St. Lawrence County
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Full Board
Monday, July 6, 2026
6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL:

All Legislators were present.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes to approve.

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

1. Letter received from Town of Hermon with Resolution #83-2026, In Opposition to Legislation Authorizing Renewable Energy Development on State Forest Lands without Local Control and Consideration of Economic Impacts

2. Letter received from Town of Stockholm indicating that they approved to support County Resolution #171-2026 - Amending the Vehicle and Traffic Law to Increase the Width and Weight of the Description Specifics for an All-Terrain Vehicle

3. Letter received from Town of Hermon with Resolution #91-2026, Supporting NYS Senate Bill S.7298 and NYS Assembly Bill A.7439 an Act to Amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to Increase the Width and Weight of the Description Specifics for an All-Terrain Vehicle

4. Letter received from Senator Mark Walczyk stating his office received Resolution No.172-2026 and Resolution No. 149-2026

5. Letter received from Town of Rossie indicating their Town Board passed Resolution 25-2026 in support of Resolution No. 171-2026

6. Letter received from Clifton Fine Central School expressing gratitude to the Board for this year's Capital District Off-Track Betting Scholarship. Their recipient plans to attend Hartwick College to pursue a major in Creative Writing.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 211-2026

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RICHARD KARL DILLENBECK

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual shares, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including older adults, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Richard Karl Dillenbeck was born on July 2, 1926, to his parents, Herbert and Elsie Dillenbeck, and

WHEREAS, Richard attended Adams Central School in Adams, NY, and

WHEREAS, he lettered in Football, Basketball and Baseball at Adams Central School, and in 1941 he scored the winning basket to win the championship for his team, and

WHEREAS, he met and became friends with Edward J. Noble (E.J. Noble) and would caddy for him and his friends at the Thousand Island Club for $3 per bag, and

WHEREAS, after loving mathematics and getting good grades, he graduated in 1943, and

WHEREAS, E.J Noble arranged for him to attend St. Lawrence University, where he majored in Business Administration, and

WHEREAS, he went on a double date with his roommate and his roommate's girlfriend and her best friend, Mildred Bell, and

WHEREAS, Richard fell in love at first sight and would often "bum" rides from Canton to go see Mildred on the family farm near Red Mills, and

WHEREAS, in 1944, upon turning 18, Richard enlisted in the US Army Air Corps, completed boot camp in Biloxi, Mississippi and was stationed in Yuma, Arizona, where he was training for the Japanese Invasion after Pearl Harbor near where the Manhattan Project testing was being done, Richard rose to the rank of a Corporal and was in charge of writing orders for soldiers, just before leaving the service, his name was submitted for officers' training school, and

WHEREAS, Richard became engaged to Mildred while on a furlough in June 1945, and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1945, Richard was discharged and given the choice to continue with military service or return to St. Lawrence University, he chose to return to St. Lawrence University, but remained on inactive reserves for the duration and graduated in 1947, and

WHEREAS, Richard married Mildred on February 26, 1946, at the United Methodist Church in Ogdensburg, NY, they both were very active and held many offices, after 57 years of service, Richard was awarded Laity of the Year in 2003, and

WHEREAS, they had two children together, Linda who passed away in 1991, and Robert Keith, and

WHEREAS, Mildred, after finishing the Wallace Secretarial School, worked at the Fredrick Remington Art Museum and became the Director there until 1984, and

WHEREAS, Richard worked for the Gerber Baby Food Company in sales and had the whole area between Watertown and Rouses Point, from 1951 until 1986, and

WHEREAS, Richard loved camping and hunting and traveling to Arizona to visit family, and

WHEREAS, Richard and Mildred would eventually spend their winters in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Richard especially loves playing golf, lots of golf, and

WHEREAS, he still plays senior golf at the St. Lawrence State Golf Park, and

WHEREAS, when not playing golf, Richard likes to watch St. Lawrence and Syracuse sports and professional golf, football, and Yankees baseball, and

WHEREAS, Richard is also a life member of both the American Legion and the Beham Club in South Colton, and a charter member of the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, and

WHEREAS, when asked the secret to a long life, Richard stated; "If I knew the secret, I would sell it and make a lot of money!", and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor this St. Lawrence County Centenarian with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Richard Karl Dillenbeck.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 211-2026, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Levato, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 212-2026

PROCLAIMING JULY 2026 AS "AMERICAN PATRIOTS MONTH" IN HONOR OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, a historic milestone commemorating the birth of a Nation founded upon the principles of liberty, representative government, individual rights, equality under the law, and the enduring pursuit of freedom and justice, and

WHEREAS, for two and one-half centuries, generations of Americans have defended and strengthened those principles through military service, civic participation, innovation, labor, education, agriculture, industry, and sacrifice in times of peace and war, and

WHEREAS, the people of St. Lawrence County, New York, have played a meaningful and distinguished role in the history and development of both New York State and the United States since the earliest years of the Republic, and

