\$62	\$45	\$47
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$42		\$30	
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after meeting)	\$60		\$50	
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (SLP, SI, OT, PT; provided prior to or after meeting)	\$60	\$62	\$50	\$52
Screening	\$175	\$182	\$130	\$135
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	\$60		\$50	
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, \$12 each additional)	\$70		\$70	
Travel Reimbursement for 2 Hours Travel Per Day	\$42		\$0	
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	\$0		\$0.45/per mile	

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<u>Teletherapy Services:</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$158	\$140
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$97	\$90
Supplemental Evaluations	\$97/\$135	\$90
Interpreter Services	\$54	\$54
Direct Service Visit	\$54	\$41
Direct Service Visit (SLP)	\$56	\$41
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$38	\$27
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	\$54	\$45
Screening	\$158	\$117

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 124-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

The motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH RABIES
CONTROL OFFICERS FOR RABIES RESPONSE SERVICES FOR
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, animal bites and potential rabies exposures present significant public health concerns that require timely investigation and coordinated response to protect the health and safety of the public, and

WHEREAS, rabies is a fatal, but preventable viral disease and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have established guidelines for the surveillance, prevention, and control of rabies in animals and humans, and

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WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for coordinating rabies control activities within the County, including animal bite investigations, animal confinement, specimen submission for rabies testing, and rabies surveillance reporting, and

WHEREAS, New York State provides funding and programmatic support through the Rabies Control Program to assist local health departments in fulfilling these responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, Public Health relies on qualified Rabies Control Officers (PP040424 430AR RABP) to provide rabies-related response services, including animal capture, confinement assistance, specimen preparation, and transport in accordance with NYSDOH protocols, and

WHEREAS, the qualified Rabies Control Officers have not historically maintained a formal agreement with the Public Health Department, but for the past approximately thirty (30) years the department has paid them to complete the work, and

WHEREAS, Public Health has developed a formalized Agreement with qualified Rabies Control Officers to provide such services, establishing duties, compensation, confidentiality obligations, and compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Rabies Control Officers for rabies response services for the Public Health Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contracts for existing Officers; Daniel Moyer and Robert Phillips be authorized as Rabies Control Officers and any officers designated in the future be reported by the Public Health Director to the County Administrator, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 125-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible to pay the approved expenses associated with the Preschool Program, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, there have been higher than anticipated expenses within the Preschool Program which will be offset by an increase in revenue within the Preschool Program,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Preschool Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PK040504 46502	P PreK Tuition Payments	\$50,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PK034725 56000	P SH NYSOP 59-5%	\$29,750
PK027015 55000	P LR PK Prior Year Refunds	<u>20,250</u>
		\$50,000

Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 126-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-23-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2026

**MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE
OF A PORTABLE MORGUE UNIT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department Emergency Preparedness Program is responsible for ensuring the readiness of St. Lawrence County to respond to public health emergencies, disasters, and mass fatality incidents, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is working to update the Mass Fatality Plan and recommend improving the available morgue space in the County from the nine (9) available to twenty-one (21), and

WHEREAS, adequate and reliable morgue type storage capacity is a critical component of mass fatality management and emergency response operations, and

WHEREAS, a portable morgue unit is a mobile, temperature-controlled unit designed to safely and respectfully store human remains during emergency situations, and

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WHEREAS, the purchase of this equipment will enhance the ability of the County to respond effectively to emergencies while maintaining public health standards and dignity for decedents, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Public Health Budget can be modified within the Emergency Preparedness Program to support this purchase by reallocating existing appropriations without increasing the overall budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Emergency Preparedness Program for the purchase of a portable morgue unit, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP04012 26000 EP	P EP Other Equipment	\$42,012
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040101 11000 EP	P EP Direct Service Workers	12,494
PP040108 81000 EP	Retirement	2,213
PP040108 83000 EP	Social Security	937
PP040108 84000 EP	Workers' Compensation	309
PP040108 84500 EP	Group Life Insurance	12
PP040108 86000 EP	Hospital & Medical Insurance	4,509
PP040108 86500 EP	Dental Insurance	104
PP040108 89000 EP	Vision Insurance	59
		<u>\$20,637</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

PP044895 57000 EP	P FA EP Grant	\$21,375
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 127-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 128-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS
WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE 2026 YOUTH TEAM SPORTS
AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND MODIFYING THE
2026 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires the Youth Bureau to submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page certifying approval of programs and grant contracts for the 2026 Youth Team Sports (YTS) and Youth Development Programs (YDP), and

WHEREAS, the approval of the RAP Signature Page qualifies the County for reimbursement from New York State for eligible program expenditures during the 2026 program year, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 328-2025 and Resolution No. 330-2025, approved the 2026 RAP Signature Page and authorized contracts with various organizations for YTS and YDP programs, and

WHEREAS, OCFS approved the RAP for the County on December 8, 2025, including recommendations to transfer two (2) programs from Youth Team Sports funding to Youth Development Program funding, and the Youth Advisory Board reviewed and approved these funding adjustment on December 9, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign amendments to the contracts with various organizations for the 2026 Youth Team Sports and Youth Development Programs in accordance with the approved modifications to the Resource Allocation Plan as follows:

Organization (Amended)	Program Amount	Original Funding Source	New Funding Source
Town of Hammond Recreation	\$8,500	YTS	YDP
City of Ogdensburg Play it Safe AED Protection	\$2,400	YTS	YDP
North Country Blizzard Softball - Ogdensburg	\$3,000	YTS \$3,000	YTS \$6,100 (revised)
PAL of Massena - Power Leagues	\$4,200	YTS \$4,200	YTS \$9,500 (revised)
Parishville Area Recreation Club (PARC) Soccer	\$4,000	YTS \$4,000	YTS \$6,500 (revised)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Youth Bureau, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y4073204 46000	Y Youth Development Programs	\$10,900
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y1073104 44500	Y Admin Other Travel	\$9,625
Y1073104 41102	Y Admin Educational	<u>1,275</u>
		\$10,900

INCREASE REVENUE:

Y4038205 560OC	Y Office of Children	\$10,900
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DECREASE REVENUE:

Y1038205 560OC	Y Office of Children	\$10,900
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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 128-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES, INC.; J.M. SMITH CORPORATION; LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC.; MORRIS AND DICKSON CO.; NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC.; AND UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers, and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma, Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson (also known as “Janssen”), McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., as well as others, were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of Oxycontin to the public, and

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WHEREAS, there is pending the matter of County of Suffolk v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., under Index No. 400001/2017 in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which St. Lawrence County is a named plaintiff in the action (the “Action”), and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has already reached terms of an agreement with manufacturer Purdue Pharma adopted in Resolution No. 192-2021, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the settlement reached with Purdue Pharma, St. Lawrence County has already reached terms of an agreement with manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (also known as “Janssen”), McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, PSS World Medical, Inc., Kinray, LLC, Bellico Drug Corporation, and American Medical Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributors”), Teva Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., and Allergan Finance, LLC, and

WHEREAS, a new national opioid settlement has been reached with six (6) regional distributors/dispenser defendants (Remnant Defendants Settlement): Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (“Six Remnant Defendants”), and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County now has the ability to opt in to settlements with the six remnant defendants, and

WHEREAS, if effectuated, the proposed settlement will result in the Six Remnant Defendants paying a combined \$97,625,000 in cash for purposes of abating the opioid epidemic, and

WHEREAS, participation by an Eligible Entity in the Remnant Defendants Settlement, will result in a one-time settlement payment to each Eligible Entity, and

WHEREAS, the Remnant Defendants Settlement does not include State Attorneys General or any amount allocated to a State, rather, this Settlement will be distributed only and directly to any Eligible Entity that participates by signing and returning the Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form by the deadline, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to resolve this matter with respect to the Six Remnant Defendants without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against these three (3) defendants and avoid protracted litigation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair or his designee to sign a settlement agreement and other documents necessary between Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J.M. Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. and St. Lawrence County with respect to an action relating to the Opioid Crisis, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 129-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Levato, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2026

