

Vice-Chair Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Gennett.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Webster moved to approve the agenda, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2024, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following correspondence:

1. A resolution was received from Essex County in support of licensed dealers of firearms, subject to New York General Business Law §875
2. A card was received from the Probation Department thanking the Legislators for the luncheon recognizing pre-trial, probation, and parole supervision week.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Tammy Vinch of Oswegatchie; Barb McBurnie of Parishville; and Brett Shatraw of Clare/Russell.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 251-2024

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2024,
AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred and thirty-seventh (237th) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the enduring strength of our Constitution and reaffirming our commitment to the rights and obligation of citizenship of this great Nation, it is fitting to honor this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the

President of the United States of America designating September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week, and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution, the summation of what the document contains and basis of the guiding principles of our Nation, was written by Gouverneur Morris, landowner, statesman, and for whom the villages of Gouverneur and Morristown in St. Lawrence County are named, and

WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments are known as the “Bill of Rights” and is a list of basic human rights guaranteed by law, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America gives every citizen a foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life, but each generation must work for and claim it; otherwise, through carelessness or indifference the rights and liberties we enjoy may vanish, and

WHEREAS, throughout this week let us honor the values the Framers stood by rededicating ourselves to carry forward the spirit first embodied in their achievements, and to pay tribute to those who shaped the land we love while working to secure everlasting peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all who call America home,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of September 17 – 23, 2024, as Constitution Week and encourages St. Lawrence County citizens to reaffirm commitments to the rights and obligations of citizenship of the United States of America.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 251-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

Ms. Curran requested to be added as co-sponsor to this resolution.

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 252-2024

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15-21, 2024, AS SHERIFFS' WEEK
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in St. Lawrence County throughout our history, having been established in the State’s first Constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of our original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County, and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well-trained police officers and correctional officers, using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of “Keeper of the Peace,” and extend into many facets of public service beyond law enforcement and corrections, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling the civil process for our courts, and

WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaim September 15-21, 2024, as Sheriffs' Week in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 252-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 253-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CDW-G FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT IN THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS' CHAMBERS AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the audio equipment in the Board Chambers is outdated and has no support in the event of failure, and

WHEREAS, the need to integrate visual technology has developed significantly in the past several years, and

WHEREAS, the ability to participate remotely in a board or committee meeting has been introduced and requires support, and

WHEREAS, board and committee meetings are now streamed and recorded, requiring quality audio and video output, and

WHEREAS, audiovisual technology has advanced significantly over the past few years, bringing new opportunities for cost-efficient, excellent results, and

WHEREAS, CDW-G has been a trusted partner of St. Lawrence County for many years and sourced a similar system for Jefferson County with an exceptional outcome,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with CDW-G for Acquisition and Installation of Audiovisual Equipment in the Board of Legislators' Chambers, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016802 22001	C Computer Hardware	\$68,803
CD016804 43007	C IT Other Fees	<u>61,600</u>
		\$130,403

INCREASE REVENUE:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$130,403
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 253-2024, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 254-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MASS TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYS DOT) FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) requires a Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement (No. C006038) between St. Lawrence County and the DOT to operate a mass transportation program, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be for a term of five (5) years and identifies St. Lawrence County as the party responsible for program administration, and establishes the method for funding applicable phases of mass transportation projects to support public transportation systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the St. Lawrence County Transportation Program, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Planning Office to perform all necessary activities to secure and disperse these funds, and to close out the awards as may be required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 23000	N Automotive Equipment	\$1,068,084
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B45895 57002	N FA Capital Funds for Bus	\$797,126
N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	185,522
N2B26805 55000	N BUS Insurance Recoveries	71,676
N2B17895 55000	N Other Trans DPT Inc/Bus Adv	<u>13,760</u>
		\$1,068,084

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 254-2024, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYS DOT) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County submitted a 2021-2023 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas to continue its public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded St. Lawrence County \$1,112,299 (N2B56304 43007 and N2B35945 56003) in Federal and State funding and issued a Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement (C005995), and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be for a term of five (5) years and identifies St. Lawrence County as the party responsible for program administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Transportation Program for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 255-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 256-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE INNOVATIVE MOBILITY INITIATIVE
FUNDING APPLICATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (NYS DOT) FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) is seeking funding proposals from applicants to design and provide on-demand microtransit service as a part of an innovative Mobility Initiative as authorized by Chapter 53 of the Law of 2023, and