WHEREAS, located along the international border with Canada and the historic St. Lawrence River, St. Lawrence County has long stood as a gateway of commerce, transportation, energy production, agriculture, and international cooperation that has contributed substantially to the economic vitality and security of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the communities of St. Lawrence County contributed men and women to the defense of liberty during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Global War on Terror, and every major conflict in which the United States has defended freedom and democratic values, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and the North Country served as an important region along the northern frontier during the War of 1812, helping protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the young United States during a formative period in American history, and

WHEREAS, the proximity of the County to Canada and its tradition of civic independence and moral courage contributed to the broader abolitionist movement and the pursuit of liberty for all persons during the era preceding the Civil War, and

WHEREAS, generations of farmers, laborers, tradesmen, educators, business owners, public servants, and civic leaders throughout St. Lawrence County helped build and sustain the American way of life by contributing to the agricultural strength, economic productivity, educational advancement, and democratic institutions of the United States, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has long been home to institutions of higher education, including Clarkson University, St. Lawrence University, SUNY Canton, SUNY ESF, and SUNY Potsdam, whose graduates have contributed to public service, military leadership, science, education, business, and the arts throughout the Nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, the development of hydroelectric power along the St. Lawrence River, including the construction and operation of the St. Lawrence–Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project, represented one of the great public infrastructure achievements of the twentieth century and helped provide reliable energy, economic development, industrial growth, and national strength to New York State and the United States, and

WHEREAS, the residents of St. Lawrence County have consistently demonstrated patriotism, resilience, volunteerism, and dedication to community through service in local government, emergency response, charitable organizations, veterans organizations, churches, schools, and civic associations, and

WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary of the United States provides an important opportunity to honor the sacrifices and accomplishments of prior generations, celebrate the blessings of liberty secured through their efforts, and inspire future generations to preserve the democratic institutions and constitutional principles upon which the Nation was founded, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators to commemorate this historic occasion by designating the month of July 2026 as “American Patriots Month” throughout St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby proclaims July 2026 as "American Patriots Month" in St. Lawrence County in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of St. Lawrence County are encouraged to commemorate this historic anniversary by displaying the American flag, participating in patriotic observances and community events, honoring veterans and active-duty military personnel, studying the Nation's history, supporting civic and educational initiatives related to the founding of the Nation, and reaffirming the principles of freedom, unity, equality, and civic responsibility that continue to guide the United States of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators expresses its gratitude to the countless residents of St. Lawrence County, past and present, whose service, sacrifice, labor, and patriotism have contributed to the preservation of American democracy and the advancement of the American way of life over the past 250 years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, and the veterans organizations, schools, historical associations, and civic organizations throughout St. Lawrence County.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 212-2026, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Levato, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Robert Farrington - Potsdam

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 213-2026

PROCLAIMING JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 25 AS PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK WITH THE 2026 THEME "CONNECTED FOR CHANGE: BUILDING BRIDGES IN SUPERVISION"

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders, and work in partnership with other community agencies to promote prevention, intervention, and advocacy, and

WHEREAS, community corrections is an essential part of the justice system, and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, community correctional professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community, and provide services, support, and protection to victims, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims July 19 through July 25 as Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week with the 2026 Theme "Connected for Change: Building Bridges in Supervision".

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 213-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 06-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 214-2026

RECOGNIZING JULY AS ULTRAVIOLET (UV) SAFETY MONTH

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and artificial sources is a known risk factor for skin cancer, eye damage, and premature skin aging, and

WHEREAS, excessive exposure to UV radiation can occur during everyday outdoor activities, particularly during the summer months when UV levels are highest, and

WHEREAS, skin cancer is one of the most common and preventable forms of cancer in the United States, and practicing sun-safe behaviors can significantly reduce risk, and

WHEREAS, recommended UV safety practices include seeking shade, wearing protective clothing and sunglasses, using broad-spectrum sunscreen, and avoiding indoor tanning, and

WHEREAS, educating the public about UV safety promotes lifelong healthy habits, reduces preventable health risks, and supports overall public health, and

WHEREAS, July is recognized as UV Safety Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness and encourage individuals and communities to take steps to protect their skin and eyes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes July as Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Month.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 214-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 215-2026

CALLING UPON THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND NEW YORK STATE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL TO MODIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE "MY HOUSING" RESIDENT PORTAL TO BETTER SERVE RURAL COMMUNITIES, LOCAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATORS, AND APPLICANTS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee and Mr. Burke, District 12
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Gennett, District 13

WHEREAS, access to safe, affordable, and stable housing remains one of the most significant challenges facing residents of St. Lawrence County and communities throughout Northern New York, and

WHEREAS, New York State Homes and Community Renewal ("HCR") implemented the statewide "My Housing" Resident Portal to centralize and streamline applications for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher ("HCV") and Project-Based Voucher ("PBV") programs administered through the New York State Housing Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS, according to HCR, the My Housing Portal allows applicants to apply to multiple waiting lists statewide through a single online application system and further permits applicants to “add additional Waiting Lists” in different jurisdictions over time through the same portal account, and

WHEREAS, HCR guidance further states that applicants may apply to multiple waiting lists across numerous counties and housing programs throughout New York State, regardless of their current geographic location or demonstrated intent to relocate to a particular community, and