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2026, "THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX LOCAL LAWS AND AMENDMENTS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND OPTING OUT OF THE NEW YORK STATE SHORT TERM RENTAL REGISTRY"

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 6 for the Year 1991, "Imposing a Tax on Occupants of Hotel or Motel Rooms in St. Lawrence County", adopted an occupancy tax for hotel and motel rooms in the County for the first time and was amended in 2004 to reduce the number of units to six or less and 2016 was amended to regulate the collection of taxes on transient lodging within the County, and since 2016 there have been additional changes in the manner in which the industry conducts business, so this necessitate a review and update to the local law, and

WHEREAS, this proposed local law seeks to clarify previously enacted definitions of those entities required to remit the Room Occupancy Tax under the St. Lawrence County Room Occupancy Tax Law, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the State of New York enacted legislation establishing a statewide regulatory framework for short-term rental units pursuant to New York State Senate Bill S820/Assembly Bill 8656, codified in Article 12-D of the Real Property Law and this new legislation requires counties to determine if they will opt in or opt out of establishing a registration system, and

WHEREAS, the County already maintains a county-wide registry, and the Treasurer recommends that the County opt out at this time and therefore not establish a registration system for short-term rental units pursuant to Section 447-c of the New York Real Property Law at this time, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a local law requires a public hearing pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators will host a public hearing on Proposed Local Law B (No.) for the Year 2026, "The St. Lawrence County Room Occupancy Tax and Rescinding All Previous Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax Local Laws and Amendments in St. Lawrence County and Opting Out of the New York State Short Term Rental Registry" on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, at the St. Lawrence County Court House, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617:

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PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2026, “THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX LOCAL LAWS AND AMENDMENTS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND OPTING OUT OF THE NEW YORK STATE SHORT TERM RENTAL REGISTRY”

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

Section 1. The adoption of this local law is intended to replace any and all laws and amendments previously adopted by the Board of Legislators relating to the Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax in St. Lawrence County as well as declare the County of St. Lawrence hereby opts not to establish a registration system for short-term rental units pursuant to Subdivision (1) of Section 447-c of the New York Real Property Law.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Section 3. Legislative Findings

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators finds that:

- 1.) Short-term rental activity is increasing throughout New York State and presents land use, housing, and enforcement concerns best addressed at the local municipal level.**
- 2.) The County, City of Ogdensburg, various towns, and villages within St. Lawrence County possess authority and regulatory frameworks tailored to their communities.**
- 3.) Establishment of a county-wide registry system would require administrative infrastructure, staffing, enforcement mechanisms, and data management systems not currently maintained by the County.**
- 4.) The New York State Legislature expressly authorized counties to opt out of participation in the registry system by local law.**
- 5.) It is in the best interests of St. Lawrence County residents to decline participation in the statewide registry system.**
- 6.) It is in the best interests of St. Lawrence County residents to alter and amend the definitions of those entities subject to this local law to establish and maintain clarity in the law and uniformity in the application of the law.**

Section 4. The Board of Legislators adopts the following Room Occupancy Tax Law: A local law—~~“Imposing a Tax on Occupants of Hotel or Motel Rooms In St. Lawrence County”~~ **“The St. Lawrence County Room Occupancy Tax Local Law,”**

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1. Short Title:

This Local Law shall be known as the “**St. Lawrence County Room Occupancy Tax Local Law**”.

2. Intent and Purpose:

The purpose of this Local Law shall be to enhance the general economy and quality of life in St. Lawrence County, pursuant to Section 1202 of the Tax Law. The adoption of this local law is intended to replace any and all laws and amendments previously adopted by the Board of Legislators relating to the Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax in St. Lawrence County.

3. Definitions: When used in this local law, the following terms shall mean:

Person: An individual, partnership, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee and any other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by the court or otherwise, and any combinations of the foregoing.

Operator: Any person operating a hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence, including, but not limited to the owner or proprietor of such premises, lessee sub-lessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee or any other person otherwise operating such hotel or motel.

Hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence: “Short term or vacation rental” shall mean ~~and include those units rented or leased to occupants—other than permanent residents—~~ including furnished apartments or living units in or consisting of a dwelling place ordinarily

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~~occupied for residential purposes, directly by the owner or through an owner's agent or hosting platform, to include cabins, camps, camper or motor home at private campgrounds or RV parks, whether or not meals are served, or linens provided.~~ **a building or portion of it that is used for the lodging of guests. The term "short term rental unit" includes a house, an apartment, a condominium, a cooperative unit, a cabin, a cottage, a bungalow, or a similar furnished living unit, or one or more rooms therein, where sleeping accommodations are provided for the lodging of paying occupants, the typical occupants are transients or travelers, and the relationship between the operator and occupant is not that of a landlord and tenant. It is not necessary that meals are served. A building or portion of a building may qualify as a short term rental unit whether or not amenities, including but not limited to daily housekeeping services, concierge services, or linen services, are provided.** The term "hotel or motel" includes an apartment, hotel or motel, guest house, hostel, boarding house, motor court or club which has available for occupancy rooms for rent, whether or not meals are served, or linens provided. The provisions of this section relating to campgrounds shall only apply to those leases and rentals in which the campground provides overnight shelter or lodging, and shall not apply to the provision of services by a campground when the customer provides his or her own shelter or lodging such as a motorhome, RV, camper or tent.

Occupancy: The use or possession, or the right to the use or possession, of any room in a hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence.

Occupant: Person who, for a consideration, uses, possesses, or has the right to use or possess, any room in a hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence under any lease, concession, permit, right of access, license to use or other agreement, or otherwise.

Permanent Resident: Any occupant of any room or rooms in a hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence for at least thirty (30) consecutive days shall be considered a permanent resident with regard to the period of such occupancy.

Rent: The consideration received for occupancy valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise.

Room: Any room or rooms of any kind in any part or portion of a hotel or motel, which is available for or let out for any purpose other than a place of assembly.

Return: Any return file or required to be filed as herein provided.

County Treasurer: The Treasurer of St. Lawrence County.

4. Imposition of Tax:

In addition to any other tax presently authorized and imposed (pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law), there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid a tax of three (3) percent upon the rent for every occupancy of a room in a hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence in this County, except that the tax shall not be imposed upon a permanent resident.

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5. Transitional Provisions:

The tax imposed by this Local Law shall be paid upon any occupancy on and after effective date of this local law, although such occupancy is pursuant to a prior contract, lease or other arrangement. Where rent is paid a weekly, monthly or other term basis, the rent shall be subject to the tax imposed by this Local Law to the extent that it is not in violation of this law.

6. Exempt Organizations:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any use or occupancy by any of the following shall be subject to the tax imposed by this Local Law:

- i. The State of New York, or any public corporation (including a Public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state or Canada), improvement district or political subdivision of the state;
- ii. The United State of America, insofar as it is immune from taxation;
- iii. Any corporation, association, trust or community chest fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, and no part of the net earnings of which insures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and not substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; provided, however, that nothing in this subdivision shall include an organization operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, whether or not all of its profits are payable to one or more organizations described in this subdivision.

(b) Where any organization described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of this subdivision carries on its activities in furtherance of the purposes for which it was organized, in premises in which, as part of said activities, it operates a hotel, occupancy of rooms in the premises and rents therefrom received by such corporation or association shall not be subject to tax hereunder.

7. Territorial Limitations:

The tax imposed by this Local Law shall apply only within the territorial limits of the County of St. Lawrence.

8. Registration:

(a) Every person required to collect any tax imposed by this Local Law presently operating, commencing business or opening a new place of business, and every person who takes possession of or pays for business assets under circumstances requiring notification by such person to the County Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 17 of this Local Law shall file with the County Treasurer a certificate of registration, in a form prescribed by it, at least twenty (20) days prior to commencing business or opening a new place of business or such purchasing or taking of possessing or payment, whichever comes first.