WHEREAS, up to \$3 million for operating expenses, and up to \$5 million for capital expenses are available with no local match required, and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Program is to expand access to public transit in areas that are not serviced by a bus route, or in areas where bus service is not cost-effective, and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the County would have up to five (5) years to contract with third-party vendors to design and complete the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Innovative Mobility Initiative funding application with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Public Transportation Program in St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 256-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Reagan, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 257-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE
FOR TRANSPORTATION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Public Transit system transported more passengers and drove more miles than originally projected for 2024 and is eligible to receive an additional \$357,000 of State Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) funding, and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to receive an additional \$171,000 of 5311 Supportive Employment Services (SES) funding for providing increased ridership to places of employment, education and training, and

WHEREAS, the County is also eligible to receive an additional \$9,000 of Mobility Management funding to offset expenses related to the delivery of public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Public Transit is projected to generate an additional \$27,000 of bus advertising revenue which is more than originally budgeted for 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Planning for transportation, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56304 43007	N Bus Other Fees and Services	\$537,000
N2B56304 430AR	N NYSARC Advertising Share	<u>27,000</u>
		\$564,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56003	N SA Operating Aid	\$357,000
N2B45895 57003	N FA Bus Operations Ogds/Potsd	180,000
N2B17895 55000	N Other Trans Dpt Inc/Bus Adv	<u>27,000</u>
		\$564,000

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 257-2024, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Hull, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE
FY22 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT AND MODIFYING
THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 401-2022 approved the acceptance of FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant in the amount of \$172,413 from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES), and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is being requested as NYS DHSES contract budget requirements have changed regarding what can be claimed, so the original budget accounts need to be updated to match the new expenses, and

WHEREAS, NYS DHSES has also approved a one-year contract extension for this grant, and the terms of this contract is September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows, and roll over any remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is fully expended:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 DT	S CRIM Overtime	\$29,944
S1Z31104 42000 DT	S CRIM Office Supplies	20,000
S1Z31104 43007 DT	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	<u>71,359</u>
		\$121,303

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 DT	S CRIM Supervisory	\$53,118
S1Z31101 14000 DT	S CRIM Clerical	49,826
S1Z31101 19000 DT	S CRIM Temporary	2,100
S1Z31108 81000 DT	S CRIM Retirement	8,619
S1Z31108 83000 DT	S CRIM Social Security	5,745
S1Z31108 84000 DT	S CRIM Workers Compensation	<u>1,895</u>
		\$121,303

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 258-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2024

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2023, “ALLOWING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER”

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, in 2021 the New York State Legislature as a part of the enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, adopted a temporary program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 in accordance with Environment Conservation Law § 11-0935, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ECL § 11-0935, should a locality wish to permit 12 and 13 year olds to participate in the new hunting opportunities, the locality must pass a local law to opt into the program, and, in doing so, notify the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) to be added to a map of localities who have passed this local law, and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, by Resolution No. 168-2021, St. Lawrence County opted into the program and adopted Local Law B, for the Year 2021 allowing 12 and 13 year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter, and

WHEREAS, on February 1, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) released a report affirming that the youth hunting pilot program had been beneficial to thousands of families across the State with more than 1,800 deer harvest reports being submitted by youth hunters, and

WHEREAS, the DEC conducted a post-hunting survey that found 82% of youth hunters and 87% of their adult mentors were moderately or greatly satisfied with their youth big game hunting experience, and additionally no hunting-related shooting incidents, violations, or license revocations involving 12 and 13 year old hunters occurred during the first two (2) years of the pilot program, and

WHEREAS, as part of the enacted 2023-2024 budget, New York State extended the authorization for the deer hunting pilot program from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that a Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law G (No. __) for the Year 2024 will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2024, AMENDING
LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2023, “ALLOWING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD
LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW
DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN
ADULT LICENSED HUNTER”**

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

The County hereby amends Local Law 1 for the Year 2023, a local law allowing 12 and 13 year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter, specifically, **Section 1.**, omitting “through 2025”, to now state as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, St. Lawrence County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 259-2024, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH LOCUM
TENENS STAFFING AGENCIES FOR CONTINUITY OF CARE AND MODIFYING
THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2019, Resolution No. 94-2019 was adopted authorizing a contract agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies for continuity of care, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is responsible for providing continuity of care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics for the delivery of services in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH, OASAS, and DOH, and

WHEREAS, the Department will soon experience difficulty providing continuity of

care for individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics due to unanticipated leaves by more than one prescriber, and

