



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA
MS. RITA CURRAN, CHAIR
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
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RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 15, 2026

3. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Application to Apply for NYS Home Funding (Res)

4. PUBLIC DEFENDER – JAMES MCGAHAN

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Provision of Indigent Legal Services Funds for the Contract Period of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026 (Res)

5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Tokio Marine HCC for Insurance Coverage and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Liability and Casualty Reserve and Information Technology (Res)
- B. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Information Update (Discussion)

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

H. Local Government Task Force (Forsythe)

I. Planning Board (Levato)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

August 3, 2026

Operations Committee: 7-13-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR NYS HOME FUNDING

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, funds are available from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) to expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing in New York State under the New York State HOME Program, and

WHEREAS, applicants for NYS HOME funds may be units of local government, including counties, that demonstrate the capacity to develop and operate a qualifying program/project, show local need, and have recent and relevant residential housing program experience, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Office has experience in the development, delivery, and administration of housing-related programs, but needs additional capacity to administer and deliver such programs, and

WHEREAS, New York State has designated Rural Preservation Companies (RPCs) to which it provides financial and technical assistance to provide safe, healthy, and affordable housing for families throughout New York State, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. (CDP) is designated by New York State as the RPC serving St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an application to apply for NYS HOME funds, and the Chair to sign necessary documentation for application and administration, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the grant being awarded, the Board of Legislators will consider a resolution to accept the grant, modify the budget, and authorize program delivery and grant administration services, both of which are reimbursable through the grant, and to close out the project when completed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the grant being awarded, the Board of Legislators will consider a resolution authorizing the Chair to sign a subrecipient agreement with St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc. (CDP) for program delivery, and for partial grant administration services.

August 3, 2026

Operations Committee: 7-13-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK
STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF
INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2026**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, 2024 was the fourteenth (14th) year of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services' transition to a competitive grant funding formula base for Indigent Legal Services Funding, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 53-2012 provided the transition process and authorized the rollover of funds until expended for the Indigent Legal Services Funds, and

WHEREAS, the contract requested will provide additional funding for a total of \$766,959 over three (3) years (IA030255 56000) to St. Lawrence County above what has been received to provide funding to improve representation for the indigent population in St. Lawrence County that requests or is appointed counsel for legal matters that qualify, and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement funding for approved items will partially cover the compensation and benefits of one (1) Assistant Public Defender, one (1) clerical position, the cost of the contract for the Assigned Counsel Administrator, and the annual cost of the NYSDA Public Defender Case Management System user licenses, and will provide revenue for these items and other that would reduce county expenses for the years identified in the Contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for three (3) years, retroactive to January 1, 2024, for a total of \$766,959, upon approval of the County Attorney.

August 3, 2026

Operations Committee: 7-13-2026

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TOKIO MARINE HCC
FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE
LIABILITY AND CASUALTY RESERVE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, interest has been shown by the Board of Legislators for the vetting and evaluation for options related to the cybersecurity insurance environment, and

WHEREAS, public sector organizations, including local governments, faced a 65% year-over-year increase in targeted ransomware attacks, with the average breach costing millions to mitigate, and

WHEREAS, the adoption rate of insurance protecting against and planning for cybersecurity for U.S. local governments has increased almost forty percent (40%) since 2021, from 54% to 92%, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC recommended NFP Property & Casualty Services, Inc. (NFP) as the broker of choice for their experience providing such insurance to municipalities across the state and country, and

WHEREAS, a competitive process was undertaken to ensure the most competitive rates could be reviewed within the context of meeting the needs of the County and NFP approached insurance companies for proposals that could meet the scope requested by the County, and

WHEREAS, these proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the Director of Information Technology in concert with the broker, NFP and the virtual Chief Information Security Officer hired by the County to evaluate the proposals for the best value and appropriateness to meet the needs of the County, and

WHEREAS, the vendor recommended is Tokio Marine HCC (TMHCC) who has agreed to bond the County and provide \$5 million coverage for all areas with reduced coverage for ransomware and cyber extortion loss pending security steps to be completed by the end of August, for a contract period of September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Tokio Marine HCC for cybersecurity insurance, 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 Liability & Casualty Reserve and Information Technology, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LR019904 49700	Liab/Cas Contingency Account	\$44,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LR019894 41400	Liab Other Insurance	\$44,000
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