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(b) The certificate of registration shall contain information with respect to the notice requirements of purchaser transferee or assignee and his liability for the payment of taxes pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 17 of this local law. The County Treasurer shall within five (5) days after such registration issue, without charge to each registrant a certificate of authority empowering the Treasurer to collect the tax and a duplicate thereof for each additional place of business of such registrant.

(c) The County Treasurer shall issue within five (5) business days of its receipt the certificate of authority general information about the tax imposed under this Local Law, including information on records to be kept, returns and payments, notification requirements and forms. Each certificate or duplicate shall state the place of business to which it is applicable. Such certificates of authority shall be prominently displayed in the places of business of the registrant. Such certificates shall be non-assignable and non-transferable and shall be surrendered to the County Treasurer immediately upon the registrant's ceasing to do business at the place named or in the event that such business never commenced.

9. Administration and Collection:

(a) The tax imposed by this local law shall be administered and collected by the County Treasurer, or such other employees of the County as the County Treasurer may designate, by such means and in such manner as are other taxes which are now collected and administered or as otherwise are provided by this local law.

(b) Every person required to collect the tax shall collect the tax from the occupant when collecting the rent to which it applies. If the occupant is given any receipt or other statement or memorandum of rent paid or payable, the tax shall be stated, charged and shown separately on the first of such documents given to him. The tax shall be paid to the person required to collect it as trustee for and on account of the County.

(c) The County Treasurer shall by regulation prescribe a method or methods or a schedule or schedules of the amounts to be collected from occupants in respect to rent upon which a tax is imposed by this Local Law so that the aggregate collection of taxes by a person required to collect tax shall, as far as practicable, equal to three (3) percent of the total rents of such person upon whom a tax is imposed by this Local Law.

(d) For the purpose of the proper administration of this Local Law and to prevent evasion of the tax hereby imposed, it shall be presumed that all rents for occupancy of hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, and bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence are subject to tax until the contrary is established, and the burden of proving that any rent is not taxable shall be upon the person required to collect tax or the occupant. Unless an occupant, prior to taking possession, furnished to the operator a statement which the County Treasurer may require demonstrating that the occupant is an exempt organization described in Section 6 of this Local Law, the sale shall be deemed a taxable transaction, where such a statement has been furnished to the operator, the burden of proving that the rent is not taxable hereunder shall be solely upon the occupant. The operator shall not be required to collect tax from occupants who furnish an exempt organization statement in proper form.

(e) The County Treasurer may provide, by regulation, for the exclusion from taxable rents, rent which has been ascertained to be uncollectible or, in case the tax has been paid upon such

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rent, for refund of or credit for the tax so paid. Where the County Treasurer provides for a credit for the tax so paid, the Treasurer shall require an application for credit to be filed, but the Treasurer may also allow the applicant to immediately take the credit on the return which is due coincident with or immediately subsequent to the time the applicant files his/her application for credit. However, the taking of the credit on the return shall be deemed to be part of the application for credit and shall be subject to the provisions in respect to applications for credit in Section 14 of the Local Law.

10. Records to be kept:

Every operator shall keep records of every occupancy and of all rent paid, charged or due thereon and of the tax payable thereon, in such for as the County Treasurer may by regulation require. Such records shall include a true copy of each receipt or statement separately stating the tax charged. Such records shall be available for inspection, examination and audit at any time upon demand by the County or his duly authorized agent or employees and shall be preserved for a period of three (3) years, except that period or may require that they be kept longer.

11. Returns:

(a) Every operator required to register pursuant to Section 8 hereof shall file a return quarterly with the County Treasurer. The return shall show all rents received or charged and the amount of tax thereon. The returns to be filed quarterly shall be filed for the quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August and November of each year, and shall be filed within twenty (20) days after the end of the quarterly period covered thereby. The County Treasurer may permit or require returns to be made by other periods and upon such dates they may specify. If the County Treasurer deems it necessary in order to insure the payment of the tax imposed by this Local Law, they may require returns to be made for shorter periods than those prescribed pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section and upon such dates as he may specify.

(b) The form of returns shall be prescribed by the County Treasurer and shall contain such information as he or she may deem necessary for the proper administration of this Local Law. The County Treasurer may require amended returns to be filed within twenty (20) days after notice and to contain the information specified in the notice.

(c) If a return required by this Local Law is not filed, or a return when filed is incorrect or insufficient on its face, the County Treasurer shall take the necessary steps to enforce the filing of such a return or of a corrected return.

12. Payment of Tax:

Every operator required to file a return under the preceding section shall, at the time of filing such return, pay to the County Treasurer three (3) percent of the total of all rents subject to tax pursuant to this Local Law, as well as all other moneys collected by the operator acting or purporting to act under the provisions of this Local Law. The amount payable for the period for which a return is filed shall be due and payable to the County Treasurer on the date limited for filing the return, whether or not the return is filed, or whether or not the return filed correctly shows the rents or the taxes due thereon. Where the County Treasurer in his or her discretion

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deems it necessary to protect revenues to be obtained under this Local Law, he or she may require any operator required to collect the tax imposed by this Local Law to file with him or her a bond, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of insurance of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in such amount as the County Treasurer may fix to secure the payment of any tax or penalties or interest due or which may become due from such operator. In the event that the County Treasurer determines that an operator is to file such bond he or she shall give notice to such operator to that effect specifying the amount of the bond required. The operator shall file such bond within five (5) days after the giving of such notice unless within such five (5) days after the giving of such notice unless within such five days the operator shall request in writing a hearing before the County Treasurer at which the necessity, propriety and amount of the bond shall be determined by the County Treasurer. Such determination shall be final and shall be complied with within fifteen (15) business days of the giving of notice thereof, in lieu of such bond, securities approved by the County Treasurer or cash in such amount as he or she may prescribe, may be deposited with and shall be kept in the custody of the County Treasurer, who may at any time without notice of the depositor, apply them to any tax and/or interest or penalties due, and for that purpose the securities may be sold by him or her at public or private sale without notice to the depositor thereof.

13. Determination of Tax:

(a) If a return required by this Local Law is not filed, or if a return when filed is incorrect or insufficient, the amount of tax due shall be determined by the County Treasurer from such information as may be obtainable and, if necessary, the tax may be estimated on the basis of external indices such as number of rooms, location, scale of rents, comparable rents, type of accommodations and service, number of employees and/or other factors, notice of such determination shall be given to the person liable for the collection and/or payment of the tax. Such determination shall finally and irrevocably fix the tax unless the person against whom it is assessed, within ninety (90) days after giving of notice of such determination, shall apply to the County Treasurer for a hearing, or unless the County Treasurer, on his or her own motion, shall re-determine the same.

(b) Whenever such tax is estimated as provided for in this section, such notice shall contain a statement in bold face type conspicuously placed on such notice advising the person; that the amount of tax was estimated, that the tax may be challenged through a hearing process, and that the petition for such challenge must be filed with the County Treasurer within thirty (30) days.

(c) After such hearing, the County Treasurer shall give notice promptly, by registered or certified mail, of his or her determination to the applicant. The determination of the County Treasurer shall be reviewable for error, illegality or unconstitutionality or any other reason whatsoever by a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules if application therefore is made to the Supreme Court within four (4) months after the giving of the notice of such determination. A proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules shall not be instituted unless the amount of any tax sought to be reviewed, with penalties and interest thereon, if any, shall be first deposited with the County Treasurer, and there shall be filed with the County Treasurer and undertaking, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of insurance of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in such amount as a Justice of the Supreme Court shall approve to

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the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of the proceeding or at the option of the applicant, such undertaking filed with the County Treasurer may be in a sum sufficient to cover taxes, penalties and interest thereon stated in such determination plus the costs and charges which may accrue against it in the prosecution of the proceeding, in which event the applicant shall not be required to deposit such taxes, penalties and interest as a condition precedent to the application.