WHEREAS, when necessary, Community Services will be looking for medical provider assistance by entering into contingent agreements with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies in order to secure a temporary provider for up to thirty-two (32) hours a week for six (6) months to provide essential services until such time permanent staffing can be pursued and secured,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 43007 DSRP	A CACD Other Fees & Services	\$35,000
A1342504 43007 DSRP	A OGCD Other Fees & Services	35,000
A3643204 43007	A FSS Other Fees & Services	<u>90,000</u>
		\$160,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$35,000
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	35,000
A3644905 57000	A FA FED Salary Sharing-Mental	<u>90,000</u>
		\$160,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 260-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2024

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Recovery Month was started in September 1989 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to celebrate the recovery community and highlight the importance of evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, and

WHEREAS, the term “substance-use disorder”, commonly known as addiction, is a disease of the brain and many misconceptions surrounding it have contributed to harmful stigmas that can prevent individuals from seeking the treatment they need, and

WHEREAS, by treating substance-use disorders as seriously as other medical conditions with an emphasis on prevention and treatment, people can recover, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, there were an estimated 107,000 Americans who died due to overdoses nationally, and the impact of substance-use disorders is apparent in our local community, as well, as St. Lawrence County had 153 reported overdoses with 12 fatalities in 2023, and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery, and since these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, Recovery Month provides a vehicle for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaim September 2024 as National Recovery Month in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 261-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 262-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR CLINIC BILLING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Public Health bills for various clinic services through clearinghouse Office Ally, and

WHEREAS, contracts are required with insurance companies for clinic organizations to be considered to be network providers and to bill for services, and

WHEREAS, if such contracts are not in place, very little, if any, revenue will be gained from individuals without network insurance for billable services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with health insurance companies for clinic billing in Public Health, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete listing of the contracts will be provided to the County Administrator annually.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 262-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 263-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH AREA ESTABLISHMENT FOR HOUSING FOR ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS INFECTED OR EXPOSED TO A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is in need of resources to assist with housing for the isolation or quarantine of individuals who have been found to have a communicable disease or have been exposed to a communicable disease of public health significance, and do not have the ability to separate themselves from others effectively to prevent transmission, and

WHEREAS, area establishments have agreed to provide housing in the event accommodations are needed, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the daily cost of these accommodations (PP040104 43007), and

WHEREAS, the need to have agreements with area establishments in place is

important due to the public health threat communicable diseases pose for which isolation or quarantine is required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign agreements with area establishments for isolation or quarantine, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 263-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 264-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FOR THE
PETROLEUM PRODUCT QUALITY PROGRAM FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has the responsibility of conducting inspections, performing screening tests, and sampling of petroleum products, and

WHEREAS, the contract between St. Lawrence County and the State of New York will be for five (5) years with the terms being April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, an amount of \$48,580 is allowed to reimburse expenses to St. Lawrence County (M1037895 56000) for this five (5) year program, as submitted by state aid voucher on a quarterly basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the Petroleum Product Quality Program for Weights and Measures, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 264-2024, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 265-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
CONVEY POST-JUDGMENT TAX FORECLOSURE ACQUIRED PROPERTY BACK
TO THE REDEEMING TAX DELINQUENT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the New York State 2024-2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the enacted budget reforms the property tax enforcement laws of New York State to bring them into compliance with a decision of the United States Supreme Court, *Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota*, 598 U.S. 631 (2023), by providing that when tax-delinquent property is sold, any excess proceeds be returned to the former owner or owners, and where appropriate, to lienors, and

WHEREAS, the bill requires any surplus resulting from tax foreclosure sales to be distributed to the former owners and lienors, subject to claims incurred by the taxing authority for administrative costs and remediation, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tyler Decision and the passage of the State Budget with modifications to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Legislators adopted Local Law D (No. 4) for the Year 2024, which amended the policy regarding disposition of acquired tax delinquent parcels and the date of last redemption, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators may permit redemption of tax delinquent parcels, after judgment has been obtained by the tax enforcing officer in the judicial tax foreclosure proceeding but prior to the auction, by passage of a resolution authorizing the Chair and tax enforcing entity to execute any and all documents necessary to convey the foreclosed property back into possession of the redeeming tax delinquent, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney protect the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all documents necessary to convey post-judgment tax foreclosure acquired property back to the redeeming tax delinquent, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior owners who have made payment of delinquent taxes to redeem property acquired by St. Lawrence County in foreclosure for the Year 2024 will be paid the amount of back taxes, plus any assessed penalties, interests, and fees, upon approval of the County Treasurer.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 265-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and

Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Denesha said this law is frivolous and it rewards people who do not pay their taxes.