WHEREAS, local housing administrators throughout rural regions of New York State, including St. Lawrence County and the North Country, have experienced significant operational and administrative burdens associated with the statewide implementation of the My Housing Portal, including dramatic increases in speculative, duplicative, geographically impractical, and nonresponsive applications, and

WHEREAS, local administrators have reported substantial increases in waiting list sizes resulting from applicants with little or no familiarity with the economic, employment, transportation, climate, educational, medical, or geographic realities of Northern New York and who, upon contact, frequently indicate no genuine intention to relocate to the region, and

WHEREAS, the broad statewide accessibility of the My Housing Portal has resulted in local waiting lists being populated by applicants who may apply indiscriminately to housing opportunities across multiple counties solely because the system permits such applications with minimal geographic limitation or local screening, and

WHEREAS, HCR publicly acknowledges that applicants may apply to “multiple Waiting Lists” through the portal and may subsequently “add additional Waiting Lists” after initial registration, thereby significantly expanding the volume of applications local administrators must process and maintain, and

WHEREAS, HCR further advises that placement on a waiting list “does not guarantee placement” and that wait times may extend for years depending upon program availability and applicant selection, resulting in large waiting lists containing applicants who may no longer be interested, eligible, reachable, or geographically appropriate for rural housing opportunities, and

WHEREAS, publicly available applicant discussions and user reports concerning the HCR and related housing portal systems further demonstrate widespread confusion regarding waiting list status, eligibility, timelines, application management, and communication with housing administrators, including applicants reporting difficulty accessing accounts, uncertainty concerning waiting list placement, misunderstandings regarding whether housing was actually available, and confusion regarding the duration and processing of applications, and

WHEREAS, HCR itself has publicly acknowledged technical problems associated with the My Housing Portal, including notices advising that applicants were unable to access or view available Project-Based Voucher waiting lists due to system errors requiring corrective action by the State, and

WHEREAS, local housing providers and administrators in rural counties frequently operate with limited staffing levels and constrained administrative resources and are therefore disproportionately burdened by excessive numbers of inactive, speculative, geographically impractical, or duplicative applications generated through the statewide portal system, and

WHEREAS, the resulting inefficiencies delay the processing of applications for seniors, veterans, working families, persons with disabilities, and long-term North Country residents who are actively seeking stable housing opportunities within their home communities, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the importance of maintaining fair housing access and compliance with applicable state and federal housing laws while also ensuring that statewide administrative systems remain responsive to the unique operational realities of rural and geographically isolated communities, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators believes that targeted modifications to the My Housing Portal could substantially improve administrative efficiency, applicant understanding, and the effectiveness of housing assistance programs in Northern New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby calls upon the State of New York and New York State Homes and Community Renewal to conduct a comprehensive review of the My Housing Resident Portal and its impacts upon rural housing providers, local administrators, and applicants throughout Northern New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators specifically urges the State and HCR to implement reforms including, but not limited to:

- Enhanced applicant disclosures and geographic education requirements concerning climate, employment availability, transportation limitations, and rural living conditions in Northern New York prior to application submission;
- Improved filtering and screening mechanisms permitting local administrators to prioritize applicants with demonstrated intent or ability to relocate to rural communities;
- Greater local control and flexibility over waiting list administration and maintenance;
- Regular purging of inactive, unresponsive, duplicative, or geographically impractical applications;
- Improved applicant communication systems and status notifications to reduce misinformation and confusion regarding waiting list placement and housing

availability;
- Enhanced technical support and system reliability measures to minimize portal errors and applicant access issues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators respectfully requests that HCR directly engage with rural counties, local housing authorities, community action agencies, and affordable housing providers to develop practical reforms that preserve equitable housing access while reducing unnecessary administrative burdens on local governments and housing providers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, and the Commissioner of New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 215-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 216-2026

AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO RELOCATE, RENOVATE AND FURNISH OFFICE SPACE IN THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the fastest growing population in St. Lawrence County is the older adult population, and it is important to address the needs of that population in a comprehensive way, and

WHEREAS, New York State is providing unprecedented funding dedicated to supporting the unmet needs for older adults therefore, the Department is expanding services to accomplish this goal, and

WHEREAS, for many years the existing suite for the Office for the Aging has been a challenge to continue to grow and develop effective programming for older adults, and

WHEREAS, with new programs added by the Department, four (4) additional staff members, which are one hundred percent (100%) funded by grants are being filled, and

WHEREAS, the Department has outgrown its current space and would like to occupy the space adjacent to its current location, and

WHEREAS, the new office space requires renovation and the purchase of furniture to accommodate a total of twenty-one (21) staff members, and

WHEREAS, the current funding does not permit use for infrastructure-related purchases therefore, the cost for renovations and furniture is requested from the contingency account,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Office for the Aging to relocate, renovate and furnish new office space in the Human Services Center, and authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Office for the Aging, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

OA067722 21000	O PFA Furniture & Furnishings	$110,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$110,000

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 216-2026, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 217-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES RATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTING THE FIVE PERCENT RATE INCREASE FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES PURSUANT TO MEDICAID SPA #24-0041