14. Refunds:

(a) In the manner provided in this section, the County Treasurer shall refund or credit, without interest, any tax, penalty or interest erroneously, illegally or unconstitutionally collected or paid if application to the County Treasurer for such refund shall be made within one (1) year from the payment thereof. Whenever a refund is made by the County Treasurer, he or she shall state his or her reason therefor in writing. Such application may be made by the occupant operator or other person who has actually paid the tax. No actual refund of moneys shall be made to any operator, of tax which has been collected from an occupant, until the alleged taxpayer shall first establish to the satisfaction of the County Treasurer under such regulations as the County Treasurer may prescribe, that he or she has repaid to the occupant the amount for which the application for refund is made. The County Treasurer may in lieu of any refund required to be made. The County Treasurer may in lieu of any refund required to be made, allow credit therefor on payments due from the applicant.

(b) An application for a refund or credit made as herein provided shall be deemed an application for a revision of any tax, penalty or interest complained of and the County Treasurer may receive evidence with respect thereto. After making his or her determination, the County Treasurer shall give notice thereof to the applicant who shall be entitled to review such determination by a proceeding pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, provided such proceeding is instituted within four (4) months after the giving of the notice of such determination, and provided that a final determination of tax due was not previously made. Such a proceeding shall not be instituted unless an undertaking is filed with the County Treasurer in such amount and with such sureties as a Justice of the Supreme Court shall approve to the effect that if such proceedings be dismissed or the tax confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding.

(c) A person shall be entitled to a revision, refund or credit under this section of a tax, interest or penalty which has been determined to be due pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of this Local Law where he or she has had hearing or an opportunity for a hearing, as provided in said section, or has failed to avail himself or herself of the remedies therein provided. No refund or credit shall be made of a tax, interest or penalty paid after a determination by the County Treasurer made pursuant to Section 13 of this Local Law unless it be found that such determination was erroneous, illegal or unconstitutional or otherwise improper by the County Treasurer after a hearing or of his or her own motion or in a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules pursuant to the provisions of said section, in which event, refund or credit without interest shall be made of the tax, interest or penalty found to have been overpaid.

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15. Reserves:

In cases where the occupant or operator has applied for a refund and has instituted a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules to review a determination adverse to him or her on his or her application for refund, the County Treasurer shall set up appropriate reserves to meet any decision adverse to the County.

16. Remedies Exclusive:

The remedies provided by Sections 13 and 14 of this Local Law shall be exclusive remedies available to any person for the review of the tax liability imposed by this Local Law, and no determination of tax or determination on any application for refund shall be enjoined or reviewed by an action for declaratory judgment an action for money has and received or by any action or proceeding other than a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

17. Proceedings to Recover Tax:

(a) Whenever any operator required to collect a tax shall fail to collect and pay over any tax, penalty or interest, or whenever any occupant shall fail to pay any tax, penalty or interest imposed by this Local Law as herein provided, the County Attorney shall, upon the request of the County Treasurer, bring or cause to be brought an action to enforce the payment of the same on behalf of the County of St. Lawrence in any court of the State of New York, or of any other state or of the United States.

(b) If, however, the County Treasurer in his or her discretion believes that any such operator, officer, occupant or other person is about to cease business, leave the state or remove or dissipate the assets out of which the tax or penalties might be satisfied, and that any such tax or penalty will not be paid when due, he or she may declare such tax or penalty to be immediately due and payable and may issue a warrant immediately.

(c) As an additional or alternate remedy, the County Treasurer may issue a warrant, directed to the sheriff commanding him or her to levy upon and sell the real and personal property of the operator which may be found within the county for the payment of the amount thereof, with any penalties and interest, and the cost of executing the warrant, and to return such warrant to the County Treasurer and to pay to him or her the money collected by virtue thereof within sixty (60) days after the receipt of such warrant. The sheriff shall within five (5) days after the receipt of the warrant file with the County Clerk a copy thereof, and thereupon such Clerk shall enter in the judgment docket the name of the person mentioned in the warrant and the amount of the tax, penalties and interest for which the warrant is issued and the date when such copy is filed. Thereupon the amount of such warrant so docketed shall become a lien upon the interest in real and personal property of the person against whom the warrant is issued. The sheriff shall then proceed upon the warrant, in the same manner, and with like effect, as the provided by law in respect to executions issued against property upon judgements of a court of record and for services in executing the warrant he shall be entitled to the same fees, with he may collect in the same manner. In the discretion of the County Treasurer, a warrant of like terms, force and effect may be issued and directed to any office or employee of the County Treasurer and in the execution thereof such office or employee shall have all the powers conferred by law upon sheriffs, but shall be entitled to no fee or compensation in excess of the actual expenses paid in

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the performance of such duty. If a warrant is returned not satisfied in full, the County Treasurer may from time to time issue new warrants and shall also have the same remedies to enforce the amount due thereunder as if the county had recovered judgement therefor and execution thereon had been returned unsatisfied.

(d) Whenever an operator shall make a sale, transfer or assignment in bulk of any part of the whole of this hotel or motel assets, otherwise than in the ordinary course of business, the purchaser, transferee or assignee shall, at least ten days before taking possession of the subject of said sale, transfer or assignment, or paying therefor, notify the County Treasurer by registered mail of the proposed sale and of the price, terms and conditions thereof whether or not the seller, transferor or assignor has represented to or informed the purchaser, transferee or assignee that the owes any tax pursuant to this Local Law, and whether or not the purchaser, transferee or assignee has knowledge that such taxes are owing, and whether any such taxes are in fact owing. Whenever the purchaser, transferee or assignee shall fail to give notice to the County Treasurer as required by the preceding paragraph, or whenever the County Treasurer shall inform the purchaser, transferee or assignee that a possible claim for such tax or taxes exists, any sums of money, property or choses in action, or other consideration, which the purchaser, transferee or assignee is required to transfer over to the seller, transferor or assignor shall be subject to a first priority right and lien for any such taxes theretofore or thereafter determined to be due from the seller, transferor or assignor to the county and the purchaser, transferee or assignee is forbidden to transfer to the seller transferor or assignor any such sums of money, property or choses in action to the extent of the amount of the county's claim. For failure to comply with the provisions of this subdivision, the purchaser, transferee or assignee, in addition to being subject to the liabilities and remedies imposed under the provisions of Article 6 of the Uniform Commercial Code, shall be personally liable for the payment of the county of any such taxes theretofore or thereafter determined to be due to the county from the seller, transferor, or assignor, and such liability may be assessed and enforced in the same manner as the liability for tax under this Local Law.

18. General Powers of the County Treasurer:

In addition to the powers granted to the County Treasurer in this Local Law, he or she is hereby authorized and empowered:

- (a) To make, adopt and amend rules and regulations appropriate to the carrying out of this Local Law and purposes thereof;
- (b) To extend for cause shown, the time of filing any return for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, and for cause shown, to remit penalties but not interest computed at the rate of six (6) percent per annum;
- (c) To request information from the tax commission of the state of New York or the treasury department of the United States relative to any person; and to afford information to such tax commission or such treasury department relative to any person, any other provision of this Local Law to the contrary notwithstanding;
- (d) To delegate his or her functions hereunder to a Deputy County Treasurer or any employee or employees of the office of the County Treasurer;

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- (e) To prescribe methods for determining the amount of rents for determining which of them are taxable on non-taxable;
- (f) To require any operator to keep detailed records of all rents received, charged and accrued, including those claimed to be non-taxable, and also the nature, type, value and amount of all occupancies, names and addresses of occupants, and other facts relevant in determining the amount of tax due, and to furnish such information to the County Treasurer;
- (g) To assess, determine, revise and readjust the taxes imposed under this Local Law.