Resolution No. 265-2024 was adopted by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Denesha), and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. TO COMPLETE HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE REDDICK REVOCABLE TRUST

By Mr. Gennett, 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 The Reddick Revocable Trust located at 45 Murdock St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.039-1-9 and 51 Owl Rd, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.001-4-8 (hereinafter referred to as the “Properties”), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$26,126.83, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$16,305.51 for a total of \$42,432.34 on the parcel owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust with Tax Map No. 173.039-1-9 and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$14,467.99 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$10,452.09 for a total of \$24,290.08 on the parcel owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust with Tax Map No. 173.001-4-8, 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 drum, tanks, and other storage containers located on the property which contain hazardous substances, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to retain Clean Harbors to package, transport, and dispose of waste drums and hazardous materials that are located at the Properties, and

WHEREAS, Clean Harbors has submitted proposals whereby they will perform the above-described packaging, transportation, and disposal for the total of \$55,095.25, to be paid from the Environmental Property Reserve Fund, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq. have reviewed the proposals and recommend awarding the contract to Clean Harbors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign a Contract, and any other necessary documents, with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to Complete Hazardous Waste Removal on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 266-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2024

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CORRECTION OF TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for certain corrections over \$2,500 to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Office has determined that a cancellation of voided taxes should occur pursuant to Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be canceled, and

WHEREAS, a list of such corrections, which shall be known as Correction/Cancellation of Voided Taxes - Real Property Tax Law List #1 for the Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the list is on file in the Board of Legislators' Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Correction of Taxes, as follows:

Name:	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
St. Lawrence County:	Town of Stockholm
Tax Roll Year:	2024
Tax Map No.:	65.002-4-15
Original Bill:	\$5,670.03
Corrected Bill:	\$886.54
Reason:	New York State paid school in October 2023; Error in re-levy; Remove \$4,783.49

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 267-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2024

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CORRECTION/CANCELLATION OF VOID TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 558 of Real Property Tax Law allows for certain correction/cancellation of voided taxes to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Office has determined that a cancelation of voided taxes should occur pursuant to Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be canceled, and

WHEREAS, a list of such corrections, which shall be known as Correction/Cancellation of Voided Taxes - Real Property Tax Law List #2 for the Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the list is filed in the Board of Legislators' Office,

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

Name:	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
St. Lawrence County:	Brasher
Tax Roll Year:	2024
Tax Map No.:	12.001-2-7
Original Bill:	\$5,783.85
Corrected Bill:	\$0
Reason:	Deed 2023/16280 to the United States of America recorded 12/28/2023; Warrant Date 12/29/2023; Request taxes are voided per RPTL 558

Name:	New York State Power Authority
St. Lawrence County:	Massena
Tax Roll Year:	2023
Tax Map No.:	5.004-1-22.1
Original Bill:	\$2,284.23
Corrected Bill:	\$0

Reason: Deed 2022/11835 to New York State Power Authority recorded 08/19/2022; Warrant date 12/30/2022; Massena Central School warrant date 09/01/2022; Request taxes voided per RPTL 558.

Name: New York State Department of Transportation

St. Lawrence County: Potsdam

Tax Roll Year: 2023

Tax Map No.: 63.004-1-47

Original Bill: 169.19

Corrected Bill: \$0

Reason: New York State Acquisition Map 2022/3716 filed 03/23/2022
The parcel was transferred to New York State Department Transportation. It was then deleted and mapped to roadway.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 268-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 269-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby have caused hazardous conditions, and posed an imminent threat to transportation systems across St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, New York State declared a disaster State of Emergency followed by a declaration issued by St. Lawrence County, a critical action to allow for potential reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),

WHEREAS, this storm produced heavy rains and flash flooding resulting in significant damage to many roads throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways does not have appropriations in the 2024 Budget to provide for the necessary emergency repairs for the safety of the traveling public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for emergency road

repairs, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$650,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$650,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651104 454HS TSD	H TSD Highway Supplies	\$650,000
T6199509 90600 TSD	T IFT GF Transfer to CP	<u>650,000</u>
		\$1,300,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100 TSD	T IFT CP Transfer from GF	\$650,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional appropriations may be necessary to complete the work that would allow the roads to be repaired and reopened safely.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 269-2024, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 270-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COMSOURCE FOR
ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF UNINTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLIES
AND MONITORING SOFTWARE AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the backup power infrastructure of St. Lawrence County is of critical

importance, supporting all network, server, application, and telephony functions, and