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for Early Intervention Program Services and current contracts necessary to provide services are 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 five percent (5%) rate increase for in-person services pursuant to Medicaid SPA #24-001 which was approved on April 2, 2026, and

WHEREAS, payment of the five percent (5%) rate increase will be retroactive from October 1, 2024, to May 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the five percent (5%) rate increase will be applied to all in-person services, which includes: service coordination, screenings, evaluations and bilingual add-ons, all general services delivered in the home, community setting, facility, and center, including all group services, and

WHEREAS, the five percent (5%) rate increase will not be applied to any services delivered via telehealth, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid from the following accounts based on actual services provided: PE040594 430DS PROV; PE040594 48600 PROV; and PE040594 443CM PROV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amendment to the contracts for Early Intervention Services rates for the Public Health Department implementing the five percent rate increase for in-person services pursuant to Medicaid SPA #24-0041, upon approval of the County Attorney, for the following rates:

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 217-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 218-2026

AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF U.S. LOGISTICS GROUP, INC. AS A PROCUREMENT AGENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A MOBILE MORGUE UNIT

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has identified the need to acquire a mobile morgue unit to strengthen emergency preparedness of the County for public health emergencies and to support disaster response operations, and

WHEREAS, the selected mobile morgue unit is manufactured and sold by a vendor located in the United Kingdom and requires international procurement, shipping, customs coordination, and importation into the United States, and

WHEREAS, the use of a qualified broker manages international purchasing requirements, including coordinating shipment and import logistics and tariffs and ensuring the efficient delivery of the unit to the County, and

WHEREAS, funding for the acquisition of the mobile morgue unit has been appropriated and is available within the Public Health Department Budget through designated grant funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the designation of U.S. Logistics Group, Inc. as a procurement agent for the acquisition of a mobile morgue unit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute any documentation necessary to carry out the designation U.S. Logistics as a procurement agent.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 218-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 219-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO ADDRESS HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED EXPENSES IN EMERGENCY AID FOR ADULTS

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs for emergency assistance for adults, to include heating equipment and repairs, emergency shelter, and delaying evictions, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2026 Budget for Social Services to cover the costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for Social Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DPA61424 46500	D EAA Indirects	$70,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAS60104 430SF	D SG Sheriff Fees	$10,000
DAC60104 430SF	D SCU Sheriff Fees	10,000
DSJ61234 465IB EAJD	D EAF JD/PINS Institution Board	23,158
		$43,158

INCREASE REVENUE:

DPA36425 56000	D SA Emergency Aid for Adults	$35,000

DECREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	$152
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	7,743
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	263
		$8,158

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 219-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED, INC.

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is currently contracting with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID) for records management services, and

WHEREAS, during the approval process with Office of General Services (OGS), NYSID had to update their pricing for services being provided, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services had initially requested to sign a contract with NYSID for up to $203,512 and with the OGS impacted pricing, the amount has changed to $203,873,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc., upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 220-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH WHOLE WELLNESS COUNSELING FOR THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is required to provide rehabilitative and supportive services to families whose children have been named in indicated child abuse and/or maltreatment reports, who have been assessed at risk of Foster Care placement, or who are in Foster Care and whose placements could be shortened through the provision of such services, and

WHEREAS, Whole Wellness Counseling has the experience and capacity to provide therapeutic counseling/visitation to children and families with counseling needs, and

WHEREAS, the contract with Whole Wellness Counseling is effective May 27, 2026, and continues in effect until December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, payments for counseling will be set at $200 per 60-minute session, with a $40 fee for collaboration and documentation (DSC61094 465PS),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Whole Wellness Counseling for therapeutic counseling, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 221-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 222-2026

AUTHORIZING THE YOUTH BUREAU TO RELOCATE, RENOVATE AND FURNISH OFFICE SPACE IN THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau provides leadership development, civic engagement, prevention, service-learning, and positive youth development programming for the youth throughout St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau would like to relocate and reconfigure existing empty space that fits better into the strategies with the work that the Department is doing, it would also include a dedicated youth meeting and program space, and

WHEREAS, the proposed new furnishings have been designed to create a flexible, youth-centered environment that supports the Teen Ambassador Program, leadership development activities, trainings, and community-based youth programming, and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is approximately $16,900 of which the Youth Bureau is committing $9,000 through the Office of Children and Family Services Positive Youth Development Funds and a Walmart Spark Good Grant, leaving a remaining balance of $7,827 which is requested from the Contingency Account,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Youth Bureau to relocate, renovate and furnish office space in the Human Services Center and authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Youth Bureau, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y1073104 42000	Y Office Supplies & Expenses	$7,827

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$7,827

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Mr. Webster moved to adopt Resolution No. 222-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 223-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE FOR THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the County purchased a set of mobile column lifts for the Public Transit system using Accelerated Transit Capital funds awarded by the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT), and

WHEREAS, the model procured does not allow for tire changes or the removal of tires which is a requirement for routine bus inspections by the DOT, and