19. Administration of Oaths and Compelling Testimony:

- (a) The County Treasurer, or his or her employees or agents duly designated and authorized by him or her, shall have power to administer oaths and take affidavits in relation to any matter or proceeding in the exercise of their powers and duties under this Local law. The County Treasurer shall have power to subpoena and require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents to secure information pertinent to the performance of his or her duties however and of the enforcement of this Local Law, and to examine them in relation thereto, and to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses who are out of the state or unable to attend before him or her or excused from attendance.
- (b) A justice of the Supreme Court either in court or at chambers shall have power summarily to enforce by proper proceedings the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination of books, papers and documents called for by the subpoena of the County Treasurer under this Local Law.
- (c) Any person who shall refuse to testify or to produce books or records or who shall testify falsely in any material matter pending before the County Treasurer under the Local Law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishment for which shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment.
- (d) The officers who serve the summons or subpoena of the County Treasurer and witnesses attending in response thereto shall be entitled to the same fees as are allowed to officers and witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, except as herein otherwise provided. Such officers shall be the County sheriff and his or her duly appointed deputies or any officers or employees of the department of finance, designated to serve such process.

20. Reference to Tax:

Whenever reference is made in placards or advertisements or in any other publications to this tax, such reference shall be substantially in the following form: tax on occupancy of “hotel, motel, tourist home, inn, cottages, condominium, vacation rentals, and bed & breakfast, and short term or vacation rental in the County of St. Lawrence,” except that in any bill, receipt, statement or other evidence or memorandum of occupancy or rent charge issued or employed by the operator, the words “occupancy tax” will suffice.

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21. Penalties and Interest:

(a) Any operator failing to file a return or to pay or pay over any tax to the County Treasurer within the time required by this Local Law shall be subject to a penalty of five (5) percent of the amount of tax due if such failure is for not more than one (1) month, with an additional one (1) percent for each additional month or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding twenty-five (25) percent in the aggregate, plus interest at the rate of one (1) percent of such tax for each month of delay after such return was required to be filed or such tax became due.

(b) If the County Treasurer determines that such failure or delay was due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, he or she shall remit all of such penalty. The County Treasurer shall promulgate rules and regulations as to what constitutes reasonable cause.

(c) If the failure to file a return or to pay over any tax to the County Treasurer within the time required by this Local Law is due to fraud, there shall be added to the tax a penalty of fifty (50) percent of the amount of the tax due (in lieu of the penalty provided for in paragraph (a)), plus interest at the rate of one (1) percent of such tax for each month of delay after such return was required to be filed or such tax became due. Such penalties and interest shall be paid and disposed of in the same manner as other revenues from this Local Law. Unpaid penalties and interest may be determined, assessed, collected and enforced in the same manner as the tax imposed by this Local Law.

(d) Any operator failing to file a return or report required by this Local Law or filing, or causing to be filed, or making or causing to be made, or giving or causing to be given any return, certificate, affidavit, representation, information, testimony or statement required or authorized by this Local Law, which is willfully false, or willfully failing to file a bond required by this Local Law or willfully failing to comply with the provisions of Section 12(c) of this Local Law, or failing to file a registration certificate and such data in connection therewith as the County Treasurer by regulation or otherwise may require, or to display or surrender a certificate of authority as required by this Local Law, or assigning or transferring such certificate of authority, or willfully failing to charge separately the tax herein imposed or to state such tax separately on any bill, statement, memorandum or receipt issued or employed by him upon which the tax is required to be stated separately as provided in section 10, or willfully failing to collect the tax from a customer, or who shall refer or cause reference to be made to this tax in a form or manner other than that required by this Local Law, or failing to keep any records required by this Local Law, shall, in addition to any other penalties herein or elsewhere prescribed, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishment for which shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment. The penalties herein shall not apply to a failure to surrender a certificate of authority which is required to be surrendered where business never commenced.

(e) The certificate of the County Treasurer to the effect that a tax has not been paid, that a return, Bond or registration has not been filed, or that information has not been supplied pursuant to the Provisions of this Local Law, shall be presumptive evidence thereof.

(f) The penalties provided for in this section shall not preclude prosecution pursuant to the penal law with respect to the willful failure of any person to pay over to the county any tax

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imposed by this Local Law, whenever such person has been required to collect and has collected any such sales tax.

22. Returns to be Confidential:

(a) Except in accordance with proper judicial order or as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for the County Treasurer, or any officer or employee of his department, or any person who in any manner may acquire knowledge of the contents of a return or report filed with the County Treasurer pursuant to this Local Law, to divulge or make known in any manner any particulars set forth or disclosed in any such return or report. The County Treasurer shall not be required to produce any returns or reports, or evidence of anything contained in them in any action or proceeding in any court, except on behalf of the County Treasurer in an action or proceeding under the provisions of the tax law or in any other action or proceeding involving the collection of a tax due under this Local Law to which the County or the County Treasurer is party for a claimant, or on behalf of any party to any action, proceeding or hearing under the provisions of this Local Law, when the returns, reports or facts shown thereby are directly involved in such action, proceeding or hearing, in any of which events the court, or in the case of a hearing, the County Treasurer may require the production of, and may admit into evidence, so much of said returns, reports or of the facts shown thereby, as are pertinent to the action, proceeding or hearing and no more. The County Treasurer may, nevertheless, publish a copy or a summary of any decision rendered after a hearing required by this Local Law. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the delivery to a person who has filed a return or report or his duly authorized representative of a certified copy of any return or report filed in connection with his tax. Nor shall anything herein be construed to prohibit the delivery to a person required to collect the tax under this Local Law or a purchaser, transferee or assignee personally liable under the provisions of Section 17(d) of this Local Law for the tax due from the seller, transferor or assignor, or any return or report filed under this Local Law in connection with such tax, provided, however, that there may be delivered only so much of said return, report or of the facts shown thereby as are pertinent to a determination of the taxes due or liability owed by such person or purchaser, transferee or assignee and no more, or to prohibit the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular returns or reports and the items thereof, or the inspection by the County Attorney or other legal representatives of the County of the return or report of any person required to collect or pay the tax who shall bring action to review the tax based thereon, or against whom an action or proceeding under this Local Law has been recommended by the County Treasurer or the County Attorney, or has been instituted.

(b) Returns filed under this Local Law shall be preserved for three (3) years and thereafter until the County Attorney orders them to be destroyed. Any violation of subdivision (a) of this section shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both, in the discretion of the court, and if the offender be an officer or employee of the county he shall be dismissed from office and be incapable of holding any public office for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

23. Notices and Limitations of Time:

(a) Any notice authorized or required under the provisions of this Local Law may be given by mailing the same to the person for whom it is intended in a postpaid envelope addressed to such person at the address given in the last return filed by him or her pursuant to the provisions of

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this Local Law, or in any application made by him or her, or, if no return has been filed or application made, then to such address may be attainable. A notice of determination shall be mailed promptly by registered or certified mail. The mailing of such notice shall be presumptive evidence of the receipt of the same by the person to whom addressed. Any period of time which is determined according to the provisions of this Local Law by the giving of notice shall commence to run from the date of mailing of such notice.

(b) If any return, claim, statement, notice, application, or other required to be filed, or any payment required to be made, within a prescribed period or on or before a prescribed date under authority of any provision of this Local Law is, after such period or such date, delivered by United States mail to the County Treasurer or his or her office, the date of the United States postmark stamped on the envelope shall be deemed to be the date of delivery. This subdivision shall apply only if the postmark date falls within the prescribed period or on or before the prescribed date for the filing of such document or for making the payment, including any extension granted for such filing or payment, and only if such document or payment was deposited in the mail, postage prepaid properly addressed to the County Treasurer or his office. If any document is sent by United States registered mail such registration shall be prima facie evidence that such document was delivered to the County Treasurer or his office. Certified mail may be used in lieu of registered mail under this section. This subdivision shall apply in the case of postmarks not made by the United States Post Office only if and the extent provided by regulation of the County Treasurer.