WHEREAS, much of this infrastructure is outdated and in need of replacement, demonstrated by failures in critical infrastructure that power life-saving systems operated by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, maintaining an alert function is critical to provide the County IT Staff notice to respond when issues arise and ahead of any compromise to the System, and

WHEREAS, ComSource operates from a State contract availability perspective, and has performed an assessment of the entire County electrical and network infrastructure to come up with a proposal suite to meet the needs of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with ComSource for the Acquisition and Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies and Monitoring Software, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016802 22001	C Computer Hardware	\$200,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$200,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 270-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 271-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Gennett, District 13

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed twenty (20) positions in seven

(7) departments, with four (4) new positions being requested, and of those twenty (20) positions reviewed all were approved,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the fill of each of the following vacancies which have been reviewed and recommended to be filled or created and filled by the Vacancy Review Committee:

Department/Unit:	Title:	Position	Type	Duration	Timeline
Social Services	Caseworker	815200004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Deputy Commissioner	819500002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Principal Account Clerk	100300002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Caseworker	815000056	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Social Welfare Examiner	814000010	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services	Social Welfare Examiner	814100004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100104	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	6050000xx	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff - Detective*	605500009	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Administrative Assistant*	005200017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Crime Analyst*	607300001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Mental Health Counselor	506500013	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Senior Chemical Dependency Counselor	507300004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100102	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Nurse	504100002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Nurse Practitioner	501800002	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000028	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Attorney	Assistant County Attorney	021900001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
District Attorney	Secretary	005100028	FT	Permanent	Immediate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for any positions funded by grants, and the grant goes away, those positions will be abolished, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointing authorities are authorized to fill the positions as provided for in the resolution.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 271-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 272-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS OFFICE OF ADDICTIONS AND SUPPORTS (OASAS) TO ACCEPT TARGETED GRANT FUNDING TO UPDATE THE EXISTING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, Community Services has been awarded up to \$120,000 in funding from the New York State (NYS) Office of Addictions and Supports to address the need of the Department to update the existing Electronic Health Record (EHR) System for the clinics, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Addiction and Supports has obtained funds for this grant through the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program, in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the funding is to be used to update and enhance the existing EHR platform that includes the software, data migration, workflow analysis, training, interface setup, reporting assistance, billing functionality, and ongoing education for staff, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has collaborated with the County Purchasing Office and Information Technology to prepare the required Request for Proposal (RFP), which would be released upon the adoption of this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Office of Addictions and Supports to accept targeted grant funding to update the Behavioral Health Clinics' Electronic Health Record System for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 272-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 273-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWNS OF HOPKINTON, CLARE, AND HERMON**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby brought widespread impacts to New York on August 9-10, 2024, setting record rainfall and triggering warnings around the State, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby is believed to have caused as much as \$28 billion in total damage and economic loss, based on a preliminary estimate from AccuWeather, and

WHEREAS, a number of rainfall records fell at locations around the state, including in the North Country, with some locations reporting as much as 2.07 inches per hour, and

WHEREAS, among the various communities hardest hit, the Towns of Hopkinton, Clare and Hermon experienced significant flooding and storm damage, and

WHEREAS, Hopkinton and Clare have requested assistance from St. Lawrence County for repairs to large culverts on Converse Road and Tooley Pond Road, respectively, and

WHEREAS, Hermon has requested assistance from St. Lawrence County for repairs to a large culvert and small bridge on the Evans Road, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is willing to provide post-flooding assistance to the three towns via shared services, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that such assistance does not transfer ownership of the repaired infrastructure to the County and the County shall be held harmless by the Towns for the materials and work, and

WHEREAS, this agreement will expire December 31, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a shared services agreement with the Towns of Hopkinton, Clare, and Hermon, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 273-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Hull.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to make a friendly amendment to include the Town of Hermon.

Resolution No. 273-2024 was adopted by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Terminelli said there will be a youth waterfowl and pheasant hunt at the Louisville Wildlife Management Area on September 28th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 6:38 p.m., to discuss appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

Mr. Hull moved to go to Open Session at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett).

Mr. Hull moved to reappoint the following individuals to the Youth Advisory Board (Terms to expire: 1/31/2026), seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Forsythe, Smithers, Haggard, and Gennett):

Michael Hammond, 3 West Front Street, Rennselaer Falls
Tricia Snyder, 82 Buck Street, Canton

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no Chair's appointments.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-Chair Perkins moved to adjourn the Full Board Meeting at 6:44 p.m., as there was no further business.