WHEREAS, the DOT approved the disposition of these lifts and requires proceeds from the sale be applied to the future purchase of replacement lifts, and

WHEREAS, the lifts were auctioned according to the disposition policy of the County and sold for $36,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Planning Office for the sale of equipment from the County Transit System as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 25000 CP	N Technical Equipment	$36,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B26655 55000 CP	N Proceeds of Equip Sales	$36,000

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 223-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 224-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, overtime costs within the Correctional Division have exceeded the 2026 Budget as a result of staffing coverage needs and operational demands, with approximately forty-three percent (43%) of such costs attributable to sick leave and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) usage, and

WHEREAS, revenue received from Workers Compensation reimbursement is available to offset this cost, and

WHEREAS, a long-standing budgetary practice identifies twenty-five percent (25%) of overtime appropriations (for 2026: Corrections $47,500) for departments with overtime expenses and sets those aside in the contingency account on an annual basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for overtime expenses at the Correctional Facility as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$282,700

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4026835 550WC	S LR W/C Reimbursement Salary	$17,300

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	$300,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the overtime at the Correctional Facility will be closely monitored and actively discussed for cost control and potential changes to reduce the impact on the County.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 224.2026, seconded by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 225-2026

AUTHORIZING A FIREARMS TRAINING RANGE TO BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF CANTON

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified the need for a dedicated law enforcement firearms training range to support mandatory training, qualifications, and operational readiness for law enforcement personnel, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office currently relies on the use of local sportsmen's club ranges and other off-site facilities for firearms training and qualifications, which presents operational challenges due to travel distance, limited availability, scheduling constraints, and the inability to consistently accommodate law enforcement training needs, and

WHEREAS, the development of a dedicated law enforcement range on County-owned property located on County Route 21 in the Town of Canton has been identified as a more feasible and practical long-term solution to ensure reliable access for required training and qualification activities, and

WHEREAS, the proposed range would provide a secure and controlled environment for firearms training and qualification activities for the Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, and potentially other authorized law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS, County staff have reviewed the preliminary concept and determined that site work and development activities related to the proposed range, including but not limited to clearing, grading, berm construction, access improvements, and other related work may be completed utilizing County staff and equipment, subject to operational availability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a Firearms training range to be developed and maintained on County owned property in the Town of Canton.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 225-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Webster, Mr. Levato, and Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 226-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY22 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 401-2022 approved the Sheriff's Office to accept a FY22 Domestic Terrorism Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for $172,413 with a contract period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024, Resolution No. 258-2024 approved an extension through August 31, 2025, and Resolution No. 277-2025 approved an extension through August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to align the accounts with current grant allocations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for a FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 14000 DT	S CRIM Clerical	$2,001

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 43007 DT	S CRIM Other Fees & Services	$2,001

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 226-2026, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 227-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE FY23 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 319-2024 approved the acceptance of a FY23 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, contract period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2026, totaling $172,413 (S1Z43895 57000 DT3), and

WHEREAS, this grant is to be utilized to support the capability of the County to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) Teams and the development of comprehensive Domestic Terrorism Plans, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a one-year extension will be approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through August 31, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the Sheriff's Office for the FY23 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budget years until the grant is fully expended.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 227-2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 6-15-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 228-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF THE STANDARD WORK DAY FOR THE CLINIC MANAGER AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Clinic Manager position at the Correctional Facility was created in February 2022 pursuant to Resolution No. 66-2022 with a seven (7) hour standard work day, and

WHEREAS, in September 2023, an eight (8) hour standard work day was established for the Clinic Manager position at the Correctional Facility, while the standard work day for Clinic Manager positions in other Departments remained at seven (7) hours, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has determined it is appropriate to formally authorize the eight (8) hour standard work day for the Clinic Manager position at the Correctional Facility only,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the change of the Standard Work Day for the Clinic Manager at the Correctional Facility.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 228-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 229-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL LLC UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROPERTY RESERVE FUND FOR THE REMOVAL, CLEANUP, AND DISPOSAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND ASSOCIATED PIPING AND PUMP ISLANDS IN THE TOWNS OF FINE AND POTSDAM

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem Real Property Tax Foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against properties owned by Bradley Finley located at 463 Oswegatchie Trail Road, Town of Fine, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 213.051-2-16, (hereinafter known as the “Finley Property”) and Doris Miller, 6917 State Highway 56, Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 53.066-1-5 (hereinafter known as the “Miller Property”), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing on the Finley property in the amount of $20,494.15, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of $33,731.40 for a total of $54,226.05 on the parcel owned by Bradley Finley with Tax Map No. 213.051-2-16, and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of $11,347.60 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of $18,014.95 for a total of $29,362.55 on the parcel owned by Doris Miller with Tax Map No. 53.066-1-5, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators previously authorized the execution of a contract with Odin Environmental to perform an initial investigation on the Properties as well as Atlantic Testing Laboratories, who determined that further work was required to address and remove underground storage tanks and other related petroleum delivery systems located on the property which contain hazardous substances, and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to retain Odin Environmental, LLC to remove, clean, and dispose of underground storage tanks and other related petroleum delivery systems as well as hazardous materials that are located on the Properties, and