(c) When the last day prescribed under the authority of this Local Law (including any extension of time) for performing any act falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday in the State of New York, the performance of such act shall be considered timely if it is performed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday Sunday or a legal holiday.

i. The provisions of the Civil Practice law and Rules or any other law relative to limitations of time for the enforcement of a civil remedy shall not apply to any proceeding or action taken by the County to levy, appraise, assess determine or enforce the collection of any tax or penalty provided by this Local Law. However, except in the case of a willfully false or fraudulent return with intent to evade the tax, no assessment of additional tax shall be made after the expiration of more than three years from the date of filing of a return; provided, however, that where no return has been filed as provided by law the tax may be assessed at any time.

ii. Where, before the expiration of the period prescribed herein for the assessment of an additional tax, a taxpayer has consented in writing that such period be extended, the amount of such additional tax due may be determined at any time within such extended period. The period so extended may be further extended by subsequent consents in writing before the expiration of the extended period.

24. Separability:

If any provision of this Local Law, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Local Law, and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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25. Effective Date:

(a) A Public Hearing was held at the Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, Canton, New York, at 5:50 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026.

(b) This local law shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 130-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Reagen), and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ROADSIDE MOWING CONTRACTS
WITH SIX TOWNS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget provided funding for the Roadside Mowing, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will contract with six (6) towns for roadside mowing on 89.7 miles of 573 miles of County Roads (HM351104 430RM),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign roadside mowing contracts with six (6) towns in St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, to the following:

Towns:	Clifton
	Fine
	Hopkinton
	Louisville
	Piercefield
	Stockholm

Contract Title:	Roadside Mowing
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Contract Amount:	\$344.45/mile
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 131-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR
COUNTY ROUTE 22 BRIDGE OVER SAWYER CREEK, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways provides for the approval and funding of Capital Bridge Projects, Highway Reconstruction Projects, and Highway Paving Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department has solicited bids for the replacement of County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425, and approves the award of the following contract to:

Contractor:	J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp. Potsdam, NY
Contract Title:	County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek Town of Fowler BIN 3340950, PIN 775425
Contract Amount:	\$1,790,000 HM651204 465CO 2322

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary contracts, contingent upon the contractor complying with all required contractual documentation, upon concurrence of New York State Department of Transportation, and approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 132-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Perkins stated that he would abstain from the vote due to his employment.

The motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstain (Perkins), and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2026

**APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE,
D.P.C FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR COUNTY ROUTE 22
OVER SAWYER CREEK, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15-2024 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for consulting services for the County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek Project (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. is currently providing consulting services for this Project and is qualified to provide construction inspection services, and

WHEREAS, with concurrence from NYS DOT, a supplemental agreement is required to provide construction inspection services for this Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes supplemental agreement #1 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for construction inspection services for County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425:

Consultant: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek
Town of Fowler
BIN: 3340950
PIN: 775425

Construction Inspection Fee: \$215,000
HM651204 430ED 2322

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 133-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2026

**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 22 OVER SAWYER CREEK PROJECT,
BIN 3340950, PIN 775425**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS, a project for Construction/Construction Inspection for County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs with a local match up to \$106,900 (HM651204 465CO 2322), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Construction/Construction Inspection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #2 for construction/construction inspection for the County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek Project, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer, with County Attorney approval, to pay in the first instance one hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Construction/Construction Inspection for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary funds have been appropriated pursuant to the 2026 Adopted Budget (HM299509 90600) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the New York State Department of Transportation, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid, with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project, the administration of the Project, and the municipalities first instance funding of Project costs, and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs, and all project costs with appropriations that are not eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 134-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2026

**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 34 OVER TROUT BROOK PROJECT,
BIN 3341630, PIN 775426**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS, a project for Construction/Construction Inspection for County Route 34 (West Potsdam Road) over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs with a local match up to \$117,950 (HM651204 465CO 2334), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Construction/Construction Inspection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators, duly convened, approves the above-subject project, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer, with County Attorney approval, to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Construction/Construction Inspection for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary funds have been appropriated pursuant to the 2026 Adopted Budget (HM299509 90600) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Legislators is authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid on behalf of the Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipalities first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs and all project costs with appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 135-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Perkins stated that he would abstain from the vote due to his employment.

The motion carried by a voice vote with (12) yes votes, one (1) abstain (Perkins), and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2026

**APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE,
D.P.C. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR COUNTY ROUTE 34
OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-2024 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for consulting services for the County Route 34 over Trout Brook Project (the “Project”), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. is currently providing consulting services for this Project and is qualified to provide construction inspection services, and

WHEREAS, with concurrence from the NYS DOT, a supplemental agreement is required to provide construction inspection services for this Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a supplemental agreement #1 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Construction Inspection Services for County Route 34 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426,

Consultant: Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: County Route 34 over Trout Brook
Town of Potsdam
BIN: 3341630
PIN: 775426

Construction Inspection Fee: \$225,000
HM651204 430ED 2334

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 136-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO AWARD AND SIGN THE CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 34 BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK,
BIN 3341630, PIN 775426**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways provides for the approval and funding of Capital Bridge Projects, Highway Reconstruction Projects, and Highway Paving Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department has solicited bids for the replacement of County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to award and sign a contract for County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426, and approves the award of the following contract to:

Contractor:	J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp. Potsdam, NY
Contract Title:	County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook Town of Potsdam BIN 3341630, PIN 775426
Contract Amount:	\$1,435,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary contracts, contingent upon the contractor complying with all required contractual documentation, upon concurrence of New York State Department of Transportation, and upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 137-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 138-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE 2026 BRIDGE PROJECT FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) FOR COUNTY ROUTE 21 BRIDGE OVER ELM CREEK, BIN 3341090, PIN 775448 AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of a Transportation Project, which may be eligible for Federal Aid and/or State Aid, or reimbursement from Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds

WHEREAS, a project for the Preliminary Design Phase for the County Route 21 Bridge over Elm Creek, BIN 3341090, PIN 775448 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB.L. 117- 58 also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the costs for the Preliminary Design phase for the Project or portions thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for the 2026 Bridge Project funded by the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for the County Route 21 Bridge over Elm Creek, BIN 3341090, PIN 775448 upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County to pay one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of Construction/Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for Federal Aid, State Aid, or reimbursement from Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$12,580
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$12,580
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600 STBG	CR Transfers to CP for STBG	\$251,600
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM035915 560MA	H SA Marchiselli Aid	\$37,740
HM045975 57000	H F/A Transportation Capital P	<u>201,280</u>
		\$239,020

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 430ED STBG	STBG Engineering Design	\$250,000
HM651204 465CO STBG	STBG Sub-Contracts	<u>1,600</u>
		\$251,600

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

06TG5031 90300 STBG	CP Transfers frm CR for STBG	\$251,600
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators agrees that St. Lawrence County shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal Aid, State Aid, or Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding, awarded to the Department of Highways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Project costs are not covered by Federal Aid, State Aid or Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding, exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after the award, and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and funding of Project costs of St. Lawrence County and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid and State Aid eligible Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 138-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 139-2026

**APPROVING FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY
INCIDENTALS FOR COUNTY ROUTE 21 BRIDGE OVER ELM CREEK,
PIN 775448, BIN 3341090**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of a Transportation Project, which may be eligible for Federal Aid and/or State Aid, or reimbursement from Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds

WHEREAS, a project for the Preliminary Design Phase for the County Route 21 Bridge over Elm Creek, BIN 3341090, PIN 775448 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB.L. 117- 58 also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of the Right-of-Way Incidentals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves Federal Aid Local Project Right-of-Way Incidentals for County Route 21 Bridge over Elm Creek, BIN 3341090, PIN 775448, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Right-of-Way Incidentals for the Project of portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$1,600 (HM651204 465CO 2601) is hereby appropriated from the Board of Legislators and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and funding of Project costs of St. Lawrence County and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid and State Aid eligible Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 139-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #3 FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT (D014745) FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON DUE TO INCREASED LABOR, MATERIAL, AND EQUIPMENT COSTS AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 131-2025 authorized the Chair to sign a five (5) year snow and ice agreement (Contract D014745) with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has presented Supplemental Agreement #3 to adjust the estimated expenditures for the 2025/2026 season, accounting for rising labor, material, and equipment costs, and

WHEREAS, estimated expenditures for the 2025/2026 winter season exceeded original estimates by \$183,026.66 (HS023025 55000), and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to approve Supplemental Agreement #3 to ensure continued program participation and full reimbursement for services rendered, and

WHEREAS, the resulting excess revenue will be used to offset the corresponding increase in appropriations,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Supplemental Agreement #3 for the New York State Department of Transportation Snow & Ice Agreement (D014745) for the 2025/2026 season due to increased labor, material, and equipment costs, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HS023025 55000	H LR State Snow Removal	\$183,027
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HS051444 465CO	H Snow 50-59 Sub-Contracts	\$183,027
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 140-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-30-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECT
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY FACILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, for the last decade, the Board of Legislators has recognized the impact of long-deferred maintenance and lack of replacement scheduling, committing to the need to increasing the paving of county roads, creating and investing in replacement schedules, and updating all highway facilities, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the County issued a bond of \$3M to begin a massive equipment replacement program; followed in 2021, the County decentralized operations and funded the construction of three (3) outpost facilities for an investment of \$9.5M of which a bond was issued for \$2.5M and the rest paid with reserves, and finally in 2022, the County began a \$14.2M, four (4) year paving expansion project achieving a goal of an additional one-hundred (100) miles without reducing the annual budget investment that is developed carefully accessing CHIPS funding and Marchiselli Aid, so no disruption to the formulas occurred, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the County created a Capital Reserve for Facilities and Equipment and the Board has invested every year since, providing the opportunity for the County to authorize this project without issuing debt, and

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WHEREAS, in 2024, the Outpost Facilities were successfully completed in Russell, Lisbon, and Potsdam, achieving the goal of decentralizing operations in a county with 573 miles of county-owned roads with a recommendation that the maintenance facility and administrative operations be relocated to a new facility at the Potsdam Outpost which would remove all Highway operations from the Village of Canton, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the County funded the next round of heavy equipment replacement without issuing debt for the Highway Department in the amount of \$3.4M, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 186-2025 authorized an agreement with C&S Engineers for professional engineering services to design and prepare construction documents for the facility, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to have C&S Engineers continue to provide comprehensive construction administration and management services throughout the construction phase and be accountable for the completion of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the new facility would also be home to the administrative office for Highway and Inspection Station for Weights & Measures, indoor storage for the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services for storage, and a secure area for the District Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the existing structures at the current maintenance and administrative facility located at 44 Park Street will be evaluated, a Committee of Legislators and staff will be established to review and make recommendations for the future, including but not limited to future use, potential demolition, and/or options identified for repurposing the space, and

WHEREAS, the County has solicited bids for the construction of the Highway Facility for Maintenance and Administration, and the lowest responsible bidders that meet the established criteria for these projects have been determined, and

WHEREAS, the completion of the facility necessitates additional expenditures beyond the primary structure, to include the procurement of miscellaneous specialized equipment, required fleet outfitting for maintenance services, and site paving to ensure proper accessibility and long-term durability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for construction of the Highway Facility for Maintenance and Administration and other necessary documents to progress the project, upon the approval of the County Attorney for the following:

Consultant:	C & S Engineers Not to Exceed: \$857,000
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General Contractor:	Whitton Construction Not to Exceed: \$11,378,500
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Mechanical Contractor:	ENI Mechanical Not to Exceed: \$1,684,700
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Plumbing Contractor:	Norwood Plumbing Not to Exceed: \$724,000
Electrical Contractor:	Dow Electric Not to Exceed: \$1,975,000
Sprinkler Contractor:	Associated Fire Protection Not to Exceed: \$464,900
Fuel Island Contractor:	Doctuer Environmental Not to Exceed: \$793,500
Facility Requirements:	Various Vendors Not to Exceed: \$1,500,000
Contract Title:	Highway Facility for Maintenance and Administration Not to Exceed: \$19,377,600 HM651974 465CO POM HM651974 454PM POM HM651974 430ED POM

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

DECREASE CAPITAL RESERVE:

01TG0878 50300 CPR	Capital Reserve, Facilities	\$12,218,638
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DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

04TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Unappropriated (RM)	\$4,373,512
01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Unappropriated (GF)	<u>2,785,450</u>
		\$7,158,962

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Appropriated	\$15,004,088
04TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Appropriated	<u>4,373,512</u>
		\$19,377,600

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600 POM	POM GF Transfers to CP	\$15,004,088
T6499509 90600 POM	POM RM Transfers to CP	<u>4,373,512</u>
		\$19,377,600

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651974 465CO POM	Sub-Contracts	\$18,066,600
HM651974 454PM POM	Paving Materials	454,000
HM651974 430ED POM	Engineering Design	<u>857,000</u>
		\$19,377,600

INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100 POM	POM CP Transfers from GF	\$15,004,088
T6650319 90400 POM	POM CP Transfers from RM	<u>4,373,512</u>
		\$19,377,600

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 141-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Perkins.

Don Chambers, Superintendent of Highways, was recognized to provide additional context to the cost of the project and options for cost savings.

Patrick Currier, of C&S Engineers, was recognized to provide additional information about the project.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Gennett and Burke), and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 142-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON &
LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MASSENA
TRANSFER STATION SCALE PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2026
BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Massena Transfer Station is in need of rehabilitation to the scales, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. has prepared a proposal to provide engineering services associated with the rehabilitation of the Massena Transfer Station Scale Project for a fee not to exceed \$12,000, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will provide the personnel and equipment necessary to perform the work,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services for the Massena Transfer Station Scale Project, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Solid Waste Department as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WO081602 24000	W OPR Highway & Street Equipment	\$200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 40801	W TRS BLDG Improvements	\$100,000
WT081604 465CO	W TRS Sub-Contracts	<u>100,000</u>
		\$200,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 142-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 143-2026

ESTABLISHING THE PY24 BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (SCION) 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 (1) 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, each Local Workforce Development Board will receive up to \$100,000 annually for five (5) consecutive years to assist with the implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the fifth-year funding of \$100,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution #26-C04-08, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board meeting on March 4, 2026, and

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WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the PY24 Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) initiative as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR462901 12000	Supervisory/ Administrative	\$5,570
UR462904 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	542
UR462904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	18
UR462904 42000	Office Supplies & Exp	18
UR462904 42002	Copying Expenses	18
UR462904 42300	Other Communication Services	18
UR462904 42400	Postage	18
UR462904 42700	Membership & Dues	26
UR462904 430WI	WIB Expenses	660
UR462904 47800	DP Charges	120
UR462908 81000	Retirement	782
UR462908 83000	Social Security	428
UR462908 84000	Workers' Compensation	157
UR462908 84500	Group Life Insurance	15
UR462908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	1,487
UR462908 86500	Dental Insurance	84
UR462908 89000	Vision Insurance	39
UR462911 11000	Direct Service Worker	58,442
UR462911 14000	Clerical	0
UR462911 19550	Health Insurance Buyback	4,134
UR462914 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	4,081
UR462914 41100	Educational Workshops	500
UR462914 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	270
UR462914 41901	I/D Central Printing	100
UR462914 42000	Office Supplies & Exp	462
UR462914 42002	Copying Expenses	80
UR462914 42300	Other Communication Services	48
UR462914 42400	Postage	18
UR462914 42700	Membership & Dues	202
UR462914 430WI	WIB Expenses	368
UR462914 47800	DP Charges	633
UR462918 81000	Retirement	8,772
UR462918 83000	Social Security	4,471
UR462918 84000	Workers Compensation	1,508
UR462918 84500	Group Life Insurance	103
UR462918 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	0