WHEREAS, Odin Environmental LLC has submitted proposals whereby they will perform the above-described removal, cleanup, and disposal of underground storage tanks and other related petroleum delivery systems for a total of $38,545, to be paid for from the Environmental Property Reserve (ENRS) Fund (T1013254 43007), and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq. have reviewed the proposals and recommend awarding the contract to Odin Environmental, LLC,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract retaining the services of Odin Environmental, LLC to package, transport and dispose of waste materials on properties owned by Bradley Finely and Doris Miller, and to sign such other and further documents necessary for the removal of the underground storage tanks and other related petroleum delivery systems located on the property which contain hazardous substances, thereafter, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 229-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 230-2026

AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2026 City and County Real Property Tax bill for the United States Postal Service, designated as Tax Map #48.079-16-14, did not receive a Wholly Exempt exemption, and

WHEREAS, Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for certain correction/cancelation of real property taxes to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Real Property Tax Office has determined that a correction of taxes should occur pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be corrected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction of taxes, as follows:

Name:	United States Postal Service
Municipality:	City of Ogdensburg
Tax Roll Year:	2026
Tax Map No.:	48.079-16-14
Original Bill:	$32,944.12
Corrected Bill:	$0
Reason:	Deed 2025/2038 to the United States Postal Service dated 2/21/2025; Assessor did not apply wholly exempt exemption; Request taxes are corrected per RPTL 556

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 230-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A SECRETARY I POSITION AND CREATE A SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK IN THE REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Office is committed to aligning office infrastructure and roles with responsibility, and

WHEREAS, a review of the current office structure has been conducted to ensure resources and operations are aligned with the needs of the department and support the effective execution of required functions, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a second Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III position in 2025 resulted in changes in workflows and operations, and these developments have highlighted an increased need for a more focused financial support and a corresponding reduction in the need for secretarial functions, making the creation of a Senior Account Clerk position both appropriate and necessary, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Senior Account Clerk Position will fulfill the needs of the Real Property Tax Office and reduce overall cost of personnel in the office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a Secretary I Position and create a Senior Account Clerk in the Real Property Tax Office.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 231-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A TAX MAP TECHNICIAN AND CREATE A SENIOR TAX MAP TECHNICIAN IN THE REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Office is committed to aligning office roles with the appropriate level of technical expertise, and

WHEREAS, a review of the current office structure has been completed to ensure resources and operations are aligned with the services provided, and

WHEREAS, establishing a Senior Tax Map Technician position will strengthen the daily operations of the Real Property Office by introducing a higher level of technical review and quality control for tax mapping functions and processes within the mapping division, and this position restores a level of expertise and oversight that previously existed within the department and addresses the need for specialized technical overview and support, and

WHEREAS, the mapping division of Real Property has also demonstrated the need for a dedicated primary point of contact to facilitate collaborative reviews with municipalities, other county departments, and property owners on complex title and mapping issues, while also providing oversight of this highly specialized and complex division,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a Tax Map Technician and create a Senior Tax Map Technician in the Real Property Tax Office.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 232-2026, seconded by Mr Burke, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 233-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS) FUNDING

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State 2026/27 Budget allocates an additional $418,497.43 in Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) Funding, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways intends to utilize these additional funds for paving and culvert projects,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151124 454PM H1	Paving Materials	$418,498

INCREASE REVENUE:

HM035015 56000	H SA CHIPS Maintenance	$418,498

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 233-2026, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE COUNTY ROUTE 17 OVER PLUMB BROOK (CULVERT # 17-02-1.89)

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in the 2026 Budget, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm damages have caused significant damage to the culvert that carries County Route 17 over Plumb Brook in the Town of Russell, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of County Route 17 Culvert over Plumb Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby approve a contract for engineering services for:

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Route 17 o/Plumb Brook Culvert # 17-02-1.89
Engineering Fee:	Not to Exceed $90,000 HM651104 430ED TSD3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace the culvert that carries County Route 17 over Plumb Brook (Culvert # 17-02-1.89), upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 234-2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2026

ESTABLISHING THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT BUDGET FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2026

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the designated Grant Recipient for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds and establishes budgets in accordance with obligations received, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has been provided with funding levels by New York State for WIOA formula funds and TANF funds, and

WHEREAS, total funds anticipated for Program Year 2026 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027) are $1,312,482, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board approved the budget at their June 10, 2026 meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Budget for Program Year 2026, as follows:

CATEGORY	**2025**	**2026**
Administration	$ 98,578	$ 85,809
Title I Adult	$278,149	$230,447
Youth	$359,431	$308,651
Dislocated Worker	$249,619	$233,181
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	$445,941	$454,394
Total Appropriations	**$1,431,718**	**$1,312,482**
Total Revenue	**$1,431,718**	**$1,312,482**

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 235-2026, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 236-2026

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE HANG UP PUT DOWN SHOPPE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WINDOW BLINDS AND DRAPERIES FOR ALL AREAS OF THE COURTHOUSE AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the current window coverings throughout the County Courthouse, including the Courtrooms, are no longer functional and/or outdated due to aging, and