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UR462918 86500	Dental Insurance	775
UR462918 89000	Vision Insurance	219
UR462924 461PW	Participant Wage	3,840
UR462928 81000	Retirement Participants	577
UR462928 83000	Soc Sec Participants	294
UR462928 84000	Wrk Comp Participants	<u>103</u>
		\$100,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR447905 57000	NY SCION Revenue	\$100,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 143-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 144-2026

**SUPPORTING THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION (DEC) TO CHANGE NORTHERN PIKE FISHING
REGULATIONS ON BLACK LAKE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, the current regulations of Northern Pike on Black Lake allow for a bag limit of five (5) pike and a size limit of eighteen (18) inches, and

WHEREAS, changes in fishing and ice fishing practices over the years have led to an increased number of pike being harvested from Black Lake, and

WHEREAS, there are reports that there are fewer Northern Pike in the lake than previously observed, especially in the southern portion of the lake, and

WHEREAS, a resolution has been signed by neighboring communities of Black Lake to change the regulations regarding Northern Pike to a bag limit of three (3) and a size limit of twenty-two (22) inches, to reflect the same regulations in the St. Lawrence River and protect the fishery, and

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Advisory Board has reviewed and supports this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the request to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to change Northern Pike Fishing Regulations on Black Lake, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and New York State Department of Fisheries.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 144-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 145-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE EXTENSION WITH LOT 21
FOR SPACE SPECIFIC TO THE PROBATION OFFICE LOCATED AT
206 FORD STREET, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 136-2025 authorized an amendment to the existing lease for space with Lot 21 at the Blevins Building in Ogdensburg, New York located at 206 Ford Street, and

WHEREAS, Appendix D serves to capture any mid-lease changes in space and the arrangement for payment associated with the square footage, the following changes are hereby added to the original lease agreements, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Probation Office is in need of an extension to the lease for 2,947 square feet on the third floor of 206 Ford Street for a term to commence on April 1, 2026, and to end March 31, 2027, or on such earlier date as this lease may terminate as provided in Section IV of the lease, and

WHEREAS, the rental rate will be \$13.16 per square foot beginning April 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2026, there will be a two-percent (2%) increase beginning July 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, with a rate of \$13.42 per square foot,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease extension with Lot 21 for space specific to the Probation Office located at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 145-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 146-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
TRANE TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR
CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, County facilities have specialized HVAC units that include the Courthouse Complex, the Correctional Facility, the Surrogate Building, the Human Services Center, and the Public Safety Complex, and

WHEREAS, the County has contracted with TRANE Technologies for the maintenance of these units, and

WHEREAS, TRANE has updated the renewal documents for the period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, at a total cost of \$42,751 (BG016204 42202 and BGJ16204 42202) in which pricing is based on Cooperative Contract OMNIA Racine #3341, and this is an increase of \$3,365 over 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a service agreement with TRANE Technologies for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 146-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2026

**REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR
ADOPT LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HOME RULE
TO INCREASE THE ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX RATE AS PREVIOUSLY
AUTHORIZED FROM THREE (3%) PERCENT TO FIVE (5%) PERCENT**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2016 established a St. Lawrence County Room Occupancy Tax of three (3%) percent that was initially established in 1991, and

WHEREAS, neighboring counties have occupancy tax at higher rates, at four (4%) percent and five (5%) percent, and

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WHEREAS, the recommendation to request home rule legislation to increase the Occupancy Tax to five (5%) percent comes from an interest by the Board of Legislators to seek alternative revenue sources that do not burden property taxpayers in the County further, and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish an increase to the Occupancy Tax, the County is required to request consideration by the New York State Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests that the New York State Legislature and Governor adopt legislation to permit St. Lawrence County Home Rule to increase the Room Occupancy Tax Rate as previously authorized from three (3%) percent to five (5%) percent, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 147-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Levato, and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 7:09 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Forsythe recused himself from the vote.

A discussion took place regarding conflicts of interest. Mr. Hull requested a Point of Order, and the Chair accepted. Mr. Reagen called a Point of Order, and the Chair accepted. Stephen Button, acting as Parliamentarian, interceded and provided guidance.

The motion carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Reagen, Hull, and Gennett), one (1) abstention (Forsythe), and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DONALD R. CHAMBERS FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways for St. Lawrence County has announced his retirement effective April 28, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the tenure of the existing Superintendent with the legacy of institutional knowledge and operational expertise provided to the County since 2014, and

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WHEREAS, a Search Committee will be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators to recruit and recommend a permanent successor, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a seamless transition of leadership is essential to maintain daily operations, safety standards, and budgetary integrity of the Department of Highways during the interim period, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Administrator and in the best interest of the County to retain services of the Superintendent to provide professional guidance and administrative support during the transition for the construction season where projects are already underway and to support, if approved, the capital project for new Maintenance and Administration Facilities that are under consideration at an hourly rate of \$81 (HA050104 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Donald R. Chambers for transitional management services effective May 10, 2026 with updates and cost reporting to be shared by the County Administrator on a quarterly basis, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HA050101 12000	H ADM Supervisory/Administration	\$68,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HA050104 43007	H ADM Other Fees and Services	\$68,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators shall retain these consulting services until it determines they are no longer required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds may be rolled over into 2027 to conclude not later than March 31, 2027.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 148-2026, seconded by Mr. Levato, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Perkins.

Karen Bjork, Assistant County Administrator, was recognized to clarify the rate in the contract.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Karen Bjork, Assistant County Administrator, was recognized to give the County Administrator's Report. Ms. Bjork reported that the total cost for staff to attend the NYSAC Conference was \$8,440.96, with a reimbursement for the cost of attendance for the Director of Public Health through grants, therefore the total cost to the County was \$7,447.96.

She reported that seven (7) staff from various departments are attending the Tyler conference for the remainder of the week to learn about updates to MUNIS, the County's financial and Human Resources system.

Ms. Bjork made the Board aware that the test for powering down the Public Safety Complex is scheduled for this Wednesday, April 8th.

She also reported that 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trails System. Permits will be available for purchase online beginning April 10th, with sales at local businesses starting May 1st. The trails will open on May 15th.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: There was no old/new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Executive Session at 7:47 p.m., to discuss appointments, seconded by Mr. Hull and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Hull moved to go to Open Session at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Mr. Perkins moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Term to Expire: 4/6/2029)**, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett):

- Megan Mulvenna, Massena 13662
- Naomi Drake, Dekalb Junction 13630
- Jennifer Moore, Potsdam 13676
- Jim Hartford, Brasher Falls 13613
- Susan Wood, Potsdam 13676
- Walter Bean, Brasher Falls 13613
- Joseph Andrasik, Potsdam 13676

Mr. Perkins moved to appoint the following individual to the **Fire Advisory Board (Term to Expire: 4/6/2029)**, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett):

- Joseph Finnegan, Madrid 13660

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XIII. CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Smithers, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Gennett to the Search Committee for Highway Superintendent, with Mr. Smithers serving as Chair.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Levato, Mr. Webster, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Denesha to the 44 Park Street Solutions Committee.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Ms. Haggard to the Traffic Safety Board.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Perkins, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Levato, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Forsythe to the Human Services Center Lease Resolution Committee, with Mr. Perkins serving as Chair.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Terminelli to the EMS Deputy Director Search Committee, with Ms. Curran serving as Chair.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Haggard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Terminelli and Gennett).

Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 7:57 p.m., as there was no further business.