WHEREAS, new window coverings will support efficiency and maintain a professional and modern appearance while meeting current building standards for light control, and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals for the purchase and installation of new roller shades and draperies with the selected proposal from The Hang Up Put Down Shoppe at an amount not to exceed $78,488, providing window coverings for 138 windows,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Hang Up Put Down Shoppe for the purchase and installation of window blinds and draperies for all areas of the Courthouse, 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 County Administrator's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016204 40800	BLDG Building & Property Maintenance	$78,488

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$78,488

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 236-2026, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 237-2026

MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A PATROL VEHICLE FOR THE CRIMINAL DIVISION FROM THE SHERIFF'S MARKED VEHICLE RESERVE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Criminal Division has determined the necessity to purchase a new patrol vehicle to replace a patrol vehicle that was totaled as a result of a car/deer accident, and

WHEREAS, funds were budgeted in the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for two (2) vehicles, and this request is to fund one (1) additional vehicle, returning the number of marked patrol fleet to seventeen (17), and

WHEREAS, this patrol vehicle will replace a decommissioned vehicle and assist in maintaining adequate fleet capacity, particularly as several Sheriff's Office vehicles are currently out of service undergoing repairs, thereby supporting efficient operations and ensuring the continued safety of deputies and the public, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Marked Vehicle Reserve is currently funded at $920,510 as of the end of 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to purchase a new patrol vehicle for the Criminal Division, as follows:

DECREASE SHERIFF MARKED VEHICLE RESERVE:

01TG0899 50300 SHV	Sheriff Marked Vehicle Reserve	$47,503

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	$47,503

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1026835 550WC	S LR CRIM Workers Comp	$18,500

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 23000	S CRIM Automotive Equipment	$66,003

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 237-2026, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Levato, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 238-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO ABOLISH A FULL-TIME MEDICAL DIRECTOR, AND CREATE AND FILL A FULL-TIME NURSE PRACTITIONER AND PART-TIME MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR ADDICTION SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services is committed to efficient and effective administrative and clinical operations, and

WHEREAS, due to an increasing patient census and the growing complexity of opioid and methamphetamine addiction, the Department recently reviewed its medical staffing structure to ensure alignment with operational and patient care needs, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this review, the Department is requesting a reduction of the time for the current full-time Medical Director Position and transition to a part-time Medical

Director model responsible for mandated administrative oversight, clinical governance, and supervision of mid-level providers, and

WHEREAS, Addiction Services currently has a full-time Medical Director Position and one (1) part-time Physician Assistant, and

WHEREAS, OASAS Part 822 regulations require Substance Use Disorder Certified Outpatient Programs to have a Medical Director, and

WHEREAS, the Department is requesting to abolish the full-time Medical Director position (Position No. 510900004) and create and fill a part-time Medical Director (Position No. 510900005) to provide mandated administrative oversight, clinical governance, and supervision of mid-level providers, and

WHEREAS, to provide continuity of care for the current caseload of more than one-hundred forty (140) individuals in the care of the current Medical Director, the Department requests to create and fill a full-time Nurse Practitioner (Position No. 501800005),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to abolish a full-time Medical Director and create and fill a full-time Nurse Practitioner and part-time Medical Director for Addiction Services in the Community Services Department.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 238-2026, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 6-29-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 239-2026

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE KNOWN TO THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS AND MODIFYING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, pending in the Northen District of New York United States District Court is an action involving St. Lawrence County and an individual known to the Board of Legislators under confidentiality, and

WHEREAS, this Board has been advised that there is an offer of settlement and compromise by the Plaintiff in the above-described action by a payment of county funds totaling $400,000 subject to Medicaid Claw-back and Medicare Set Aside, and

WHEREAS, in view of the circumstances, the continued cost of litigation, the claimed damages sustained by the Plaintiff, the uncertainty of the outcome of a jury trial, and the possibility of a verdict adverse to the County, this Board believes that this settlement is in the best interest of the County of St. Lawrence and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 71-91, St. Lawrence County established a self-insured liability casualty reserve in accordance with Section 6n of the New York State General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-n "Upon the creation of the fund, the municipality may make expenditures from the fund for any loss, claim, action or judgment for which the municipal corporation is authorized or required to purchase or maintain insurance…", and

WHEREAS, the County has tentatively settled the matter in the amount of $400,000, and it will be necessary to transfer money from the Casualty and Liability Reserve account, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to cover those payments as they come due,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence, acting through the County Administrator, the County Attorney or any other authorized agent is, upon receipt of appropriate general releases and a stipulation of discontinuance in a form approved by the County Attorney, hereby directed to settle this claim on behalf of the County of St. Lawrence by payment of the sum of $400,000 subject to Medicaid and Medicare reductions as required under law to the Plaintiff and/or his attorneys as they may direct, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2026 Budget for the County Attorney's Office, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	$400,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	$400,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LR019304 46505	L Judgements & Claims Payments	$400,000

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 239-2026, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Robinson Ms. Curran, and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

XII. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle provided an update on what to expect for the upcoming monthly committee meetings and she adds that the 2027 budget reviews have begun.

XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Reagen expressed gratitude for the opportunity in reading the Declaration of Independence and the 250th celebration.

RESOLUTION NO. 240-2026

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO THE TOWN OF COLTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF CERTAIN TOWN HIGHWAYS FOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE AS PART OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM

By Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has developed and maintained the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System for approximately twenty (20) years, consisting of a network of trails and interconnecting roads that provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors while supporting tourism and economic development throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has previously recognized the importance of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System through the adoption of local laws and policies establishing and re-establishing the trail system and permitting process, including findings that the trail system serves as a countywide recreational and economic asset, and

WHEREAS, the Trail System presently includes designated trail segments located on County lands, private lands, conservation easements, forest lands, and interconnected town and county highways authorized for off-highway vehicle ("OHV") travel pursuant to applicable provisions of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and local enactments, and

WHEREAS, the Trail System presently consists of more than 150 miles of county and town designated trail corridors and connecting roadways extending across numerous municipalities within the County and serving as one of the largest organized OHV trail systems in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the County has determined through prior environmental review and planning processes that a properly managed system of interconnected trails and road connectors can provide significant recreational and economic benefits while balancing environmental stewardship and public safety objectives, and

WHEREAS, the Trail System contemplates the use of interconnecting town roads authorized by local law as an essential component of maintaining a continuous and navigable trail network throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colton occupies a strategically important location within the eastern and central portions of the County's trail network and serves as a gateway to existing trail corridors, forest lands, recreational destinations, lodging establishments, restaurants, fuel providers, and other businesses that benefit from trail-based tourism, and

WHEREAS, portions of the existing Trail System presently utilize trail corridors and connector routes in and around the Town of Colton, including connections serving South Colton and adjoining communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Colton has expressed an interest in evaluating and, where appropriate, opening certain town highways or portions thereof for limited OHV operation in accordance with New York State law in order to improve connectivity within the County trail system, enhance public safety by directing riders onto designated routes, and support economic development opportunities within the Town, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law §2405, town boards may authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and certain off-highway vehicles upon designated highways or portions thereof under specified circumstances and subject to conditions established by local law or resolution, and

WHEREAS, the process of evaluating and establishing lawful connector routes requires legal analysis concerning municipal authority, local law drafting, environmental review requirements, liability considerations, indemnification provisions, signage requirements, enforcement mechanisms, intermunicipal agreements, insurance considerations, and compliance with applicable state and local laws, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney possesses substantial institutional knowledge regarding the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, the County's trail permitting program, prior environmental review documents, trail management practices, and the legal framework governing the establishment and operation of the County trail network, and

WHEREAS, County Law §501(4) authorizes the County Attorney to perform functions and services for local municipalities, at the discretion of the Board of Legislators and when not in conflict with the County Attorney's legal duties, and

WHEREAS, providing legal assistance to the Town of Colton in this limited capacity will advance a county purpose by supporting the continued development, connectivity, and effective operation of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System and by fostering tourism, economic development, and recreational opportunities throughout St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the provision of such legal assistance by the County Attorney or his designee constitutes a proper county purpose because the establishment of connector routes within the Town of Colton directly affects the functionality and continuity of the Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators further finds that the assistance by the County Attorney or his designee participation will promote consistency in legal standards, trail management practices, and regulatory approaches throughout the municipalities participating in the County trail system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney, or his designee, to provide legal services, legal advice, and related professional assistance to the Town of Colton for the purpose of evaluating, developing, and implementing local laws, resolutions, agreements, and other legal instruments necessary to facilitate the opening of designated town highways or highway segments for off-highway vehicle use as part of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney to coordinate with the County Highway Department, the County Trail Coordinator, the Town of Colton, local law enforcement agencies, and other affected entities as necessary to ensure that any proposed connector routes are consistent with the goals and operational requirements of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System.

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Mr. Perkins moved to adopt resolution titled "Authorizing the County Attorney to Provide Legal Services and Assistance to the Town of Colton in Connection with the Opening of Certain Town Highways for Off-Highway Vehicle Use as Part of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Haggard).

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Denesha moved to go to executive session at 7:34 p.m., to discuss negotiations and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Curran moved to go to open session at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Planning Board (Term to expire: 6/1/2029)**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Andrea Smith, Ogdensburg 13669

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

- Emily Marquart, Canton 13617

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Office for the Aging Advisory Council (Term to expire: 6/1/2029**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Kate Favaro, Dekalb Junction 13630

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Youth Advisory Board (Term to expire: 1/31/2030**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Renae Johnson, Potsdam 13676

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Workforce Development Board (Term to expire: 7/6/2029**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Levato, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- Brandon Kelley, Dekalb Junction 13630
- Michelle Matthews, Ogdensburg 13669
- Yen Maine, Potsdam 13676
- Clark Porter

XVI. CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Robinson to the Audit Committee.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Robinson to the Planning Committee.

Mr. Forsythe appointed Mr. Gennett Chair of the AI Committee.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Levato moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 7:46 p.m., as there was no further business.